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Speakers Biography

Prof. R. Gary Sibbald (*Canada*)

Professor Gary Sibbald has been a wound care leader for over 35 years. As a dermatologist and internist, he recognized the unmet need for chronic wound care. His clinical patient-centric care has successfully treated complex wounds by reducing excessive pain, improving management of infection and increasing healing rate of chronic wounds.

As an educator, Dr. Sibbald was co-founder in 1999 of the International Interprofessional Wound Care Course (51st course Abu Dhabi Feb 2026).

Professor Sibbald has been involved in many international projects to improve the health qualities in various countries including the Guyana Diabetes Foot Project that reduced lower limb amputation 68%.

He is the founder of WoundPedia and Project Lead for ECHO Ontario Skin & Wound. His continuing healthcare innovations in patient care, education and research have contributed to Canada's leadership in wound management.

Prof. Harikrishna Nair (*Malaysia*)

Professor Dr. Harikrishna K. R. Nair is a globally renowned clinician, academic, and leader in wound care, diabetic limb preservation, and tissue repair. He currently serves as Chairman of Wounds Malaysia and Head of the Wound Care Unit, Department of Internal Medicine, Kuala Lumpur Hospital, Malaysia. He is also the National Advisor for Primary Health at the Ministry of Health, Malaysia.

Professor Nair holds several prominent international leadership roles, including President of the World Union of Wound Healing Societies (WUWHS), Chairman of the ASEAN Wound Council, and Vice President of the Asian Wound Care Association (AWCA). He is the President-Elect of the Asia Pacific Association on Diabetic Limb Problems and a member of the Board of the International Biotherapy Society. His academic appointments span multiple countries. He is an Adjunct Professor at the Department of Surgery, Institute of Medical Sciences, Banaras Hindu University, India; Professor at the Institute of Health Management, Austria; and Associate Professor of Research at Perdana University, Malaysia. He also serves as Chairman of the Pressure Injury Prevention Committee at Kuala Lumpur Hospital..

In recognition of his outstanding global contributions to wound care and public health, Professor Dr. Harikrishna K. R. Nair was a recipient of the WHO Dr. Lee Jong-wook Memorial Award in 2018.

Dr. Elizabeth A. Ayello (USA)

Elizabeth A. Ayello, PhD, MS, RN, CWON, FAAN, is a board-certified wound and ostomy nurse from Queens, New York City, USA, and is internationally recognized as an educator, researcher, clinician, prolific author, editor, and mentor in wound, ostomy, and pressure injury care.

Dr. Ayello currently serves as Co-Editor-in-Chief of the international interprofessional journal *Advances in Skin and Wound Care* and Executive Editor Emeritus of the WCET® Journal. She is President of Ayello Harris & Associates Inc., Faculty member of the International Interprofessional Wound Care Course (IIWCC) in Toronto and Abu Dhabi, and Founder and Director of the WoundPedia Basic and Intermediate courses in Manila, Philippines.

She is a past President of both the World Council of Enterostomal Therapists (WCET®) and the National Pressure Injury Advisory Panel (NPIAP). Dr. Ayello is actively involved in the development of global clinical guidelines and is a member of the EPUAP–NPIAP–PPPIA Guideline Governance Group contributing to the 4th edition of the International Pressure Injury Prevention and Treatment Guidelines (2025–2026). She is also a core member of the WCET® and International Society of University Colon and Rectal Surgeons (ISCURP) group developing the 3rd edition of the International Ostomy Guideline.

Prof. Kimberly LeBlanc (Canada)

Kimberly LeBlanc the current Academic Chair of the Association for Nurses Specialized in Wound Ostomy and Continence Canada's (NSWOCC) Wound Ostomy and Continence Institute (WOC Institute), and an Advanced Practice and Certified Wound, Ostomy, and Continence nurse with KDS Professional Consulting. Kimberly is the current President of the Canadian Nurses Association. She holds a Doctorate of Philosophy in Nursing. In 2020, she was inducted as a Fellow of the Canadian Academy of Nursing (FCAN), in 2025 she was inducted as Fellow of Nurses, Specialized in Wound, Ostomy and Continence (FNSWOC) and a Fellow of the American Academy of Nursing (FAAN). In 2025 she received a King Charles III coronation medal for her contribution to nursing in Canada.

Kimberly is a past president of the International Skin Tear Advisory Panel and past co-chair of the Canadian Pressure Injury Advisory Panel. She is currently a board member of the World Union of Wound Healing Societies (WUWHS) and the International Wound Infection Institute (IWII).

Kimberly has lectured extensively on wound and ostomy care and is considered a global expert on wounds and ostomy issues in the aging population and has numerous publications and book chapters on wound, ostomy, and continence related topics.

Prof. Kylie Sandy-Hodgetts (Australia)

Kylie is Associate Professor, Personalised Medicine Centre, Murdoch University and Honorary Senior Lecturer, School of Medicine, Cardiff University. She is Founder and President of a not-for-profit association, the International Surgical Wound Association (ISWA), recipient of the JWC Most Progressive Society Award 2025. Kylie is a Research Scientist and Chief Investigator of several clinical trials (Phase 1-IV) investigating early detection, prevention and management of surgical wound complications.

She has Chaired and co-authored over 5 international clinical consensus documents, first authored over 40 original research papers and chaired the ISWA Global Guideline for Postoperative Incision Care. She is a regular peer reviewer for Q1 journals and serves on several journal editorial boards and industry advisory panels. Kylie is Chair of the Murdoch University EMCR Advisory Group and Panel Member of the West Australian EMCR Group. She is also a Fellow of the Women's Health Translation Emerging Leader Programme. Kylie is currently ranked #1 on the global Expertscape for surgical wound dehiscence.

Dr. Bharat Kotru (India)

Dr. Bharat Kotru (India) is a Podiatrist and Wound Care Specialist and serves as Head of the Department of Podiatry and Wound Care at Max Super Speciality Hospital, Punjab, India. He is also a Faculty Member of the International Interprofessional Wound Care Course (IIWCC). Dr. Kotru completed his postgraduate studies at Karnataka University and earned a PhD in Diabetes and Atherosclerosis from JNV University. He further strengthened his international expertise by completing the International Interprofessional Wound Care Course (IIWCC) at the University of Toronto, Canada, in 2015, where he received the IIWCC Best Selective Award for his project titled "Effect of Intensive Education and Self-Care on Wound Healing Trajectory."

He holds an MSc in Clinical Skin Integrity and Wound Management from the University of Hertfordshire, UK, and has received specialized training in diabetic foot care at the Amrita Institute of Medical Sciences. In addition, he has completed multiple national and international certification courses in diabetic foot care and diabetes management. Dr. Kotru has published extensively in national and international journals and is recognized as the first podiatrist in the Punjab region to integrate biomechanics and orthotic therapy into routine clinical practice. He has also contributed to a research project of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR) in collaboration with the World Health Organization (WHO) on hypertension and diabetes.

He works collaboratively with multidisciplinary healthcare teams to deliver advanced assessment, management, and treatment of lower limb pathologies, with a special focus on developing cost-effective orthotic, offloading devices, and foot examination tools tailored for developing countries.

Ms. Widasari Sri Gitarja (*Indonesia*)

Widasari Sri Gitarja is a distinguished leader in Wound, Ostomy, and Continence (WOC) care, serving as Chief Executive Officer of WOCARE Indonesia, Corporate University of WOCARE Indonesia, and Program Director of the Indonesian ETNEP–WCET. With over 20 years of experience across clinical practice, education, and strategic leadership, she has played a pivotal role in advancing wound care services, professional training, and policy advocacy in Indonesia and the Asia-Pacific region.

She has held influential roles on national and international boards, including InWCCA, INPANA, WCET, ASEAN Wound Council (AWC), and APADLP, contributing to regional capacity building and global collaboration. Widely recognized for pioneering wound assessment scales and the 7 Steps Disaster Wound Management framework, her work has strengthened evidence-based practice in routine and emergency settings. Her excellence has been honored with multiple international awards, including Gold, Silver, and Bronze distinctions from the Journal of Wound Care Awards and IIWCG recognition in 2025.

Prof. Guido Ciprandi (*Italy*)

Guido Ciprandi is a pediatric and plastic surgeon and Adjunct Professor of Plastic, Reconstructive, and Aesthetic Surgery at the University of Padua. Founding President of ISPeW and President of the Pediatric Wound Care Masterclass, he serves on the EWMA Council, chairs the WUWHS Liaison Committee, and is an ALHIPE Ambassador. Former Head of Pediatric Wound Care at Bambino Gesù Children's Hospital in Rome, he has received multiple international awards, including the EPUAP Experienced Investigator Award (2022) and the IIWCG Outstanding Wound Care Clinician Achievement Award (2025). He sits on the editorial boards of JWC, IWJ, and GWCI and is the author of over 120 scientific publications and two books on Neonatal and Pediatric Wound Care.

Dr. Ibbi Younis (*UK*)

Dr. Ibbi Younis is a consultant plastic and reconstructive surgeon specialising in breast, abdomen, skin and body contouring surgery. After attending the University of Wales, Mr Younis undertook his general surgical training in London during which time he obtained his membership of the Royal College of Surgeons of England. He completed postgraduate studies at Queen Mary, University of London achieving a Master of Science in Surgical Skills and Sciences. Following this, Mr Younis completed his higher specialist training in plastic surgery at prestigious units including Cambridge University Hospitals, Imperial College Healthcare and Barts Health, and was awarded a Fellowship of the Royal College of Surgeons in plastic surgery.

Dr. Suhail Chughtai (UK)

Dr. Suhail Chughtai (UK) is a Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon with the National Health Service (NHS), England, with extensive expertise in trauma, orthopaedics, and musculoskeletal care. He is widely recognized for his leadership in clinical practice, digital health innovation, and healthcare technology strategy.

In addition to his clinical role, Dr. Chughtai serves as Director of Orthopaedics at M L Professionals, London, and holds the position of Chief Technology Officer at The Health Bank Global (UAE), where he leads initiatives in artificial intelligence, telehealth, and digital health transformation. He is also an AI and Telehealth Strategist, providing consultancy to international digital health and healthcare innovation projects.

Dr. Chughtai plays a key role in advancing digital health solutions and AI-driven clinical pathways, contributing to the design and implementation of telemedicine platforms and smart healthcare systems across multiple regions. His work bridges frontline clinical care with emerging technologies to improve patient outcomes, access, and efficiency in healthcare delivery.

He is actively involved in international collaborations, education, and advisory roles related to orthopaedics, digital health, and medical innovation, making him a sought-after speaker and expert at global healthcare and technology conferences.

Ms. Terry Swanson (Australia)

Terry Swanson is a Nurse Practitioner specializing in wound management and an internationally recognized leader in wound infection and chronic wound care. Endorsed as one of Victoria's first Nurse Practitioners in this specialty, she has since contributed extensively to clinical practice, education, and global wound-care standards. Terry is the current Chair of the International Wound Infection Institute (IWII), Co-Chair of the Supporting Societies of the World Union Wound Healing Societies (WUWHS), and Secretary of the Australian Wound and Skin Alliance. A widely published author and invited international speaker, she is committed to advancing best practice and improving outcomes for people with wounds.

Prof. Zulfiqarali G. Abbas (*Tanzania*)

Prof. Zulfiqarali G. Abbas, MBBS, MMed, DTM&H (UK), FRCP (Glasgow), FRCP (London) is a consultant physician, endocrinologist, and diabetologist based in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, with over three decades of experience in diabetic foot care. He has been actively involved in this field since 1992 and is internationally recognized for his contributions to education, research, and global advocacy in diabetic limb preservation.

He is the Honorary President and Immediate Past President of D-Foot International, Chairman of the Pan-African Diabetic Foot Study Group, and an Executive Board Member of the International Working Group on the Diabetic Foot. He also serves as Visiting Professor at Staffordshire University, UK, and Faculty Member for the Master in Diabetes Mellitus Education program at the University of Abuja, Nigeria.

Professor Abbas is the founding member of the Step-by-Step Foot Project, launched in 2003 and now implemented in 128 countries. His achievements have been recognized with multiple international honours, including the Karel Baker Diabetic Foot Medal of Honour (2019) and the Lifetime Achievement Award from WUWHS (2022).

Dr. Shailesh Ranade (*India*)

Dr. Shailesh Ranade is a Consultant Burns, Plastic, and Reconstructive Surgeon at Bhatia Hospital and P. D. Hinduja National Hospital, Mumbai, with over 27 years of experience in the field. He completed his M.Ch. in Plastic Surgery from Mumbai University with first rank and was nominated as Best Resident Doctor in 1996–97 at LTMG Hospital, Sion, Mumbai.

Dr. Ranade specializes in acute burns management, post-burn reconstruction, and trauma reconstruction. He has been recognized with the Outstanding Wound Care Clinician Award at the 16th Abu Dhabi Wound Care Congress and has authored a book chapter, “Burns during Pregnancy,” in *Principle & Practice of Burn Care* (Jaypee Publications).

He has been invited as guest faculty at numerous national and international conferences, organized multiple plastic surgery conferences, and served as Honorary Treasurer of APSI (2012–2017). He is also a past executive committee member of NABI, APSI, and ISCLPCA, and has served as Business Editor of the *Indian Journal of Plastic Surgery*

Dr. Somia Iqtadar (*Pakistan*)

Dr Somia Iqtadar a distinguished physician academician and a public health leader is serving as an Associate Professor of Medicine at the North Medical Unit, King Edward Medical University, Mayo Hospital, Lahore, Pakistan. She is also an Adjunct Faculty member at the Department of Public Health, University of HealthSciences and Institute of Public Health (IPH), Lahore. She has been recognized for her contributions to health and has received multiple awards and recognitions, including the Health Icon Award 2024 on International Women's day, Award of Excellence by the President of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan in recognition of her contribution to diabetes care in 2022, the Charles Wallace Fellowship Award for 2022-23, the Governor's Award for extraordinary contribution to the health sector in 2021, and the Women of the Year in Health 2020 award by the Women's Chamber of Commerce and Industry. Dr. Iqtadar has also been nominated among the top 100 Women in Global Health (WGH) Pakistan Chapter and is a graduate of WGH Speakers Bureau.

She has authored 70 research papers published in national and international journals of impact factor and provincial guidelines and text books. Furthermore, Dr. Iqtadar is a fellow of the Royal College of Physicians London (FRCP), Royal College of Physicians Edinburgh (FRCPE), the Pakistan Society of Internal Medicine (FPSIM), International Diabetes Federation (IDF) and the College of Physicians and Surgeons Pakistan (FCPS). She holds a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) and a Bachelor of Science (BSc) from Punjab University Lahore. She is founder Secretary general of Pakistan Society of Internal Medicine (PSIM) and now serving as Senior Vice President Operations at PSIM. She has been chair of Dengue Expert Advisory Group Punjab (DEAG) and currently the General secretary DEAG and Pakistan Wound Management Association.

Prof. Zahid Miyan (*Pakistan*)

Prof. Zahid Miyan is a Professor of Medicine and Endocrinologist at Baqai Medical University, Karachi, Pakistan. He is a distinguished clinician and academic with extensive experience in managing endocrine disorders, diabetes, and metabolic health. Prof. Miyan is actively involved in medical education, research, and mentoring the next generation of healthcare professionals. His clinical expertise and academic contributions have made him a respected figure in endocrinology both nationally and internationally. He has participated in numerous conferences and workshops, sharing his knowledge on diabetes care, endocrine disorders, and related health innovations.

Ms. Hiske Smart (*Bahrain*)

Hiske Smart is an advanced nurse practitioner and clinical wound care specialist in the fields of wound management and hyperbaric oxygen therapy at King Hamad American Mission Hospital in the Kingdom of Bahrain. She practices within the Department of Baromedicine, where she provides expert wound care and oversees hyperbaric oxygen therapy services to support complex wound healing and patient recovery. Hiske holds advanced nursing qualifications and completed the International Interprofessional Wound Care Course at the University of Toronto, Canada. She plays a key role in delivering evidence-based care and promoting skin and wound safety within the hospital environment. In addition to her clinical work, Hiske contributes to professional education and collaborates on wound care research and initiatives in the region

Dr. Chaitanya Kodange (*Bahrain*)

Dr Chaitanya Kodange is a graduate of the Armed Forces Medical College, Pune and was commissioned in the Indian Navy where he served as a Submarine Medical Officer and is also a qualified Ship-Diver Officer and a skydiver. He went on to specialise in Marine, Diving & Hyperbaric medicine, as well as an MD in Psychiatry from the Armed Forces Medical College, Pune.. Dr Kodange currently serves as Consultant in Diving & Hyperbaric Medicine and Wound Care at King Hamad University Hospital in Bahrain. He has over 30 years of clinical experience in hyperbaric oxygen therapy, diving medicine, wound care and psychiatry. He is a recognised member of the board of the International Interprofessional Wound Care Group (IIWCG) as a Scientific & Ethics member. Dr Kodange has presented papers and published work in the fields of Diving and Hyperbaric medicine and Wound care.

Dr. Hani Mohammed Badahdah (*Saudi Arabia*)

Dr. Hani Mohammed Badahdah is a Consultant in Podiatric Foot and Ankle Surgery at the International Medical Center, Dr. Suliman Al-Habib, in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. He also serves as the Director of the Diabetic Foot Project at the Ministry of Health, Saudi Arabia, leading national initiatives to prevent and manage diabetic foot complications. With extensive expertise in podiatric surgery and diabetic limb care, Dr. Badahdah is recognized for his clinical excellence, research contributions, and commitment to improving patient outcomes. He is actively involved in multidisciplinary collaborations, education, and public health programs aimed at advancing diabetic foot care and foot and ankle surgery standards across the region

Ms. Esey a Abbas (Saudi Arabia)

Esey a Abbas, RN, MSc, is a Senior Specialist in Wound, Ostomy, and Diabetic Foot care at King Faisal Specialist Hospital & Research Center, Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. She holds an MSc in Skin Integrity and Wound Management from the United Kingdom and is actively involved in several international wound care organizations, including IIWCG, IIWCC, WCET, GTVWG, and SSCRS. Esey a currently serves as Vice President of the Asian Wound Care Association (AWCA) and is recognized for her expertise in advanced wound management, diabetic foot care, and ostomy practice. She is dedicated to improving patient outcomes through clinical excellence, education, and multidisciplinary collaboration.

Ms. Ruth Mary Aruna Kommu (Saudi Arabia)

Ms. Ruth Mary Aruna Kommu is a Senior Clinical Specialist in Wound and Ostomy care at King Faisal Specialist Hospital and Research Centre, Saudi Arabia. She is recognized for her expertise in advanced wound management, ostomy care, and patient-centered clinical practice. Ms. Kommu plays a key role in implementing evidence-based protocols, promoting skin and wound safety, and supporting multidisciplinary teams to deliver high-quality care. She is committed to advancing wound and ostomy care through clinical excellence, education, and mentorship within the hospital and the wider healthcare community.

Mr. Ali Hussein Alibrahim (Saudi Arabia)

Mr. Ali Hussein Alibrahim is a Senior Wound Care Practitioner at King Fahd Central Hospital, Gizan, Saudi Arabia, and a certified Wound Care Trainer of Trainers (TOT). He serves as the National Leader for the Ministry of Health's Pressure Injury Prevention Project and is Vice Chairman of the Advisory Committee for Wound Care in the Ministry of Health.

Mr. Alibrahim has chaired the scientific committees of Saudi Arabia's first Pressure Injury Conference and the upcoming First Health Forum for Wound Care. Internationally recognized as a speaker, he has presented at EWMA 2023 (Italy), EPUAP 2024 (Switzerland), and multiple Abu Dhabi Wound Care Conferences. He received the Best Abstract Poster award at the Abu Dhabi Wound Care Conference 2025 and has three abstracts accepted for EPUAP 2025 in Helsinki.

He also contributes as an accredited assessor for the Saudi Commission for Health Specialties, supporting Bachelor's and Master's nursing programs, and serves as a Board Member of the International Interprofessional Wound Care Group (IIWCG). Mr. Alibrahim's work focuses on advancing evidence-based wound and pressure injury care through clinical excellence, education, and research.

Mr. Abdulaziz Binkanan (*Saudi Arabia*)

Abdulaziz Binkanan is a wound care expert with a several published research in the field, he's a senior wound care practitioner and certified by ABWM. He's appointed as a wound care and In-Patient manager at King Abdullah bin Abdulaziz University Hospital, Princess Noura University. He's also teaching at university as a senior lecturer. Abdulaziz Binkanan has a rich participation in the national and international wound care conferences as a keynote speaker worldwide. He's a member of EWMA, EPUAP, PPPIA and ASEAN

Mr. Brinsley Davids (*Saudi Arabia*)

Mr. Brinsley Davids is a highly experienced nurse and Advanced Wound Care Practitioner with over 18 years of expertise in clinical practice, leadership, and education. He currently serves at Imam Abdurrahman Bin Faisal Hospital, Saudi Arabia, where he established a dedicated Wound Clinic in the Outpatient Department, providing specialized care in complex wound management, ostomy care, and pressure injury prevention for both inpatients and outpatients.

Brinsley is recognized for his leadership in patient safety, quality improvement, and staff education. He has served as an international speaker across Malaysia, Saudi Arabia, Abu Dhabi, Jordan, and South Africa and contributed to the 2025 International NPIAP Guideline. He has received multiple mentorship awards from Life College of Learning and actively co-hosts multidisciplinary meetings to discuss complex wound cases. Brinsley also serves on organizing committees and faculty panels for numerous national and international wound care conferences and symposia.

Dr. Maisa Mohammed Salamah (*Saudi Arabia*)

Dr. Maisa Salamah, RN, BSN, MPhil in Education, MSc in Leadership and Innovation in Healthcare (Honors), is a Nurse Educator Leader and Doctoral Scholar with over 21 years of experience in healthcare education, workforce development, and academic scholarship. She specializes in designing competency-based curricula, leading simulation and technology-enhanced learning initiatives, and coordinating large-scale interprofessional training programs across healthcare organizations.

Dr. Salamah holds multiple professional certifications, including Canadian Certified Nurse Educator (CCNE), Clinical Simulation, Clinical Leadership, and Good Clinical Practices (GCP). While not clinically specialized in wound care, she plays a pivotal role in shaping system-level educational strategies, developing standardized training pathways, and strengthening organizational capacity to support safe, high-quality wound care practices. She is committed to advancing evidence-based education, leadership, and innovation to empower the next generation of healthcare professionals.

Ms. Hayat Alsaleh (*Saudi Arabia*)

Hayat Alsaleh is a Nurse Specialist and Team Leader of Wound and Ostomy Care at the National Guard Hospital – CR, Saudi Arabia, with 17 years of experience in wound management and ostomy care. She is the founder and head of the Wound, Ostomy, and Continence (WOC) team at MNGHA-CR and has served as a speaker in numerous courses across the GCC region. She also led the scientific nursing committee for the wound management symposium at the ISPSS International Saudi Plastic Surgery Symposium in 2018.

Ms. Alsaleh holds a Bachelor's degree in Chemistry (2000) and a Bachelor's degree in Nursing (2005, KSA). She completed the International Interprofessional Wound Care Course (IIWCC) in 2008–2009 and earned a Master's degree in Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nursing (USA, 2013), along with post-master studies in Wound, Ostomy, and Continence care. She is a certified board examiner in chronic wound and ostomy care (WOCNS, USA) and an active member of the WOCN Society, USA, and the American Professional Wound Care Academy.

Ms. Alsaleh is recognized for her dedication to advancing wound care through clinical excellence, education, and leadership, and she continues to participate in regional and international wound care programs.

Ms. Ghadeer Redha Alkhouder (*Saudi Arabia*)

Ms. Ghadeer Redha Alkhouder is an IIWCC-certified Wound Care Specialist with over eight years of clinical experience in wound management. She currently serves as Wound Care Director at PSBGH Hospital, Hasa Health Cluster, Saudi Arabia. Passionate about evidence-based practice and clinical quality improvement, Ms. Alkhouder has contributed extensively as a speaker at national and local scientific meetings and professional events in the field of wound care. Her expertise spans advanced wound assessment, management, and multidisciplinary collaboration, ensuring optimal patient outcomes. Committed to advancing the profession, she actively supports knowledge sharing, professional development, and the implementation of best practices in wound care across the healthcare community.

Ms. Reem Ayesh Althobaiti (Saudi Arabia)

Reem Ayesh Al Thobaiti is the Founder and Leader of the Wound Care Units at Al Hada Armed Forces Hospital in Taif.

Miss Reem has led significant initiatives to advance wound care practice, including launching the Regional Wound Care Training Program in the Taif region and introducing innovative wound dressing technologies. She has implemented evidence-based strategies to prevent hospital-acquired pressure injuries and improve patient outcomes. Presented her work at multiple national and international conferences and has contributed to advancing professional standards in wound care. currently leads the Wound Care Units, overseeing clinical practice, staff education, and performance improvement initiatives.

Miss Reem is committed to mentorship and professional development, fostering a culture of excellence among healthcare staff and continuously promoting advanced technologies and best practices in wound management.

Ms. Rehab R AL-Dossary (Saudi Arabia)

Rehab Al-Dossary is a Clinical Wound Care Specialist with strong expertise in managing acute and chronic wounds across complex patient groups, including oncology and high-risk cases. She has led national efforts to improve wound care quality, develop standardized pathways, and align clinical practice with the NPIAP 2019 and 2025 guidelines, ensuring evidence-based pressure injury prevention and treatment within Saudi Arabia's healthcare system.

Rehab is an active member of the MOH Counselling Committee, where she contributes to national programs focused on patient education, communication strategies, and enhancing clinical decision-making. She is also a frequent speaker at regional and international conferences, known for translating advanced wound care science into practical, high-impact clinical approaches.

Her work centres on improving healing outcomes through innovation, interdisciplinary collaboration, and empowering nursing teams with advanced assessment and management skills. Rehab continues to advocate for modern, patient-centred wound care guided by global standards

Dr. Linda Haskins (UAE)

Dr. Linda Haskins is the Chief Nursing Officer at Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, leading nursing operations, clinical excellence, and patient-centered quality initiatives within SEHA. With over 30 years of experience in nursing leadership across the UAE and South Africa, she is recognized for driving strategic development, accreditation success, and evidence-based practice in complex healthcare environments.

Her leadership focuses on workforce development, regulatory compliance, performance improvement, and fostering a culture of accountability, learning, and professional growth. Dr. Haskins holds a PhD in Healthcare Management & Quality, along with multiple qualifications in nursing and healthcare management. She is also an IIWCC graduate and supports international wound care education programs.

Ms. Gulnaz Tariq (UAE)

Ms. Gulnaz Tariq is the CEO and Founder of the International Interprofessional Wound Care Group (IIWCG) and the Past President of the World Union of Wound Healing Societies (WUWHS). A leading Wound Care Consultant based in the UAE, she previously served as Assistant Director of Nursing at Sheikh Khalifa Medical City (SKMC) in Abu Dhabi.

Gulnaz holds a BSc in Nursing, a Postgraduate Diploma with honors, and an MSc in Skin Integrity from the University of Hertfordshire (UK). She further specialized in wound care through the International Interprofessional Wound Care Course (IIWCC) at the University of Toronto.

A recognized global key opinion leader, educator, clinician, and researcher, she has authored over 25 publications and co-authored the 5th edition of *Chronic Wound Care*. She is the founder and course director of the Ostomy Care and Management (OCM) program and has significantly contributed to diabetic foot and pressure injury prevention programs across SEHA.

Gulnaz serves in multiple international leadership roles, editorial boards, and advisory panels, continuously advancing wound care through innovation, education, and patient-centered practice worldwide.

Dr. Mohamed Baguneid (UAE)

Professor Mohamed Baguneid is Chair of Vascular Surgery at Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City, Abu Dhabi, with over 30 years' experience in complex aortic, carotid, venous, and diabetic foot disease, and a special focus on oncovascular surgery. He has published more than 100 papers, co-editor of the Oxford Handbook of Key Clinical Evidence and the Oxford Handbook of Surgical Guidelines, and developed international postgraduate surgical programmes. A recognised leader in clinical service, education, and research, he is building a world-class vascular service in the UAE.

Mr. Abbas Abdul Hassan Anad (UAE)

Mr. Abbas Abdul Hassan Anad serves as the Medical Affairs Director at SEHA's Sheikh Khalifa Medical City in Abu Dhabi, where he oversees clinical governance, medical operations, and strategic healthcare initiatives across the organization. With extensive experience in hospital administration and medical affairs management, he plays a key leadership role in ensuring high standards of patient safety, service quality, and regulatory compliance.

He is actively involved in developing clinical policies, enhancing physician engagement, and advancing multidisciplinary collaboration to support organizational goals. Mr. Abbas is committed to improving patient experience, strengthening clinical performance, and fostering innovation within healthcare services.

Ms. Salvacion Cruz (UAE)

Ms. Salvacion Cruz is a Senior Wound Care Nurse at SEHA's Sheikh Khalifa Medical City in Abu Dhabi, specializing in advanced wound management and patient-centered clinical care. With extensive experience in wound assessment, treatment planning, and prevention strategies, she plays an essential role in supporting multidisciplinary care pathways and improving healing outcomes for patients with complex wounds.

Known for her commitment to nursing excellence, Ms. Cruz actively contributes to applying evidence-based practice, patient education, and quality improvement initiatives within the hospital. She also supports training and mentorship programs to enhance clinical skills and professional development among nursing teams.

Dr. Amin El Tahir (UAE)

Dr. Amin Mirghani Mohamed El-Tahir is a UK-trained Consultant Vascular and Endovascular Surgeon with over 25 years of experience in the UK and UAE. He holds an FRCS, CCST, and an MD in Surgical Research from the University of Aberdeen, and completed the International Interprofessional Wound Care Course (IIWCC) from the University of Toronto. From 2004 to 2012, he served as Consultant Vascular Surgeon at Royal Derby Hospital, where he established the region's endovascular aneurysm repair service and contributed as principal investigator to the national IMPROVE ruptured AAA trial. Since 2012, he has led Vascular Surgery at NMC Royal Hospital in Abu Dhabi. His clinical expertise spans complex aortic surgery, carotid interventions, vascular trauma, limb salvage, dialysis access, and advanced wound care, particularly diabetic foot management.

Dr. Noura Salim Salman (UAE)

Dr Noura Salim is an innovative leader and practitioner who is interested in tissue viability holding Fellowship in aesthetic medicine and LASER American academy for anti-aging, Master leadership in Educational Health management University of Sharjah, Healthcare Administrative Programme from King's College, Fellowship in Aesthetic Medicine (FAM) Institute of Laser & Aesthetic medicine (ILAMED), Germany. Interprofessional Wound Care Course, Toronto university of medicine, Canada.

Accomplishments Noura duties and responsibilities is covering plastic surgery and tissue viability cases in Al Qassimi & Sharjah Kuwaiti hospitals, she is team first coordinator of facility quality improvement project of reducing and prevention of injury, participated on ongoing Series of Pressure Injury prevention workshops as Speaker and organizer. In addition to duties she is the Head of Regenerative medicine and research, LASER and Hyperbaric centre 2019 until present (Al Qassimi Hospital Sharjah), Head of continuous professional development at Al Qassimi Hospital Sharjah since 2017, Head of Media co Coordinator at Al Qassimi hospital Sharjah since 2018 up to present, Founder and Radio presenter for medical talk show at Sharjah Radio 2019-2020, Member of LASER, beauty therapy and injectable evaluation committee since 2017, Trainer & Faculty member at Sharjah university and Ajman university since 2014, Trainer & Specialist in SVF since 2017, Project leader and Trainer 4D tissue bio printing since 2020, SVS trainer since 2017. also received several certificates of excellence, including a Certificate of Excellence in Clinical Training, a Certificate of Outstanding Employee EHS, a Certificate of Best International Trainer and Lecturer, and a Certificate of Assessor and Professional Trainer from UK.

Ms. Ines Rosado (UAE)

Ines is an experienced tissue viability nurse and healthcare leader with a strong background in building and leading specialist wound care services. She oversees tissue viability and stoma care services across M42, focusing on clinical quality, internal workforce upskilling, outcome measurement, and service sustainability. Her academic background includes an MSc in Clinical Skin Integrity and Wound Management, postgraduate leadership qualifications from Duke University and the University of Arizona, and formal training in AI implementation in healthcare from Harvard Medical School.

Ms. Merin Daniel (UAE)

Merin Daniel is a Unit in charge working in one of the biggest and busiest tertiary care government hospital in Dubai.

She handles the wound care unit along with clinical role as wound care nurse. Liaises the Wound Care activities across Dubai Health. Their Wound care unit hosts educational activities, workshops and wound care clinical attachments from around UAE and middle East. Merin has completed her undergraduate degree in nursing from India, followed by specialized courses in management and wound care. She's completed her Masters in Wound and skin integrity from Hertfordshire university in UK and is an active member of IIWCG. Holds Certified wound specialist license from American board of wound management.

She is involved in various hospital wide quality projects, has major input in formulating guidelines, policies and competencies of wound care in the Dubai Health. She has been national and international speaker for Wound care conferences.

Ms. Nasreen Abdelatif Fadlelsid (UAE)

Ms. Nasreen Abdelatif is a Tissue Viability and Wound-Care Specialist Nurse with over 25 years of clinical and leadership experience in diabetic foot care, chronic wound management, and patient education. Holds an MSc in Skin Integrity and IIWCC certification and currently serves as Assistant Head of Nursing at Al Qassimi Hospital.

Ms. Nasreen Is the Board Member of IIWCG, contributing to multiple peer-reviewed publications on pressure injury prevention and regenerative wound therapy. She is committed to advancing evidence-based wound-care practice across the region.

Dr. Rashid Shahbazi (UAE)

Dr. Rashid Shahbazi is a Consultant Vascular Surgeon practicing in the UAE, with extensive experience in managing complex vascular conditions. He currently serves at NMC Royal Hospital Sharjah, NMC Royal Hospital in DIP, and NMC Royal Medical Centre, The Palm. Dr. Shahbazi specializes in advanced vascular and endovascular procedures, including arterial and venous interventions, limb salvage, dialysis access, and management of vascular trauma. Committed to delivering high-quality patient care, he combines clinical expertise with a focus on improving outcomes in vascular surgery across the UAE.

Dr. Neerod Kumar Jha (UAE)

Dr Neerod Jha, is presently working as Consultant, pediatric cardiac surgery in Sheikh Khalifa Medical City, Abu Dhabi since 2007. He graduated in Medicine in 1987. Following surgical training programme, he obtained Master's degree in General Surgery in 1990. He was awarded Master's (M.Ch.) in Cardiothoracic Surgery from Postgraduate Institute of Medical Education and Research, Chandigarh, India. Subsequently, Dr Jha completed FRACS (Australia) and Fellowship in pediatric CTS from Singapore. In addition, in 2021 he did International Interprofessional Wound Care Course with distinction. He has works as a faculty cardiac surgeon in many countries before coming to the UAE. He also has strong research background having more than 50 research publications in the journals of repute. During his current appointment at SKMC, he is involved in all facets of cardiac surgery in children and also engaged in the practice and research related to thoracic wounds in children especially sternal wounds. He is recipient of JWC award, UK in 2023 on his innovation in the sternal wound management in children. He has written book chapter in the Books and reviewer of many prestigious journals in cardiac surgery.

Mr. Hamza Abed Al Karim Ahmad Al Shraiedeh (UAE)

Hamza Alshraiedeh is a highly skilled wound care specialist nurse with extensive experience in managing complex wounds, including pressure injuries, diabetic foot ulcers, and venous ulcers. Based at Sheikh Khalifa Medical City in Ajman, UAE, Hamza leads initiatives in wound care management, education, and quality improvement. He is currently pursuing a PhD at the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland (RCSI) and holds an MSc in Clinical Skin Integrity and Wound Management from the University of Hertfordshire, UK, as well as the FFNMRCIS certification from RCSI. Actively involved in research, conference presentations, and leadership within wound care services, Hamza contributes to policy development and plays a key role in advancing patient care and promoting evidence-based practices in the UAE.

Ms. Rawan Shadouhi (UAE)

Rawan Mohammad Ahmad Shadouhi, RN is a highly experienced Registered Nurse and IIWCC Graduate Wound Care Specialist with over 20 years of clinical experience across paediatric, surgical, NICU, respiratory, and day care surgical settings. Based in Dubai, she currently serves as a Senior Paediatric Nurse with a strong focus on evidence-based wound assessment, treatment, and infection prevention. Rawan is recognized for her leadership as a senior nurse and team leader, excellence in patient and family education, and commitment to safety, confidentiality, and quality care. She holds DHA and DHCC licenses

Ms. Diana Darweesh (UAE)

Diana Darweesh is a dedicated Wound and Stoma Management Nurse at Cleveland Clinic Abu Dhabi, specializing in advanced wound care and tissue repair. She earned her Master's degree in Skin Integrity and Tissue Repair in 2015, equipping her with deep expertise in managing complex wounds and promoting optimal healing outcomes. With a strong commitment to patient-centered care, Diana focuses on evidence-based practices to enhance recovery and improve quality of life for individuals with chronic wounds and stomas. Her clinical experience spans comprehensive assessment, innovative treatment planning, and education for patients and caregivers. Passionate about advancing wound care standards, Diana actively engages in professional development and interdisciplinary collaboration to ensure excellence in practice.

Ms. Asha Ali Abdi (UAE)

Asha Ali Abdi, RN, IIWCC, MSc, is a Wound Specialist Nurse at Sheikh Shakhboub Medical City (SSMC), Abu Dhabi. A compassionate and experienced Registered Nurse, she has extensive expertise in surgical care, wound management, and clinical research, with special interest in plastics, orthopedics, and trauma. She began her nursing career at the Institute of Nursing in Abu Dhabi in 2003 and has since advanced her qualifications, completing the International Interprofessional Wound Care Course (IIWCC) in 2019 and earning a Master's in Clinical Skin Integrity and Wound Management from the University of Hertfordshire in 2020. Asha played a key role in establishing the first in-patient wound care service at Mafrak Hospital and led its transition to SSMC. Passionate about knowledge sharing, she actively contributes to hospital-wide quality initiatives and serves on the Nursing Advisory Committee and Institutional Review Boards across SEHA and SSMC.

Ms. Fatima Kasem El Ahmad (UAE)

Fatime is a UAE-based wound care leader with over 17 years of clinical and strategic experience in general nursing, critical care, and advanced wound management.

Fatime advanced her expertise through global programs, including the International Interprofessional Wound Care Course (IIWCC) at the University of Toronto in 2019 and a Master's in Clinical Skin Integrity and Wound Management from the University of Hertfordshire in 2020. In 2022, she became a Certified Wound Specialist (CWS) through the American Board of Wound Management. Currently, she leads the wound care team at Sheikh Shakhbout Medical City, driving quality initiatives, mentoring clinicians, and promoting evidence-based practices. A published co-author and conference speaker in local and international level, Fatime is committed to advancing wound care standards regionally and globally.

Ms. Leena Kennedy (UAE)

Leena Kennedy, RN, MSN, is a Wound Care Specialist Nurse and Head of the Wound Management Team at Dubai Hospital. She began her career at Dubai Hospital in 1999, gaining extensive experience in medical and surgical units and serving as shift in-charge and Wound Link Nurse since 2007. With a Master's in Clinical Skin Integrity and Wound Management from the University of Hertfordshire, UK, and completion of the International Interprofessional Wound Care Course (IIWCC) from the University of Toronto, Leena combines advanced clinical expertise with a strong commitment to patient care. She has been instrumental in developing Dubai Hospital's Wound Management Team since its inception in 2012 and currently serves as Chairperson of the Wound Link Nurses. A dedicated educator and speaker, she has presented at multiple Emirates Critical Care Conferences, sharing her knowledge and promoting excellence in wound care practice.

Mr. Julius Ray P.Inso (UAE)

Julius Ray P. Inso, RN, IIWCC-AE, MSc, is an accomplished Wound Care Nurse Leader with over 10 years of diverse wound care experience across acute, post-acute rehabilitation, long-term, and home-care settings. He commissioned wound care departments in various private and semi-government facilities in Abu Dhabi. He currently serves as the Tissue Viability Team Leader at Reem Hospital where he leads evidence-based pressure injury prevention programs, complex wound management and quality improvement initiatives. Julius holds a master's degree in clinical Skin Integrity and Wound Management from the University of Hertfordshire and is a graduate of the International Interprofessional Wound Care Course (IIWCC) under the University of Toronto. Julius is a multi-award-winning nurse, including DAISY Award recipient and Top Filipino Healthcare Worker in the Middle East.

Ms. Iline Ragheb Taha (UAE)

Ms. Iline Ragheb Taha is a Wound Care Nurse Specialist at Sheikh Tahnoon Medical City, Al Ain, UAE. She brings extensive clinical expertise in wound assessment, management, and patient care. Passionate about advancing wound care practices, Ms. Taha plays an active role in implementing evidence-based strategies and supporting multidisciplinary teams to optimize patient outcomes. Her commitment to education and professional development ensures high standards of care and empowers colleagues in the field of wound management.

Ms. Divya Das (UAE)

Divya Das is a Certified Wound Care Nurse Specialist and Charge Nurse at Sheikh Tahnoon Medical City – SEHA, UAE, with 15 years of nursing experience. She holds a Master's in Clinical Skin Integrity and Wound Management from the University of Hertfordshire, UK, and is certified as a Wound Specialist (CWS) by the American Board of Wound Management. Divya's clinical expertise includes advanced wound care, stoma management, and burn care, complemented by certifications in Basic and Advanced Burn Life Support. She is a dedicated leader in clinical education and quality improvement, having led inter-facility workshops, presented at multiple conferences including the Abu Dhabi Vascular Conference, International Wound Care Conference, and SINMAC 2025, and contributed to successful nursing quality projects such as pressure injury prevention initiatives. Her commitment to excellence has earned her the Daisy Award and the SEHA Outstanding Nurse Award.

Ms. Elizabeth Ruth Choudhry (UAE)

Elizabeth Ruth has over 30 years' experience as a podiatrist, working in the UK and then the UAE for the past 10 years. She has a Master's degree in Advanced Practice and her areas of expertise include care of people with diabetic foot disease including ulceration and amputation and other high risk foot conditions such as Rheumatoid foot problems and peripheral arterial disease.

Elizabeth Ruth is the national representative of D-Foot International (a global diabetic foot awareness organisation) for the UAE. She is also a clinical director for the Special Olympics, the world's largest organisation for children and adults of determination, providing training and sporting activities around the world. She is an international speaker on the assessment and care of the diabetic foot disease, and she is passionate about educating people about the diabetic foot, to reduce the risk of amputation and improve health outcomes, keeping people mobile and independent.