

Dear WHASA members,

What a pleasure to finally announce the new website of The Wound Healing Association of Southern Africa. This will entail that we will be able to serve our members much better according to your specific needs. If you have not yet been contacted by our new administrative department with regards to your membership status please fill the update form in on line in order for us to make sure that we have your correct details for future correspondence. This year proves to be an exciting year with all the upcoming events and projects. Just to entice you here is a list of some of the happenings in WHASA nationally:

- WHASA Gauteng regional launch at Emperors Palace on the 21st of February 2009. This will be a CPD accredited event.
- WHASA 3rd International Conference with international speakers such as Madelein Flanagan (UK) and several local experts such as Prof Alan Widgerow, Prof Magda Mulder etc. This event will be held at 1on1 Event Centre in KZN from the 17th-19th of April 2009. Please see website link for further details.
- All WHASA members will be able to log in to our secure section and will have access to the following:
  - Free sms service
  - My practice service
  - CPD directory
  - Journal section
  - Archive article library
  - Newsletters & updates and much more;
- Regional events – please see the events page.
- WUWHS 2010 – We will be hosting the World Union of Wound Healing Societies in Cape Town at the International convention centre. More detail will follow after the first teleconference scheduled in February with the International key players worldwide.
- WHASA education and publication committee will be doing a joint project with QASA (Quadriplegic Association of South Africa) in publishing a booklet on wound care a basic approach for lay care workers and family members.
- WHASA Guideline development committee will be doing a joint guideline and protocol development venture together with the Department of Health.
- WHASA Research committee will be involved in research projects to be presented at WUWHS 2010. See our News Updates page for more info as the project develops.

If you would like to take part in any of these events or would like to form part of the WHASA centralized committees please contact the various committee chairs.

May 2009 be a prosperous year for all and may our patients reap the benefits of our actions.

Yours sincerely  
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