

Around the WCET® world

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STRONGER TOGETHER

Since the beginning of its creation in 1978, specialised education has been WCET's® core mission, ensuring individuals around the globe are cared for by nurses specialised in ostomy, wound and continence care. The largest organ in the body ties these specialties together and is the topic of this year's NNG® webinar - the skin.

Following our 2023-2027 strategic plan, and echoing our previous President – President Elect editorial, we are delighted to announce that our **2025 Norma N Gill Birthday Celebration Webinar** will be a collaboration between ISTAP (International Skin Tear Advisory Panel) and WCET®. It will be our first joint webinar and we are thrilled to collaborate with our international friends from ISTAP. Skin integrity and skin care are also our common bond, the same bond which is at the centre of our tri specialty as Enterostomal Therapists/Stoma Wound Continence nurses.



The webinar title embodies the history and mission of our two organisations, **“Skin health and skin tears: doing the right thing: a shared vision for evidence informed clinical practice”**.

We aim to air the webinar at two time slots on the **26 June 2025** later in the year, so enabling our global membership to gain access on the day. There will be time for questions on both occasions. We aim to have the recording available on both the ISTAP and WCET® websites and it will be a free of charge educational offering. The recorded version will be available from June to a later date of the year.

AGENDA

Welcome (President of ISTAP) – Dr Karen Ousey
History of WCET® and history of ISTAP – Denise Hibbert and Dr Kimberley LeBlanc
Skin injury prevention – Dr Kimberley LeBlanc
Science underpinning skin tears – Dr Jenny Prentice
Assessment of skin tears – Samantha Holloway
Q&A moderated by Dr Karen Ousey and Denise Hibbert
Close – President Elect of WCET® Denise Hibbert

As good news likes friends, we are also very excited to announce the first important dates for our upcoming WCET® - NSWOCC (Nurses Specialised in Wound, Ostomy and Continence Canada) 2026 joint Congress.

Call for abstracts: 25 April 2025
(author abstract confirmation: 3 October, 2025)

Registration opens: 25 September 2025

Congress Dates: 24-28 April 2026, Vancouver, Canada

Both the scientific and organisation committees have started meetings and are fully engaged in providing a very high-quality and memorable Congress.

Please stay tuned as more information on these two important educational events will follow. We hope you plan to attend and we hope you will enjoy them.

A huge thank you to all individuals working hand-in-hand behind the scenes, contributing to WCET's® mission and vision.

CASE STUDY TEMPLATE

A Journal Workshop titled 'How to write a case study' was conducted by Editor Jenny Prentice and Publisher Greg Paull during the Glasgow 2024 Congress. One of the suggestions to come out of the workshop was for the WCET® Journal to provide a template to help guide authors to write a case study, especially first time authors.

The template has now been completed and can be found in the WCET® Publications section of the WCET® website (wcetn.org) and on each of the four journal platforms for translated journals - <https://journals.cambridgemedia.com.au/wcetn> for Chinese, <https://journals.cambridgemedia.com.au/wcetes> for Spanish, <https://journals.cambridgemedia.com.au/wcetfr> for French and <https://journals.cambridgemedia.com.au/wcetpt> for Portuguese. Please use this template to write your case study and submit it to the WCET® Journal.