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EDITORIAL

Letter from the Chair

Dear Fellows of the College,

I am pleased to take over the reins of the College from the able leadership of Richard Simman. I know we all thank him for the past 2 years of advancement, including especially this journal. He will remain as editor-in-chief and on the board of directors as immediate past chair. I think the journal is off to a grand start and encourage all of you to submit articles to help make it the premier journal of evidence-based wound care.

The College continues to grow and support the development of wound care as a distinct specialty. We have a program to review courses and other educational offerings so that you can be assured of quality, evidence-based information. We have established criteria for Wound Centers of Excellence, to help the public separate true medical quality from marketing claims. We offer continuing education with a “back to basics” course and, shortly, an advanced course. We are cosponsoring a Wound Care Preconference course at the September meeting of the National Lymphedema Network and are excited about the interdisciplinary expansion of good wound care principles.

We are even extending our reach outside the United States with an advanced course planned in Colombia, South America, this summer.

As I write this, it appears that meaningful health care reform at the national level is in trouble. No matter what your political views, anyone who works in health care certainly can see the need for urgent reform. I urge all of you to contact your representatives in Washington and tell them to salvage something for the benefit of our patients. If we all work together, I am sure we can continue to improve the system.

Sometimes give your services for nothing, calling to mind a previous benefaction or present satisfaction. And if there be an opportunity of serving one who is a stranger in financial straits, give full assistance to all such. For where there is the love of man, there is also love of the art.

—Hippocrates

Sincerely,

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