

# An Important Wound Care Initiative

As you may be aware, we have dedicated a great deal of our time in the last ten years reaching out to the developing world through education, and hands-on-care in all aspects of wound care. The need is great but the results that can be achieved with education and system change are significant. We have brought together a multi-professional team of wound experts, who are volunteering their time to an important cause with an opportunity to make a real difference in patient outcomes.

## Guyana

In Guyana, South America we work with diabetic patients with foot ulcers. Working with colleagues from chiropody, nursing, and Dr. Brian Ostrow the project leader as well as the local health professionals in Guyana, **we have been able to reduce the number of foot amputations in persons with diabetes by 48%**. This helps not only the patient and their family but has substantial savings to the health care system. This project serves as a model for interprofessional diabetic foot and wound care in resource poor settings.

## IIWCC Africa

Another initiative is the educational program, International Interprofessional **Wound Care Course** (IIWCC). Through collaboration between Stellenbosch University, Cape Town South Africa and the University of Toronto, **we have educated health care professionals from countries in sub-Saharan Africa and South Africans in advanced wound care**. These people live in countries with a total population of over 400 million. Their commitment and sacrifice is truly inspiring.

*Please consider Donating, to help us continue our work.*

Thank you on behalf of our team and our students.

Gary Sibbald and Colleagues

## INTRODUCING OUR TEAM...



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Course Director IIWCC (Can, ZA, UAE), Clinical Coordinator of CIDA Guyana Projects, Past President of the World Union Wound Healing Society.



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Course Coordinator IIWCC (Can, ZA), Retired Vascular Surgeon  
Project Coordinator of *Guyana Diabetic Foot Project – Phase 2* – funded by CIDA, Co-editor of online journal, *Surgery in Africa*



**Julia Lowe**, MBChB, M.Med.Sci  
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**Hiske Smart**, RN, MA, PG Dip (UK), IIWCC  
IIWCC Co-director (ZA), Clinical Nurse Specialist  
Vice President: Wound Healing Association of Southern Africa



**Patricia Coutts**, RN, IIWCC  
International Wound Care key opinion leader  
President of Canadian Association of Wound Care



**Laura Lee Kozody**, B.Sc. D.Ch.  
Chiropodist  
Leader of the Rehab Assistant Program in Guyana  
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## Our Students Talk...

### Michael Mwandri, Tanzania MD, MMED (Surgery)

#### Course

- The IIWCC was an ambitious undertaking I have never regretted
- It has **offered answers in my life as a surgical trainee** and it promises many more opportunities
- It has **taught me to be a leader**, perseverance and time management and increased my self-esteem



### Eva Lekwakwe, South Africa

Diplomas Midwifery, Psychiatry, Comm. Health, Operating Theatre Nursing Tshelo-  
Themba, Johannesburg

#### Selective

- To put into practice the necessary skills and knowledge to negotiate with authorities **to change the community of Soweto in the current management of wound care**
- I have been challenged to finish my modules due to unfortunate life circumstances but now feel empowered to do so



## HOW TO DONATE

**Giving is simple:** in association with the Canadian Network for International Surgery, we have established the Dalla Lana IIWCC Africa Member's Project.

- **Donate on-line** at [www.cnis.ca](http://www.cnis.ca). Click on "Donate" & type "Dalla Lana IIWCC Africa Member's Project" in the description box. Fill out rest of info and "Proceed".
- **Or mail a cheque** to Canadian Network for International Surgery RE; **Dalla Lana IIWCC Africa Member's Project**, Suite 105, 1985 West Broadway, Vancouver, BC, Canada V6J 4Y3

It doesn't matter how much you give; together we will make an impact. **You get a tax receipt and African gets a new wound care leader!**

## A GLOBAL WOUND CARE INITIATIVE

# Improving the Lives of Patients in the Developing World



## WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Help us to continue our work;

*Donate today!*

With a \$3000 Donation a student  
from a developing world  
can receive:

- IIWCC Course Tuition
- Accommodation
- Travel
- Books