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5 Vox populi ...

That means you! Yearly you return to Florence from all over the world and our journalists are keen to get your views, so we can show them with your fellow delegates: don’t be shy

10 Around Florence

Poetic of democracy Cellini’s beautiful statue of Perseus is an allegory of aristocracy triumphing over the evils of democracy. Not relevant today, then ...

15 South Koreans are in town

Heart full of Seoul: Founded in 2002, the Korean Society for Wound Management (KSWM) is a multidisciplinary society, founded to exchange experiences

Mechanical debridement with Medaxis debritom+

Debridement is the first step of every wound care programme. We have known for a long time that before the healing process can begin in earnest, the wound needs to be cleaned. If it is not, slough will build up, biofilms will form, and necrosis will set in. As wound care professionals, our ultimate goal is to stop the tissue loss and start the patient on the healing process as quickly and efficiently as possible.

This is why mechanical debride- ment is so vital. If we are to start the healing process in the best possible way, we need to start with the cleanest wounds. Unfortunately, debridement has never been a particularly easy job—particularly for the patient on the receiving end, who is already in pain from the wound. This is where the gentle but powerful debritom+ micro water jet debridement system comes in.

Precision and control are essential to effectively debride the wound surface and reduce tissue damage. The debritom+ solution uses micro water jets that are both simple to set up and incredibly easy to control. By adjusting the angle of the jet, and the distance of the jet to the wound, the user is in full control of the pressure and force on the wound surface. It is so user-friendly, in fact, that Medaxis believes it is the only high-pressure jet debridement system on the market that can be used outside of the operating room. Whether treating wounds at the bedside, care home or outpatient clinic, the fully adjustable water pressure allows for powerful, precise, yet gentle debridement, where the wound specialist nurse is in total control.

For more information and a demonstration of debritom+, please visit Stand 211

50 ALLEVYN LIFE’s performance in wound care and prevention

Hundreds of delegates swarmed through the Smith & Nephew booth yesterday to watch two demonstrations on the multi-layer foam dressing, ALLEVYN LIFE. In the first one, focused on wound care, the attendees witnessed how 20ml of liquid were absorbed by ALLEVYN LIFE and three other dressings (Aquacel Foam, Mepilex Border and Bistain Silicone). ALLEVYN LIFE absorbed the liquid quicker than the other dressings and locked it inside, minimising leakage. ‘The capacity to keep exudate locked in is what impressed me the most,’ stated vascular surgeon Ruggiero Sacchera, who was among the delegates. Lynne Ray, a registered surgical ward nurse in Australia, also said she was impressed with the results: “I use one of the competitor dressings at least 10 times a day to dress elbows, sacrums and heels. ALLEVYN LIFE holds a lot more exudate than my current dressing and prevents the forming of pressure ulcers.”

ALLEVYN LIFE has been shown to last two times longer than other dressings (Joy et al, 2015). The masking layer minimises the appearance of exudate strikethrough (Stephen-Haynes et al, 2013), and the change indicator provides a visual guide of when the dressing needs to be changed.

The second demonstration focused on the prevention of pressure ulcers as part of a pressure ulcer protocol. Using a pressure map, pressure redistribution was shown on ALLEVYN LIFE and three other dressings. To show the level of pressure redistribution, a scale of colours from blue to red was used (blue: 20mm/Hg; red: 780mm/Hg).

ALLsinging, flag-flourishing extravaganza opens WUWHS 2016

On Sunday evening at 17.15, an impressive and moving opening ceremony heralded the opening of five days’ intensive work on wound healing, as the 2016 Congress of the World Union of Wound Healing Societies (WUWHS) was officially opened. Delegates had already spent their Sunday in numerous meetings, run by WUWHS sister societies. The crowd chanted as the Japanese and Italian delegations together entered the aptly named Renaissance Hall at the historic Fortezza da Basso. It seemed fitting that Florence, the city of the Renaissance, be home to the opening of WUWHS 2016.

Professor Sadanori Akita, retiring president of WUWHS, along with the Japanese delegation, welcomed delegates, before handing over the reins to professor Marco Romanelli, incoming president of WUWHS, and the Italian delegation. Delegates were introduced to the seven hard working Congress ‘ambassadors’, before Professor Romanelli spoke of the years of hard work that had gone into putting this year’s conference together.

Romanelli said he was proud and honoured that people had come from so far afield, from 5 continents, and that more than 4000 delegates in total had registered for WUWHS 2016. In addition, this year there are a large number of supporting societies: 39 sister societies and 32 international societies. There is 4000m² of exhibition space. The new president was delighted to announce the collaboration between WUWHS and the Journal of Wound Care (JWC). This collaboration aims to extend the reach of our scientific knowledge of wound care, bringing the latest research to as broad an audience as possible.

To find out more about JWC, visit the WUWHS Daily press office, next to the reception desk.

Musical welcome from Pisa University Choir (left) and then flag-wavers strut their stuff

Welcoming to Florence the latest member of the ConvaTec Foam dressing family

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