EDITORIAL

From bench to bedside: a welcome from your new editorial team

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We take great pride in writing our first editorial as joint editors-in-chief of Wound Practice and Research. We are aware we follow in the amazing footsteps of Prof Allison Cowin and A/Prof Michael Woodward and are fortunate to have them remain as editorial board members and valued mentors to the both of us. As Allison mentioned in her final editorial, Zlatko and I bring a mixed skill set - both of us are academics working in tertiary institutions as teachers and researchers in wound care, with Zlatko bringing fundamental science (benchside) experience, and Peta bringing clinical practice (bedside) experience. We look forward to working together with the Editorial Board to continue to grow the journal and are excited for what the future brings.

This edition of Wound Practice and Research contains a diverse range of topics from evaluation of a new product, to an audit of dressing trolleys all the way through to a systematic review protocol for economic evaluation of compression therapy. I believe that this diversity in articles is reflective of our profession, which brings together a range of disciplines with a common purpose - to heal wounds.

We hope you enjoy reading Clarissa Young's perspective as she challenges us to think about our wound dressing trolleys and identifies preferable features to enhance infection prevention control and optimise patient care. Fuhrman and colleagues present a systematic review protocol which will answer an important clinical question - determining the current evidence relating to the cost effectiveness of compression therapies in the treatment of venous leg ulceration. For many of us, compression therapy is a mainstay of our practice, so the results of this review will be of great clinical relevance.

Haesler and colleagues present some of the preliminary work that is informing the development of the pan-pacific venous leg ulcer guideline. Hulbert-Lemmel and colleagues present a scoping review protocol explaining the nurse's experience in providing evidenced-based care. Anne-Maree Schweitzer provides a clinical perspective on management of iatrogenic hypospadias and Emily Haesler presents an evidence based summary on local warming/heat therapy for chronic wounds.

We hope you enjoy this latest issue of the Wounds Australia journal and we look forward to receiving your submissions for future issues.

