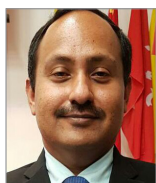


When will we meet again: publications and live conference



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Dear readers from the Asian wound family, and beyond, it's a pleasure to showcase another edition of the *Wounds Asia* journal, amid the COVID-19 pandemic, which is ravaging the economies and health budgets globally.

Firstly, please allow me to list down the various conferences in Asia and those in collaboration with Asia-Pacific during the fourth quarter of 2021:

- Asia Pacific Association for Diabetic Limb Problems Global Virtual Masterclass, 16 October
- Sobratafe Global Advanced Wound Care meeting, Brazil, 20–25 October 2021
- Chilean Congress ACCHIEHC, 22–23 October 2021
- Ho Chi Minh Wound Conference, Vietnam, 31 October 2021
- PRS KOREA 2021, 12–14 November 2021
- 3rd Asian Wound Care Association and ISWM meeting, 26–28 November
- 3rd Asian and Global Wound Conference, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, 3–5 December 2021 (www.woundconference.com.my)

There are also a few days coming up of great significance to the wound care world. World Wound Care Day is celebrated on the 18 October, the first International Stop Wound Infection Day will be on the 21 October, followed by International Stop Pressure Ulcer Day, on the 18 November 2021. We hope all our readers will be able to do some meaningful activities to commemorate these important days.

Clinical research and publication

I take this opportunity to invite more robust research to be planned and carried out in Asia. We need to define the research question well. A model that can help with this is the PICO(S) Framework which was originally published by Richardson et al (1995). PICO(S) is used to design a focused evidence-based medicine (EBM) clinical question. It stands for patient/population/problem, intervention, comparison, outcome and study design/type. It is crucial that we design a specific question that we

want to answer when doing research. EBM and now evidence-based practice is becoming important in wound management across the world.

I would also like to invite authors to submit their work to the journal for publication. We are a free access, Scopus indexed journal and are happy to receive all types of publications highlighting your passionate work and accomplishments in managing chronic complex or acute wounds.

WUWHS 2026 bid

I would like to inform our readers that the Malaysian Society of Wound Care Professionals (MSWCP) with the endorsement of the Asian Wound Care Association and the ASEAN Wound Council is bidding for the World Union of Wound Healing Societies (WUWHS) conference in 2026. The whole Asia-Pacific is coming together to lend their support to Malaysia. The Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Tourism support this bid by the MSWCP. The MSWCP has been very active for the past ten years whereby education is one of the core roles of the society. The Certificate in Clinical Wound Care (CCWC) and the Postgraduate Diploma in Wound Management are a few of the courses spearheaded by the society apart from conferences, trainings, workshops and webinars. The MSWCP also has started the wound kit programme whereby wound care kits with advanced wound care products are given to disaster areas, health centres and hospitals in Malaysia and across Asia. We also do free home nursing together with the Hasanah Foundation for poor patients who can't attend their hospital appointments for dressings. The MSWCP also won the prestigious bronze medal in the Most Prestigious Society Award from the WUWHS. Hopefully all of you from our wound family will support this bid on behalf of the Asia-Pacific region.

Thank you, stay safe and God bless.
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