



MY JOURNEY IN WOUND CARE- A NURSE'S EXPERIENCE

Early in her nursing career, Jolene Heil cared for a patient with a serious wound and recognized the challenge presented by wounds. She was fortunate to be mentored by an experienced practitioner in Judy Ryan, a member at the time of Dr Gary Sibbald's team. Judy encouraged her to expand her expertise through education and Jolene has participated in programs at all levels including the International Interprofessional Wound Care Course (IIWCC). Through lectures and hands-on clinical experience Jolene is now a recognized expert. She continues to learn from many programs and platforms and from her patients. Her patients benefit from a healthcare professional who is committed to her work and to continuing to expand her expertise. Jolene describes her career as rewarding and fun!

In discussing the work of WoundPedia and Dr Sibbald, Jolene referred to a dynamic approach to delivering education. Dr Sibbald treats the whole patient not just the wound. His approach is interprofessional, recognizing the important role of each member of the team. The plan of care is structured to fit the available tools even in areas of limited resources. International experts share with the learners different approaches.

Education is a key to providing optimal care and the best possible outcomes. It also allows providers to have the confidence to advocate for the care and services needed. Jolene is one of many practitioners in Canada and internationally who have benefited from education. These numbers need to be expanded exponentially to meet the increasing demands.

WoundPedia Education Foundation has been established to raise funds to ensure that this work continues and expands. Donations to the Foundation will provide funding for initiatives that improve patient outcomes, locally and nationally, through education, research, knowledge mobilization and building an improved integrated system of care. Help us realize our vision of optimal wound care as the standard nationally and internationally. Donate to the WoundPedia Education Foundation and be part of this important initiative. For more information or to donate, please contact:



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