



2026 WOUNDSYMPOSIUM

Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026

7:15 am–2:15 pm

The Center for Visual and Performing Arts
1040 Ridge Road, Munster

This symposium is FREE; however, pre-registration by **Friday, September 11, 2026 is required.**

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Program Agenda

7:15-7:50 am	Registration & Continental Breakfast
7:50-8 am	Welcome & Introduction
8-10 am	Comprehensive Wound Assessment Speakers: Susie Seaman, NP, MSN, CWCN, CWS, and Dot Weir, RN, CWON, CWS
10-10:15 am	Q & A
10:15-10:30 am	Break
10:30-11:15 am	Blueprint for a Hybrid Team: How to Implement AI and Technology without Losing the Human Touch Speaker: Maria Goddard, MD, CWS, MAPWCA
11:15-noon	Climate Change and Wounds Speaker: Laura Swoboda, DNP, APRN, FNP-BC, CWOCN-AP, WOCNF
Noon-12:15 pm	Break
12:15-12:45 pm	Lunch
12:45-1:30 pm	Compression Therapy for Wound Healing Speaker: Kelli Weinberg, PT, MPT, MS, CWS, CLT
1:30-1:45 p.m.	Q&A
1:45 – 2:15 pm	Panel Discussion
2:15 pm	Evaluation & Adjournment

Program Objectives:

1. Explore the critical components of a comprehensive wound assessment.
2. Recognize variations from normal wound assessment findings and the potential impact on the healing process.
3. Describe goal-based treatment options to change the wound healing environment based on assessment findings.
4. Classify the types of technological tools and systems that can be beneficial and administrative burden affecting direct patient contact.
5. Identify tasks where technology can be utilized to reduce the clinical and administrative burden affecting direct patient contact.
6. Discover workflow and communication strategies to integrate technology into traditional models while preserving and enhancing the clinician-patient relationship.
7. Obtain a roadmap for introducing new technology to traditional clinical staff, addressing learning curves and preventing digital burnout.
8. Correlate the increase in extreme weather events with rising incidence of traumatic wounds and delayed access to clinical care.
9. Recognize how rising average temperatures and prolonged humidity contribute to shifting microbial landscapes, including increased rates of bacterial and fungal wound infections.
10. Understand how extreme heat and environmental displacement disproportionately affect patients with compromised vascular systems, neuropathy and chronic ulcers (e.g., diabetic foot, ulcers, venous leg ulcers).
11. Identify atypical or waterborne wound infections that are migrating into new geographic regions due to warming climates.
12. Develop proactive clinical and operational strategies to ensure continuity of wound care and supply chain management during environmental disruptions.
13. Understand the role of compression therapy as it relates to wound healing.
14. Recognize the different types of compression therapy and when to use them.
15. Understand indications and contraindications to compression therapy.
16. Recognize proper techniques of applying compression therapy.
17. Explain the relevance of compression therapy in trauma and complex surgical wounds.

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