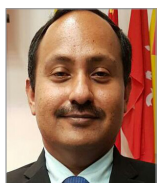


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Salutations and wishes of good health to all our esteemed readers from the wound family. I truly hope everyone is staying safe with the necessary safety precautions during this “new normal”. Many exciting things are going on in the world beside the COVID-19 pandemic ravaging through the free world as we know it.

Firstly, I would like to congratulate the new D-Foot International board led by Professor Dr. Vijay Viswanathan from Chennai, India for being elected to their positions during the General Assembly held virtually this year. I hope to see a lot of new activities being planned and executed during their biennial tenure. The Asia Pacific Association for Diabetic Limb Problems also has got a new board during their 17th annual conference organised by the Philippine Wound Care Society this June. The next conference will be organised by the Diabetic Foot Society of India next year. The ASEAN wound Council meanwhile, will be having a virtual conference in November 2021 organised by Professor Myint Thaug from Myanmar. The conference was delayed due to the current unforeseen circumstances in Myanmar. In addition, the ASEAN and the ISWCAP meeting was conducted successfully by the Malaysian Society of Wound Care Professionals (MSWCP) on the 19–20 June 2021. The MSWCP partners many global organisations to organise conferences and programmes globally.


The Asia Pacific Orthopaedics Association (APOA) is organising their largest virtual meeting this week and is headed by the Organising Chairman Dato’ Syed Alsagoff, a very senior orthopaedic surgeon and a former President of the APOA. I am happy to be part of the team. Many associations around the Asia Pacific region are going virtual during this period. The board meetings and discussions are all conducted virtually even with countries on the other side of the globe. Our frontliners work tirelessly during the daytime and join all the educational programmes after office hours due to the time difference. I take this opportunity to appreciate their noble efforts. God bless you all!

On another note, 3M and KCI are organising a contest on the use of the Negative Pressure Wound Therapy with instillation and dwelling and the single use NPWT with Wounds International. I truly hope many clinicians can join this contest and highlight the excellent work that you all are doing during this pandemic. The process is straightforward and full details can be found at <http://instill2believe.com/>

We have a whole host of papers in this issue including a systematic review, along with various case series and practice from the Asia Pacific region. The Systematic review “*What is the role of local inflammation in the development of diabetic foot ulcers? A systematic review*”, is from Zena Moores’ group in Ireland. The role of local inflammation in the development of diabetic foot ulcers is very important. Wound healing cascade is usually stuck in the inflammatory stage. Inflammation has to be detected and managed. MMPs contribute to the inflammatory process by modulating inflammatory mediators such as cytokines and chemokines (Manicone and McGuire, 2008). Soft tissue management at a level 1 trauma centre is published. Limb salvage versus major amputation due to *Burkholderia pseudomallei* is another interesting study. Various articles showcasing advanced products such as honey, liquid polyurethane foam, mangosteen spray, extracellular graft matrix and Urgo Clean Ag are also presented to you.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite our esteemed readers to submit their papers to *Wounds Asia* where we appreciate all the good work you put in and want to make sure you get the recognition you deserve. Stay safe and take care. God bless.

With warmest regards,

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