

# Editorial

## Sharing is Caring

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Each year, the Editorial Board of Wound Practice and Research reviews all of the articles submitted to the journal and selects three papers in the categories of Best Original Research, Best Literature/Clinical Practice Review and Best Case study or Series to win the Coloplast Biatain Literary Awards. The Board assesses each article based on their Significance, Originality, Methodology, Presentation, Analysis and Conclusions. These awards have been strongly supported by Coloplast since 2006 who have been keen supporters of the journal and advocates for research driven best practice. Coloplast and the Editorial Board are particularly keen to support both established and emerging authors to write about their clinical experiences and research. I am pleased to announce that the 2016 winners of the Coloplast Biatain Literary Awards are:

**Original Research:** Tamara Page, Judy Magaret, Rich Wiechula, The impact of exposure time on biophysical parameters of the wound environment and patient comfort during dressing changes: a descriptive study. Vol 24 (3) 151-158.

**Literature/Clinical Practice Review:** Peter Lazzarini, Sheree Hurn, Suzanne Kuys, Maarten Kamp, Lloyd Reed, Foot-related conditions in hospitalised populations: a literature review. Vol 24 (1) 16-35.

**Case Study:** Donna Angel, Johanna Lee van Rooyen, The challenges of managing patients with pyoderma gangrenosum: three case reports. Vol 24 (1) 48-58.

Congratulations to all of the winners they were well deserved.

In this current issue may well be the winner of the next literature award. There are some fabulous articles ranging from

a case study describing the management of sacrococcygeal pilonidal sinus disease by Ian Whiteley and Anil Keshava to a literature review on the role of pH in wounds during healing and infection by Louisa Bennison and co-authors. There is clearly a lot that we still do not understand about even the most basic physiological processes that affect the healing process and this theme is continued by Lucy Stopher and Shirley Jansen who have reviewed the impact of malnutrition in patients with chronic vascular wounds. I encourage every reader of this journal to share their years of knowledge and clinical insights, by writing a case study, literature review or research project. There is so much that we still need to learn about wounds and by sharing your knowledge you may not only advance our understanding of this field but who knows, you could be the next winner of a Coloplast Literary Award - now wouldn't that be something to be proud of!

**Professor Allison Cowin**

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### ERRATUM

In the previous issue, *Fighting chronic wound infection – one model at a time* had Kopecki Z and Cowin A listed as authors. Although acknowledged in the manuscript, Darren Trott and Abiodun David Ogunniyi should have been included in the author list. This has been corrected in the version that appears on the Wounds Australia website.

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