



AWSA SUMMER SCHOOL 2025 PROGRAM

Thursday 13 February 2025	
2.00 – 5.00pm	<p>Registration opens</p> <p>Exhibition set up</p> <p>Novotel Geelong</p>
6.30 – 7.30pm	<p>AWSA Welcome drinks</p> <p>Novotel Geelong</p> <p><i>Ticket included in full registration</i></p>

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Friday 14 February 2025	
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7.30am	Registration and Exhibition open
8.30 – 9.00am	<p>Welcome and Acknowledgement to Country</p> <p>Opening Session: Welcome and overview Terry Swanson, Nurse Practitioner Wound Management</p>
9.00	<p>INFLAMMATION vs INFECTION: The chicken and the egg. How do they influence each other?</p> <p>Further to our discussion in 2024 this session will discuss the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Has moist wound healing gone too far? Discussion on Winter's 1962 paper and relevance in 2025 • Are silicone dressings keeping wounds too moist? • Moisture management is more than exudate control. • How does living in different geographical environments influence moisture control? • Inflammation mediation • Fibrosis and skin changes due to chronic inflammation and oedema • Wound infections more than just bacteria • Case study <p>CHAIR: PANEL MEMBERS: PRE READING:</p>
	Morning Tea

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	<p>INVESTIGATIONS AND DIAGNOSING: How accurate are they in different populations?</p> <p>When you have complex patients influencing not only their health but the interpretation of the diagnostic investigations.</p> <p>This session will explore types of diagnostic investigations and their accuracy especially in DFU :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case study of unusual wounds • Interpretation of diagnostic results on various health aetiologies • CRP/ESR in DFU is it as good as we thought it was for monitoring • Wolcotts 2013 discussion on PCR and topical antibiotics and relevance in 2025 • PCR vs normal wound culture the pros and cons • Do we need more fungal and anerobic testing for everyday care? • pH our increasing understanding as a prognostic indicator • Skin vs wound infections: How do we tell the difference <p>CHAIR: PANEL MEMBERS: PRE READING:</p>
Lunch	
	<p>PALLIATIVE WOUNDS AND CARE: Do we know what it is and how to do it well?</p> <p>When do we call a wound palliative in an non terminal patient? What do we call wounds in a terminal patient? Are there differences?</p> <p>This session will explore the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Case study • Terminology and definitions • What are the discussions about skin failure • Avoidable vs unavoidable pressure injuries • What does a MDT consist of for palliative wounds? • 2024 WBP paradigm (Sibbald et al 2024) <p>CHAIR: PANEL MEMBERS: PRE READING:</p>

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	Break out 1	Break out 2
	Afternoon Tea	
2 hour session	PSYCHOLOGY OF WOUND HEALING AND CARE: The mind and body connection and how it influences today as well as tomorrow	
	<p>This comprehensive session will explore the science and art of healing from a psychological perspective and its influence on the current wound healing, the family and future generations.</p> <p>This session will explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An overview of personality types so that we can understand and increase awareness developing different communication, treatment strategies and coping mechanisms • Caring for the carer • Trauma and responses to the crisis • Psychobiotics • Epigenetics • Power of words and labels • The mind and body connection discussing the art and science of our knowledge • Case study • Live patient experience <p>CHAIR: PANEL MEMBERS: PRE READING:</p>	

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	<p>VASCULAR ASSESSMENT AND THE CONTROVERSIES</p> <p>This was a popular session in 2024 but you wanted more. This session will explore some of the debate and conflicting information found in practice and in the literature.</p> <p>This session will explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Sonography• Angiosomes of the lower leg and foot. Why are the heels so important?• How does different clinical setting influence assessment?• Case study <p>CHAIR: PANEL MEMBERS: PRE READING:</p>
7.00pm	<p>AWSA Social Dinner</p> <p>TBC</p> <p><i>All food and drink are at your own expense</i></p>

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Saturday 15 February 2025

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8.00am	Registration and Exhibition open	
8.30	<p>HIGH RISK FOOT: Beyond just the DFU</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foot deformity What is it and how is it diagnosed? • Charcot foot what are the latest recommendations on identification and treatment? • Disease related complications for the foot beyond DFU? • Are there scope of practice issues related to treatment? • Does foot structure and mechanics impact wound healing of the foot and lower limb? • Case study <p>CHAIR: Dr Nikki Frescos PANEL MEMBERS: PRE READING:</p>	
	Break out 3	Break out 4
Morning Tea		

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60 minutes	INDUSTRY RELATED SESSION	
	<p>This session will be finalised after discussion with our industry partners. These topics will explore how the relationship can be symbiotic. A peer review abstract process will be conducted and the top 3 abstracts on new technologies will be presented in this session.</p> <p>In this session we will explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New technologies • Conflict of interest: What is it and how do we manage it • How do we grow Key Opinion Leaders (KOL) • Industry topic <p>CHAIR: PANEL MEMBERS: PRE READING:</p>	
	Break out 5	Break out 6
Lunch		
	DERMATOLOGY WITH NEW , OLD, OFF LABEL AND EMERGING TRENDS FOR TREATMENT	
	<p>This session will have a strong pharmacological focus on what we apply to the skin to restore, treat and maintain good skin health.</p> <p>This session will explore:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skin decontamination and the short and long term benefit vs long term risk • Old solutions do they have place in the treatment formulary of 2025? • What are some of the off labels products and their pros/cons? • What are some of the quality solutions/creams/ ointments and what are they made of? • Case study <p>CHAIR: PANEL MEMBERS: PRE READING:</p>	
	Break out 7	Break out 8
Afternoon Tea		

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	<p>SCOPE OF PRACTICE: the limitations and requirements in 2025</p> <p>Further to the discussion in 2024 this session will explore the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• What is credentialing for the specialty and for the role. What are the differences?• What is APRHA's requirements for expansion of Scope of Practice?• How do we mentor?• What are the benefits and risks of using social media?• Case study <p>CHAIR: PANEL MEMBERS: PRE READING:</p>
	<p>CHRONIC OEDEMA: More than just fluid Scope of Practice the limitations and requirements in 2025</p> <p>This session will provide an overview of what oedema is and destructive nature of chronic oedema and the damage it causes.</p> <p>This session will discuss:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Terminology and definitions• What are the latest paradigms regarding chronic oedema• Is there evidence on treatment strategies.• Case study <p>CHAIR: PANEL MEMBERS: PRE READING:</p>

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	<p>AWSA FOR THE FUTURE</p> <p>Announcement of Board and Faculty for 2027 Summer School</p> <p>PANEL MEMBERS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">Dr Nikki Frescos, Podiatrist, Austin HealthDr Emily Haesler, Adjunct Professor, Curtin University, Adjunct Associate Professor, La Trobe UniversityAndrea Minnis, Nurse Practitioner Wound ManagementJan Rice AM, Director, WoundCareServicesDr Geoff Sussman OAM, Wound Care, Monash UniversityTerry Swanson, Nurse Practitioner Wound Management
<p>CLOSE OF AWSA SUMMER SCHOOL 2025</p>	