Greetings Everyone!

As usual there are many things going on with the WCET. This Bulletin will give you a quick summary of WCET activities. Please send me items that you would like to include in the next Bulletin by May 15 to wcetvicepres@aol.com

WCET Board News:

NPUAP Report

By Karen Zulkowski

Publications and Communications chairperson, Karen Zulkowski, recently attended the National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (NPUAP) Meeting. Her summary of the discussion on Suspected Deep Tissue Injury (sDTI) follows:

According to the NPUAP a suspected Deep Tissue Injury (sDTI) is “Purple or maroon localized area of discolored intact skin or blood-filled blister due to damage of underlying soft tissue from pressure and/or shear.” (NPUAP, 2007). The SDTI is caused by both pressure and shear injury as well as tissue reperfusion injury. Heels account for 41% of sDTI development followed by the sacrum and buttocks.

It is often difficult to make a definitive diagnosis of sDTI by observation alone. The clinician will have to decide if pressure was present and the circumstances of the occurrence. Some sDTI wounds will resolve but others can rapidly open into a Stage III or IV pressure ulcer. Why some resolve and others do progress is not known. However, if there is a possibility of the purple area being a sDTI it should be documented on admission to the hospital or care facility.

The largest sDTI that I have seen was on an elderly woman who lived alone. She was unable to get off her toilet for over 24 hours before she was found by her daughter. She had an outline of the toilet seat on her buttocks and it rapidly opened to a full thickness Stage IV wound. In this case the sDTI occurred due to prolonged immobility. However, it is also important to carefully check people who have experienced prolonged transportation times to the hospital, who fell at home and help was delayed, those who have suffered backcountry trauma where the person was immobile for some time, people placed on a backboard for transportation or anyone who has experience a long surgical procedure.

Etiology of sDTI will continue to evolve over the next few years. Medical personnel should stay current on the new research and visit the NPUAP or EPUAP web sites for updates.
Summary of the Portugal Enterostomal Advanced Course Site Visit
Porto, Portugal February 2013

Vera Santos, Education Committee Chairperson

A site visit is one of the strategies that is used by WCET Education Committee to evaluate the Enterostomal Therapy Nursing Education Programs (ETNEPs) or Recognized Education Programs (REPs). The site visit involves visits to the Program venue infra-structure (classrooms, library, nursing laboratories, etc.,) in addition to the health facilities used for clinical practice. Site visits also include interviews with the program's directors, lecturers, students and clinical supervisors as well attending some theoretical or practical teaching activities. The site visit usually lasts around two or three days and is performed by a WCET Education Committee member or other ET nurse nominated by the committee chair according to the program profile.

In February 2013 I visited the Enterostomal Advanced Course, a stoma educational program, offered by the Institute of Health Sciences of the Catholic University of Portugal in Porto. The course is coordinated by Professor Fernando Mena Ferreira Martins, Professor Paulo Jorge Pereira Alves (photo 1) and the ET nurse Isabel Maria Ribeiro Morais Araújo Santos from the Portuguese Oncology Institute – photo 2).

The Catholic University of Portugal is one of the most important and scientific universities in Portugal and Europe, and has a very good infra-structure with very well equipped nursing and medical classrooms and laboratories and libraries with electronic access to international scientific journals and websites. The students can develop their clinical practice in three major general reference hospitals, two in Porto (Hospital Center São João and Santo Antonio Hospital) and one in Coimbra (Portuguese Oncology Institute).

Students are strongly involved with their own education, participating actively in all education program activities. I served as one of the judges of the final poster presentation about the scientific works they developed during the program under university professors’ supervision. I also gave a lecture about skin care as one of the wound ostomy and continence specialty paradigms.
Meet the International International Delegates:
United Kingdom ID 2013
By Judy Hanley

My name is Judy Hanley. I am the new ID for the UK. My qualification is RGN, ENB 216, achieved at the University of Central England, Birmingham in 1996. I have been nursing in the NHS for 40 years.

I have been a Stoma care Nurse (SCN) since 1996 and a member of WCET since 1997. I am based in a district general hospital in Swindon in the south west of England. I cover both hospital and community episodes for our patients. We are a team of 3 SCNs and a secretary for approximately 200 new patients / year.

Currently we have 97 members of WCET in the UK and as of 1st January 2013 our national organisation has changed its name to Association of Stoma Care Nurses UK (ASCNUK) to reflect the specific needs of the SCN in the UK. I will be chair of that association for the next 4 years.

In the UK our role focuses specifically on stoma care, unlike the rest of the world where ET nursing includes wound and continence nursing. However the WCET journal will continue to be our official journal.

I look forward to working with WCET in my new role. My contact details are: judy.hanley@ascnuk.com

WCET World News:
Australia

WCET stand at the Australian association of Stomal Therapy Nurses Hobart Tasmania
by Carmen George Chairperson NNGF Committee

The Australian Association of Stomal Therapy Nurses (AASTN) recently held its national meeting in Hobart Tasmania. As usual at these national conferences it was a wonderful opportunity to catch up with colleagues from around the nation. Having been a member of the AASTN for 25 years I have quite a few colleagues that I consider good friends so I had a wonderful time. The scientific program was great, there was a good choice of topics and speakers to listen to. First time presenters were encouraged and there was a prize for the best presentation in this category.

At the AASTN conference WCET is given a courtesy booth to showcase WCET and promote our organisation. This is usually in the main trade display area so well positioned to get delegates.

The Australian International delegate for Australia Carol Stott, had done a wonderful job of approaching our trade colleagues to donate prizes for a raffle to be held at the WCET stand. Carol did an amazing job of selling the raffle tickets and through this raffle raised $1,320.00 to be donated to the NNGF.

Above – photograph of Elaine Lambie –President of the AASTN, Fiona Bolton – Chairperson of the AASTN education Committee and Carol Stott Australian ID to the WCET. Notice the posters on the wall behind promoting the 2014 WCET congress in Sweden.
Indonesia
ETN Centre, a Centre for Indonesian ET Nurses

Saldy Yusuf., MHS.,ETN
ETN Centre Makassar, Indonesia
PhD Student, Chronic Wound Department, Kanazawa University-Japan

In 2007 World Council of Enterostomal Therapy Nursing (WCETN) introduced an Enterostomal Therapy Nursing Education Program (ETNEP) in Indonesia, which has been conducted at two sites: Wocare Clinic in Bogor and Dharmais Hospital in Jakarta. This began as a twinning program between Australian ET Nurses through AASTN (Arisanty, 2009) and Indonesia. As a result the number of ET Nurse in Indonesia increased greatly by 400 % in 2008 and within past 5 years the total number of ET Nurses in Indonesia increased to 67 who have served 270 million Indonesian people (McCaughan, 2009).

However there was a big challenge for Indonesian ET Nurses to perform professional practice related to environmental barriers. Thus, in 2011 we developed the ETN Centre, a non-governmental organization (NGO), in Makassar, a central point city in Indonesia. The Centre was developed by 7 ET Nurses: Saldy Yusuf, ET., Alimuddin Ali, ET., Muhammad Yusuf, ET., Muhammad Saleh. ET., Ikram Bauk, ET., Fitri Amien ET., Hastuty, ET. Also some general nurses who interest in wound care collaborated on the project.

The program has three main streaming programs: wound care, wound education and wound research. For wound care we developed a wound clinic and conduct service in the clinic or by home care. For wound education we have collaborated with 3 universities to conduct wound care as a part of local curriculum in nursing school. We also developed short course for diabetic foot ulcers. For wound research we have conducted clinical trial, clinical research, and education research. Within past 2 years we have written 3 international publications.

Further planning includes development of wound care algorithms based on evidence, improvement of a diabetic course for certified diabetic care nurses (CDCN), and to conduct translational research in wound care and also we are going to prepare Credentialing System for Indonesian ET Nurses (CETN) which in line with WCETN core values.
Puerto Rico

*By Elsa Santiago, Puerto Rico I.D.*

The northern area of Puerto Rico has a high incidence in colon cancer.

On February 25, 2013 a new facility, the Hatillo Ostomy Clinic, was opened in the northern area. This clinic will provide non-charge clinic services for ostomy patients.

*The Hatillo Ostomy Clinic Organizing Committee: Left to right: Mr. Sammy Soto, Ms. Diana Nuñez, Mayor of Hatillo Jose chely Rodriguez, Elsa Santiago RNCETN, Ms Martha Velez (AOPR), Ms. Milagros Nieves (Volunteer), Mr. Jose Figueroa.*

Asociacion de Ostomizados de Puerto Rico celebration of World Ostomy Day

*Photo from left to right Martha Velez de Nieves, President AOPR, Carmen, ConvaTec Sales Rep., Elsa Santiago, ET, Oswar Nieves patient, and Estela Rodriguez, Secretary AOPR.*
Upcoming Meetings:

**WCET**
20th WCET Biennial Congress, 15-19 June, 2014, Gothenburg, Sweden

**APETNA**

Asia Pacific Enterostomal Therapy Nurses Association
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September 6(Fri)-7(Sat), 2013
Convention Center, Sejong University, Seoul, Korea