



# South West Regional Wound Care Program

Role Description: Wound Care Champion	Revision Date: May 2, 2017
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## Role Overview

Identified and supported by senior management within their organization, a 'Wound Care Champion' (WCC) is a licensed health care provider that has a keen interest in advancing the vision and mission of the South West Regional Wound Care Program (SWRWCP) within their organization.

- SWRWCP Vision: Integrated, evidence-informed skin and wound care - every person, every health care sector, every day.
- SWRWCP Mission: To advocate for the seamless, timely and equitable delivery of safe, efficient, and effective, person-centered, evidence-informed skin and wound care to the people of the South West Local Health Integration Network (LHIN), regardless of the healthcare setting.

Objectives to achieve this vision include:

- Participating in/supporting the ongoing development and sustainability of an evidence-informed wound care program based on leading practices;
- Participating in/supporting the ongoing development and maintenance of a sustainable knowledge translation framework to support health care providers across all health care settings;
- Participating in/supporting ongoing alignment of wound care product selection throughout the South West LHIN, and;
- Participating in/supporting continuous quality improvement through measurement and evaluation of wound care outcomes in collaboration with all health system partners in the South West LHIN.

The SWRWCP is hosted by the South West Community Care Access Centre (CCAC) and supports all hospitals, long-term care homes, community nursing service provider agencies contracted by the South West CCAC and primary care organizations. As a WCC you assist with and support the development of program resources based on leading practices in wound care, and drive practice improvement within your organization.

## Essential Role Qualities

- Registered health care provider working in a hospital, long-term care home, South West CCAC contracted visiting nursing service provider agency or primary care organization in the South West LHIN, with an interest in wound prevention, assessment and management;
- Leadership experience with the ability to manage/facilitate small interdisciplinary projects;
- Basic knowledge of adult learning principles;
- Ability to effectively work with others and to support team-building;
- Time management and organizational skills;
- Excellent interpersonal, diplomacy, communication and presentation skills;
- Ability to deliver information effectively and to deal constructively with a variety of difficult situations, and;
- Ability to discuss sensitive information and influence others to follow a recommended course of action.



## Role Requirements

- Have completed the Wounds Canada - SWRWCP Wound Management Education Program (or have the intention to complete the Education Program within 12 months of being designated a 'WCC'), unless they possess Wounds Canada Level 1-3 certification, an Enterostomal Therapy (ET) certificate, an International Interdisciplinary Wound Care Course (IIWCC) certification, or a Master of Clinical Science - Wound Healing (MClSc) degree, or equivalent. NOTE: those who complete the Wounds Canada-SWRWCP Wound Management Education Program cannot refer to themselves nor act as a 'wound expert', 'wound consultant', 'ET nurse', or other such title that infers that they are an 'expert' in wound care, unless they possess an ET therapy certificate, IIWCC certification, or a MClSc degree, or equivalent ;
- Participate in a minimum of eight hours of continuing education activities per year related to skin and wound care, i.e.:
  - Attend workshops, in-services, lectures, seminars, conferences or webinars related to skin and wound care that reflects the contents of the SWRWCP website/'Toolkit';
  - Critically read wound related research articles from peer reviewed journals (one article = one hour) and share your opinion of such articles on the Program's HealthChat site or Facebook site;
  - Participate as a member of one of the SWRWCP's Learning Collaboratives (one meeting = one hour, and/or;
  - Review the Program's 'Self Learning E-Modules', found on the Program's website (one e-module = one hour).

**NOTE:** This role description is not intended to be all-inclusive. WCC's may perform other related duties as negotiated to meet the ongoing needs of their individual organization.