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EDITORIAL

Letter From the Chair (ACCWS)

Dear Fellows,

The second issue of our journal has been published, and I hope that you enjoyed reading it. We are proud of our accomplishment and look forward to the next step toward our ultimate goal of having a highly ranked, indexed journal. Your comments and feedback are appreciated. We look forward to your participation in this process of making your journal the premier journal on wound care.

Our regional directors' program continues to grow. In the last month, the California chapter has held a successful meeting at the University of Southern California, and the Wisconsin chapter held a meeting in Milwaukee with more than 35 participants. The Ohio chapter held its sixth meeting, with more than 30 participants.

The Education Committee of the College is in the final stage of finalizing the application for recognizing Wound Centers of Excellence. These centers must meet certain standards in wound care determined by the College. The application should be available in the near future. We will keep you updated through our Web page and newsletter.

The Physician Examination Committee of the American Academy of Wound Management has completed the examination

review, and the first examination on wound care for physicians will be administered this year. The new title will be Certified Wound Specialist Physician. The goal is to elevate the standard in wound care among physician wound care providers to ultimately improve patient care and safety.

We are proud to announce our nomination of Garet Mulder, DPM, as the college honorary fellow of this academic year. Dr. Mulder is a professor in surgery and trauma at the University of California, San Diego. His contributions to wound care, both clinical and research, are well recognized in the wound care community.

Our upcoming membership meeting will be held in conjunction with the Clinical Symposium on Advances in Skin and Wound Care in San Antonio, Texas, this October. I encourage you to attend the meeting to meet your colleagues and show your support to the College.

Finally, volunteers are needed to serve on the College committees. If you think that you have the time and knowledge to serve your College, please contact David Abts (dabts@amsnavista.com).

Enjoy the summer and be safe.

Sincerely,

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