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ABWM Appoints New Exam Chair

Washington, DC - The American Board of Wound Management (ABWM) announces the appointment of **Karen A. Wientjes PT, DPT, MPH, CWS®**, Neuman University in Aston, PA as Exam Chair.

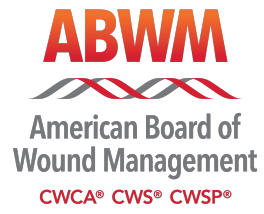
The role of the Exam Chair for ABWM comes with a range of responsibilities focused on overseeing the integrity, fairness, and effectiveness of the certification examination process for the ABWM's three certifications, Certified Wound Care Associate™ (CWCA®), Certified Wound Specialist® (CWS®) and Certified Wound Specialist Physician® (CWSP®).

Dr. Wientjes is currently a Professor at Neumann University in Aston, PA and stays involved in clinical practice as a Certified Wound Specialist® at Optimum Physical Therapy Associates, as well as a consultant to area hospitals. Dr. Wientjes has provided physical therapy services through mission work in Peru and Haiti. She presents nationally and internationally on topics related to wound healing and physical therapy. Her areas of research include wound measurement, biophysical agents and integrative approaches to healing. She emphasizes a mind-body approach to healing and helps her patients optimize their outcome through a holistic plan of care.

"Dr. Wientjes has served almost every office and capacity that the ABWM has and we are excited to have her wealth of clinical and academic experience and knowledge to lead ABWM's exam development," said ABWM Executive Director, Christopher M. Murphy.

The purpose of the American Board of Wound Management is to establish and administer a certification process to elevate the standard of care across the continuum of wound management. The Board is dedicated to an interdisciplinary approach in promoting prevention, care and treatment of acute and chronic wounds. The ABWM currently offers the Certified Wound Care Associate™ (CWCA®), Certified Wound Specialist® (CWS®), and Certified Wound Specialist Physician® (CWSP®) credentials.

For more information on the American Board of Wound Management, the Certified Wound Specialist®, Certified Wound Care Associate™ or the Certified Wound Specialist Physician® (CWSP®) credentials please visit www.abwmcertified.org



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