

As The Commonwealth enters a new era...



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At the beginning of September the world's longest reigning monarch, Queen Elizabeth II of Great Britain and Northern Ireland passed away. Throughout her reign she was head of the Commonwealth of Nations (usually referred to as the Commonwealth). For seven decades Queen Elizabeth II provided support and consistency to all the commonwealth members.

What is the Commonwealth

The Commonwealth's roots go back to the British Empire, but today any country can join, the last two countries to join were Gabon and Togo in 2022. The Commonwealth currently consists of 56 countries, all of which, are diverse representing some of the world's biggest, smallest, and poorest countries. The Commonwealth charter recognises the necessity of access to affordable healthcare, education, clean drinking water, sanitation and housing for all (The Commonwealth, 2022). Integral to this is the promotion of wellbeing and health through collaboration as well as providing immediate help to the poorest and most vulnerable including the least developed countries. So with the passing of Queen Elizabeth II in September 2022, King Charles III will become the head of state including the Commonwealth. For a personal message from King Charles III please see The Royal Household (2022).

Although this was global news, you may be wondering what this has to do with wound care. Around a year ago we, along with other healthcare professionals from Commonwealth nations, began to set up the Commonwealth Wound Care Resource Alliance (CWCRA)

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The CWCRA is a global family of health professionals, scientists and academics committed to producing original work that contributes towards research, education, and evidence in the identification, prevention and management of wounds. CWCRA was launched in 2022 and is chaired by Prof Dr Harikrishna Nair with Prof Dr Karen Ousey as vice chair. Our vision is for CWCRA to be recognised as global leaders

in sharing and enhancing best practices to meet the requirements of a wide range of individuals who have a wound incorporating cultural and resource needs.

As the global population continues to age, global resources become scarce, the effective promotion of skin integrity and efficient management of wounds has never been more important. Kruk et al (2018) argued there was growing concern globally regarding the need for quality healthcare highlighting poor quality care provision was not only wasteful but also ineffective and unethical.

In many Low-Middle income countries it can be difficult to access clean running water, sterile dressings, advanced dressings, education or be able to implement infection prevention guidance.

We as the CWCRA will publish free to access resources on our website, which are region appropriate and supported by hybrid conferences. We aim to offer a number of free places to access CWCRA online conferences and education.

Global Wound Conference

October marks the month where the 4th Global Wound Conference will be hosted at the Sunway Pyramid Convention Centre in Malaysia. This highly successful conference led by Prof Dr Harikrishna Nair will welcome for the first time the CWCRA as a partner for this exciting hybrid event.

If you are attending the 4th Global Wound Conference & CWCRA (inaugural conference), in Malaysia, either face-to-face or virtually we look forward to meeting you. Prof Hari and Prof Karen would like to invite everyone to become a member of the CWCRA and join the Commonwealth Wound Family to improve clinical outcomes, increase knowledge and provide support for all clinicians.

Joining CWCRA is free and easy just click on this link: <https://cwcra.org/>

Thank you for reading.
Take care and God bless |