

Editorial



The year is drawing to an end, and many of us are looking forward to a well-deserved break with family and friends, and we do so basking, in the euphoria of our Springbok Rugby World Cup victory! And if we are very lucky, possibly even a Cricket World Cup too!

In our second issue of the year, one of our newest PhD graduates in nursing, Dr Bruwer, joined forces

with Professors Botma and Mulder to write an important mapping review on evidence-based practice regarding lower leg ulcers. This is probably one of the most common wounds we see in wound clinics and is, therefore, an important read for our wound care practitioners.

Our colleagues from Worcester have published their findings on the incidence of acute hand infections before and after measures were put in place to improve hand hygiene during the COVID-19 pandemic. Original research articles in the South African wound care industry are not common, and we applaud them for their efforts.

Hidradenitis suppurativa is a disease that can ruin lives, and sadly, it affects young people. Wound care practitioners are faced not only with having to deal with these difficult, suppurating wounds but also with the unfortunate patient who lives with this condition. It is imperative that our wound care practitioners be aware of the condition and that it should be dealt with in a multidisciplinary fashion. In many cases,

the only cure is surgery. In this issue, there is an interesting case report regarding a patient with hidradenitis, who required a very unusual reconstruction, demonstrating the surgical extremes these patients sometimes require.

Another report from our podiatry colleagues highlights the relevance of nail wedge resection for onychocryptosis using a case example to illustrate certain points. This is a common condition and is often seen in our diabetic patients.

Lastly, our Deputy Editor, Dr Giaquinto-Cilliers, has helped clarify the classification of dressings using a framework adapted to the Wound Bed Preparation Paradigm. This article has been chosen to be our CPD article for this issue, and there are MCQs that can be answered online to allow you to obtain CPD points.

I would also like to update you on the ongoing indexing application process now that our publisher has successfully migrated to a new website. The indexing, for those who are not aware, is to have the journal published on all the major scholarly search engines (Pubmed, Medline, Scopus etc). Each index requires a separate application, each with its own criteria and application dates. Our publisher is on the case though, and hopefully, next year we'll see our journal on all of these platforms.

I wish you all a well-deserved break and please be safe when travelling. Enjoy the read.

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