EDITORIAL

Spanning the globe – an international collaboration over 10 361 miles

An international collaboration reaching across the world will link two national wound care initiatives, enhancing the capabilities of both, driving innovation in the wound care arena for the benefit of those suffering with acute and chronic wounds.

The Wound Care CRC, Australia, and the Welsh Wound Innovation Initiative, UK, have entered into an international collaboration agreement to leverage their respective strengths in both scientific and clinical research and also education, through an International Wound Management Research Collaboration (IWMRC).

The objectives of the collaboration will be:

- research into international best practice in wound management for the common good;
- to add value to each other for parties with differing disciplines and backgrounds so that through the IWMRC the outcomes of research will be greater than if each party had acted independently;
- to increase the skills of persons already working in the field of wound management and to train and equip new postgraduate and other students with skills and attributes to continue being productive in the field of wound management;
- carry out education activities in the field of wound management for students and professionals; and
- as an ancillary and supportive purpose, to assist each party in exploring opportunities for the commercialisation of rights and products developed by a party in the field of wound management.

It is hoped that other such national initiatives, as they emerge and evolve, will join this international collaboration. If you are involved in an initiative that would be of benefit through collaboration with the IWMRC then please contact us through our respective websites.

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