

## Coming Soon: CWS®-Only Section of Web Site

Please note that there will be a new section on the web site titled “CWS’s only”. It will be a section guarded by a password so that only CWS’s may enter. You will need to enter your last name as the user name and your CWS® ID number as the password.

This area of the web site will be broken into two sections. One will be to review the new draft of the bylaws (see article in this issue). We will have the old version next to the new version so you will be able to view the proposed changes. Also, the Board of Directors will be asking for any feedback regarding the proposed changes that will be posted.

The second section will be for submission of exam questions to be used for the National Board Certification Examination for Wound Management Professionals. There will be a template set up so that you will be able to type in your question, four possible answers, and an area to note the correct answer and the reference material for the question. These questions will be submitted to the Exam Committee for review to be used on an upcoming exam.

There is a substantial need for questions for future exams and we urge you to submit any possible questions you may have. While the web site is being redesigned, you can send any questions to [woundnet@aawm.org](mailto:woundnet@aawm.org).

## AAWM Bylaws Overhaul

The AAWM Bylaws will be undergoing an overhaul this year. The Board of Directors decided that the Bylaws needed to be updated as they are the original documents from when the organization was formed.

The members of the Bylaw committee are Chair John Prior, DPM, MS, FACFAOM, FACFAS, CWS, Diane Krasner, MD, CWS, John Nelson, DPM, CWS, and David Eisenbud, MD, CWS. They have met twice this past year and have now completed a draft of the proposed bylaws for the AAWM.

This draft along with the original bylaws will be available online in the CWS-only section coming soon. We will be notifying you when the new section of the web site is available.

### new logo!



American Academy of  
Wound Management

The AAWM is proud to announce that we have a new logo. We are slowly integrating this new logo into our materials.

## CWS® Testimony

Fri, 6 Sep 2002

Hello. I am writing to thank you for the latest issue of AAWM magazine. I was certified in April, it was the second time I had tested. I was having an extremely hard time getting a salary increase. There is not enough information on the net, not a lot of caregivers are educated about the CWS®. In fact, I had planned on leaving my facility after 18 years due to this problem. I insisted it was very much worth an increase, my Administrator did not see it that way, not until he saw the magazine [AAWM News], the comments, the mission and the company of professionals I was now classed among. As a result, I received a substantial increase in salary for the CWS® and for my dedication and loyalty.

Thank you, and please, continue to circulate the information so others out there do not run into the same obstacles that I did.

Sincerely and with thanks,

Pamela A. Bove  
LPN, CWS



## AAWM Mission

AAWM is dedicated to the multidisciplinary team approach in promoting the science of prevention, care and treatment of acute and chronic wounds. The primary function is to establish and monitor a national certification process, recognize competency, promote education and research, and elevate the standard of care across the continuum of wound management.

## Director's Corner

# AAWM to Become Predominant Authoritative Body in Wound Care Field

by David Eisenbud, MD, CWS, President, AAWM

Hi to all! Hoping this Holiday season finds you healthy and having fun! I am writing to update you on the progress we are making towards making the AAWM the predominant authoritative body in the field of wound care.

Interest in our certification has grown by leaps and bounds. A record number of candidates sat for the October, 2002 examination—actually a 31 percent increase over any other time the test has been given. Over 3,500 additional individuals have requested information about the CWS® credential and have indicated potential interest in taking the exam.

Feedback from these people indicates that many potential candidates are uncomfortable attempting to pass the CWS® exam without a formal preparatory course. Therefore, in response to this overwhelming demand, our Board has authorized the formation of a subsidiary corporation—the Institute for the Advancement of Wound Management

(IAWM)—whose sole purpose is to raise funds for AAWM, principally through educational activities. According to its draft mission statement the IAWM will “strive to provide individual and public education regarding wound care principles and practices, treatments, products and reimbursement issues. The funds generated through these educational activities will be used to promote the value of the Certified Wound Specialist® credential to existing and potential AAWM candidates, health care employers, insurance companies, governmental agencies, patients and the general public.” Initial educational activities will include:

- Creation of a preparatory course for candidates who are studying to take the CWS® examination.
- Preparation of “position papers” reviewing wound care treatments and technologies.
- Reviewing the policies of insurance carriers who wish to understand which therapies should be reimbursed.

Many of you have already responded to my e-mail announcing this new initiative. The reaction among CWSs has been overwhelmingly positive! In the months to come we will need your participation in various aspects of these new programs. The AAWM membership combines a wealth of experience and expertise for us to draw upon. We also need new participants in the standing committees of the AAWM—marketing, examination, and regional—to help us increase the value of the CWS® credential in the view of patients, healthcare providers and employers.

I welcome your feedback on these or any other issues related to the AAWM.

## Welcome, New Members of the Board

The following individuals were elected to the board in September 2002. Their terms expire October 2005.

**Mona M. Baharestani, Ph.D., NP, CWS**

After receiving a BSN from East Tennessee State University, Dr. Baharestani completed a Master of Science Degree in Nursing at Hunter College, followed by a doctoral degree at Adelphi University. Dr. Baharestani is the Director of Wound Healing, in the Division of Plastic & Reconstructive Surgery at Long Island Jewish Medical Center in New Hyde Park, New York. Dr. Baharestani is a Board Member on the National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel. She also serves as a clinical consultant to Industry, Long Term Care and Home Care facilities, as well as, performing Medico-Legal consulting. Dr. Baharestani has presented over 500 national and international lectures on wound healing topics. She is actively

involved in research and has published widely.

**Donald E. Mrdjenovich, DPM, CWS**

Dr. Mrdjenovich, who has been in private practice for 11 years in Altoona, PA, graduated with his Bachelors of Science degree in Behavioral Neuroscience in 1985 from the University of Pittsburgh and Doctorate of Podiatric Medicine in 1989 from the Ohio College of Podiatric Medicine. Completing residency training at the Lebanon, VA Medical Center in Lebanon, PA, he conducted research leading to the publication of a ‘Retrospective Analysis of Diabetic Neuropathic Osteoarthropathy’ 1990-91. A Diplomat of the American Board of Podiatric Medicine and Orthopedics since 1993, and of the American Academy of Wound Management since 1997, he also serves as Podiatry Director of the Vascular and Wound Care Program at Bon Secours Holy Family Hospital,

## 2002–2003 Board of Directors

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Altoona, PA, as well as, consulting faculty for Advanced Wound Recovery Group lecturing and educating new wound centers. Dr Mrdjenovich is a member of the Association for the Advancement of Wound Care, serves on the examination committee for the American Academy of Wound Management, had served on the Blair County American Red Cross Board of Directors for six years, and is currently Co-Chairperson for the Central PA Deaf and Hard of Hearing Services Task Force.

# Meetings Calendar

## January 2003

**JANUARY 11–12, 2003**

**Advanced Wound Healing**  
Wound Care Associates  
Brunswick, GA  
www.woundcareresources.com

**JANUARY 15–19, 2003**

**Sam 2003**  
Florida Podiatric Medical  
Association  
800-277-3338  
www.fpma.com

**JANUARY 16–19, 2003**

**Superbones 2003**  
The Rhode Island Podiatric  
Medical Association  
Nassau, Bahamas  
401-782-8787

**JANUARY 21–23, 2003**

**Wound Care Seminar**  
Southwest Missouri State  
University  
Tampa, FL  
813-903-6622  
www.ccpe.smsu.edu/nurse/

**JANUARY 25–26, 2003**

**Texas Podiatric Medical  
Association Winter  
Conference**  
Dallas, TX  
800-839-3668  
www.txpma.org

**JANUARY 30 – FEBRUARY 2,  
2003**

**New York Podiatric Clinical  
Conference**  
New York, NY  
866-996-4400  
nyspma@aol.com

## February 2003

**FEBRUARY 4–6, 2003**

**Wound Care Seminar**  
Southwest Missouri State  
University  
Houston, TX  
713-585-2728  
www.ccpe.smsu.edu/nurse/

**FEBRUARY 19-23, 2003**

**Expo 2003**  
American College of Foot and  
Ankle Surgeons Annual  
Meeting  
Orlando, FL  
800-382-8270  
mail@acfas.org

**FEBRUARY 21–22, 2003**

**8th National NPUAP  
Conference**  
National Pressure Ulcer  
Advisory Panel  
Hotel Inter-Continental  
New Orleans, LA  
703-464-4849  
Ext. 4071 or 4070  
www.npuap.org

## March 2003

**MARCH 18–20, 2003**

**Wound Care Seminar**  
Southwest Missouri State  
University  
Springfield, MO  
417-883-6550  
www.ccpe.smsu.edu/nurse/

**MARCH 21–26, 2003**

**61st Annual Meeting**  
American Academy of  
Dermatology  
San Francisco, CA  
www.aad.org  
phone:

## April 2003

**APRIL 23, 2003**

**4th Annual Terra Haute  
Wound Care Conference**  
Terre Haute, IN  
Michael S. Miller,  
DO, FACOS, CWS  
812-847-2141  
doc@docmillers.com

**APRIL 1–3, 2003**

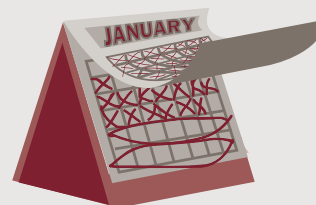
**Wound Care Seminar**  
Southwest Missouri State  
University  
Nashville, TN  
615-889-8889  
www.ccpe.smsu.edu/nurse/

**APRIL 1–4, 2003**

**35th Annual meeting of the  
American Burn Association**  
Miami Beach, FL  
312-642-9260  
info@ameriburn.org

**APRIL 10–13, 2003**

**27th Annual Super Seminar  
2003**  
California School of Podiatric  
Medicine  
Las Vegas, NV  
800-440-3976  
www.ccpm.edu



## May 2003

**MAY 2–4, 2003**

**The Big Meeting**  
Texas Podiatric Medical  
Association  
The Woodlands, TX  
800-839-3668  
www.txpma.org

**MAY 3–8, 2003**

**The Wound Healing Society**  
13th Annual Educational  
Symposium & Exhibition  
Seattle, WA  
888-434-4234  
www.woundheal.org

**MAY 5–7, 2003**

**Spinal Cord Injuries**  
Contemporary Forums  
Miami, FL  
925-828-7100  
www.cforums.com

**MAY 6–8, 2003**

**Wound Care Seminar**  
Southwest Missouri State  
University  
Louisville, KY  
502-585-3200  
www.ccpe.smsu.edu/nurse/

**MAY 15–17, 2003**

**Wound Management  
Workshop**  
University of California San  
Diego, School of Medicine  
San Diego, CA  
858-490-9015  
mtgs@ix.netcom.com

**MAY 22–27, 2003**

**31st Annual Physician  
Assistant Conference**  
American Academy of  
Physician Assistants  
New Orleans, LA  
703-836-2272  
www.aapa.org

## E-mail addresses needed for all CWS's

The AAWM is requesting that all CWS's who have an e-mail address, please submit that address to AAWM Headquarters. An address/information verification form was sent out by e-mail to those CWS's who had previously provided an e-mail. We may be doing other e-mails throughout the year with updates of information. We anticipate sending only a couple of notices per year. These addresses will not be given out to other organizations.

If you do have an e-mail address and did not receive the verification e-mail please contact Headquarters or e-mail your address to [egegg@aawm.org](mailto:egegg@aawm.org).

# Recent Certified Wound Specialists

These healthcare professionals successfully passed the National Board Certification Examination for Wound Care Professionals on October 19, 2002 and may utilize the designation CWS®.

Charlton L. Adler, DPM, CWS	Michael W. Dixon, DPM, CWS	Christopher L. Hendrix, DPM, RN, CWS	Terence McDonald, MD, CWS	Lauren F. Schreiber, MPT, CWS
Mahmoud Aqel, MD, PhD, CWS	Carol Doderio, MSN, NP-C, CWS	Sharon M. Henry, MD, CWS	Darlene Miller, LPN, CHT, CWS	DaLee E. Scott, BSPT, CWS
Daniel J. Benson, DPM, CWS	Jennifer M. Dunham, BSN, RN, CWS	Deanna C. Hill, LPN, CHT, CWS	Philip J. Miziniak, PT, CWS	Deborah C. Shepherd, RN, CWS
Stephen Billmyer, MD, CWS	Durene Elem-Vaughn, DPM, BSN, CWS	Boneta K. Hollis, ADN, CWS	Raymond J. Mollica, DPM, CWS	Barbara E. Smith, RN, CWS
Joan M Black, BSN, CWS	Wade P. Farrow, MD, BSEE, CWS	Janelle L. Homsted, RN, ADN, CWS	Christopher A. Morrison, MD, CWS	Wendy Smollock, MS, CWS
Bert Eric Blackwell, DO, CWS	Vicki P. Finch, MSPT, CWS	Dona Jimenez, ARNP, CWS	Kimberly Nadeau, MS, PT, CWS	Michele R. Solomon, RN, BSN, CWS
Jennifer L Blough, RN, CWS	Michelle L. Fleming, RN, ADN, CWS	Mary Jo Johnson, RN, CWS	Mark Nelson, DPM, CWS	John Stevelinck, DPM, CWS
Deborah Bowers, RNC, CWS	Dawn E. Franceschina, BSPT, CWS	Janet Joyce, RN, CWS	Steve V. Parent-Lew, BSPT, CWS	Tracy Stilwell, MPT, CWS
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Jenifer M. Carlos, PT, CWS	Marlene Garancosky, MSN, ARNP-C, CHPN, CWS	Francis S. Lee, MD, FACS, CWS	Scott Pickett, DPM, CWS	Lesli T. Tuggle, BSPT, CWS
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## 2003 Exam Dates

**April 26, 2003**

**Materials Deadline: March 14**

**October 18, 2003**

**Materials Deadline: September 5**

**Testing Centers Nationwide**

## Support the AAWM by Volunteering Your Time

The Regional Committee would like to request volunteers for regional meetings in their area. We are targeting certain areas but would gladly accept the help from anyone who has some time to spare. Please contact AAWM Headquarters with any meetings or seminars that are taking place in your area that you find worthwhile for the AAWM to exhibit at.

Also, if you conduct any courses or seminars that offer CEU's, the staff would be happy to post them on the AAWM website. Please e-mail any information you would like posted to [egegg@aawm.org](mailto:egegg@aawm.org)

The AAWM is also requesting volunteers for the Exam Committee and the Provider Relations Committee. Please contact AAWM Headquarters if you are interested.

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## AAWMnews

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