

Did you know? 48 % of people with diabetic foot ulcers still have their feet

International Interprofessional Wound Care Course (IIWCC)

- Over 1000 IIWCC graduates are changing the lives of people who are at risk for or have wounds.
- Distinguished international faculty representing many disciplines, including- Physicians (dermatologists, vascular surgeons, hyperbaric medicine, podiatrists, infection control, etc) nurses, occupational therapists, physical therapists, researchers and educators that model the interprofessional wound care team.
- Hundreds of publications in peer review journals.
- Numerous plenary serious, oral abstracts, posters at professional meetings both in Canada and worldwide.
- Our IIWCC graduates are key opinion leaders that are working with us to continue our educational work in Canada, South Africa, Guyana, United Arab Emirates, and Iran.

CP (Ronel) Swart, South Africa OT(WITS), BSc, DHT(2009)

IIWCC Graduate

- I am an occupational therapist with a **passion for wounds and hand therapy** working at a **special needs school**
- Having the theoretical knowledge, this does not imply having the practical skills.
- I want to **move towards a more interdisciplinary team** approach at our school where people don't frown upon OTs doing wound care alongside the school-based RNs.



Rose Ekama Ilesanmi, Nigeria RN, MSc. (Nursing), PhD (Cand), FWACN

IIWCC Graduate

- Many diabetic patients develop foot ulcers
- I believe **nurses can make a difference in health outcomes** with adequate knowledge
- **The 60 second diabetic foot screen** is a simple test that nurses can conduct in the waiting area to identify patients at risk of ulceration.



Guyana South America

- Think about this, through our educational efforts-, healthcare professionals are now finding one minute to save a foot! Working with the Ministry of Health, our team spread the use of a simple 60 second screening tool to identify persons at risk for diabetic foot ulcers. This is important because 85% of amputations are preceded by a diabetic foot ulcer.
- More people with diabetes still have their feet! Amputations of feet have been reduced by 48%.
- Successful international collaboration to improve diabetes care for people in low-income countries requires:
 - ▶ Complex context-specific interventions to translate knowledge into practice (Interprofessional team)
 - ▶ Multi-faceted longitudinal educational strategies linked to outcomes
 - ▶ Strong links with local partners - key opinion leader training and Ministry support
 - ▶ Building sustainable capacity

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EMPOWERING WOMEN THROUGH EDUCATION

Eva Lekwakwe, South Africa

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

IIWCC Graduate

- The course helped me to manage my time properly, to be aware and **implement evidence based practices**
- It helped me to realize that **I am not an island** and the importance of **working with other members of a health team**

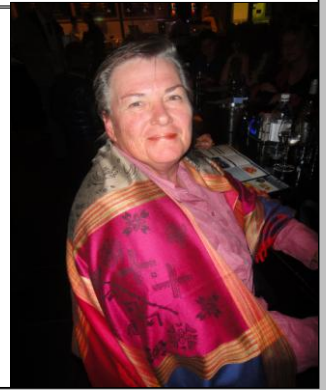


Mariette Swart, South Africa

Wound Care Practitioner Western Cape

IIWCC Graduate

- This course allowed me to become **part of a community of wound care practitioners** and has redirected my way of thinking
- I would like to **transfer my newly acquired knowledge into my own practice** as well as do wound care training for other health practitioners



Help Change Africa...

- ▶ Where there is no running water to wash hands
- ▶ Where semi-illiterate women care for those who cannot care for themselves
- ▶ Where doing the impossible with very little resources

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.

- 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
- Or donate on line at www.cnis.ca. Just enter "Dalla Lana IIWCC Africa Member's Project" in the description box

If you want to limit your donation to female students, specify this in the description box or in your letter.

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

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