

13th Annual UPMC Symposium: PittMcGowan Wound Care Consortium

Friday, Sept. 11 to Saturday, Sept. 12, 2026

Regional Learning Alliance (RLA), Cranberry Twp. PA, 16066

This event will be held in person and virtually.

Schedule

Friday

7:00 - 8:15am Registration / Breakfast / Visit w/ Exhibitors

(7:30 – 7:45am) Industry Talk (non-CME)

8:15 - 8:25am Opening Remarks

Session I: AI & The Future of Wound Care

- 8:25 – 8:45am Keynote
Managing Health Injury in Space
Kathleen Rubins,
- 8:45 – 9:05am Standards of AI Tools
Ramayya Krishnan, PhD
Rema Padman (not presenting / just attending)
- 9:05 – 9:25am AI Applications in Health Care
Deeptankar DeMazumder, MD, PhD

Commented [CS1]: CMU speaker: Dr. Krishnan
<https://www.cmu.edu/news/stories/archives/2024/september/nist-awards-6m-to-carnegie-mellon-university-to-establish-ai-cooperative-research-center>

Session II: The Diabetic Foot & Ulcer

- 9:30-10:00am Current insights on DFU's
Robert Frykberg, DPM, MPH
- 10:00- 10:30am AM Break / Visit w/ Exhibitors
- 10:35 – 11:05am Diabetic Foot Consortium / McGowan Speaker???

Commented [CS2]: Robert Frykberg
<https://directory.uthscsa.edu/academics/profile/frykberg>

Session III: Military Updates in Wound Care

11:05 – 11:30am DHA Focus and Wound Care |
Terry M. Rauch Sr., PhD, MPH, MBA

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<https://www.health.mil/About-MHS/Biographies/Terry-M-Rauch>

11:30 – 11:55 am Military Approaches for Limb Salvage
Travis M. Polk, MD, FACS

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ID talk....?
MIDRP program lead (pre-clinical work)
David Tribble

11:55 – 12:20pm Military Wound Management and Capabilities Gaps
Drake H. Tilley, Jr. MD MPH&TM FIDSA

12:20 – 1:20pm Lunch and visit w/ Exhibitors

Session IV: Limb salvage

1:25 – 1:55pm Limb Salvage for Difficult Foot Wounds
(podiatrist / orthopod) ?

1:55 – 2:25pm The Role of the Plastic Surgeon in Limb Salvage
(Karen Evans – Georgetown or John Feldman – Michigan)

2:25 – 2:45pm Vascular Needs for Limb Salvage
Natalie Sridharan

2:45 – 3:00pm Panel Discussion
Robert Frykberg, Travis Polk; Natalie Sridharan; + others above

Session V: Diagnostic Challenges

3:05 – 3:35pm Nutrition talk - scurvy, pics, etc
Jodi McDaniel (OSU)

3:35 – 4:05pm PM Break / Visit w/ Exhibitors

4:10 – 4:30pm Wound Etiology: Wounds on the Bottom - From a Nursing Perspective
(diagnostic)
Amy Folk or Shawna Souder

4:30 – 4:50pm Atypical wounds on the bottom – From a Physicians Perspective

Kelly Cunningham

4:50 – 5:10pm Surgical Management of Fistula's

Ruy Cruz

Saturday

7-8:15am Registration / Breakfast / Visit w/ Exhibitors

(7:30 – 7:45am) Industry Talk (non-CME)

8:15-8:20am Opening Remarks

Session VI: Skin Failure

8:20 – 8:50am Acute Skin Failure

Jill Cox

8:50 – 9:10am ASF Characteristics.....Dashboard....current research both retrospective and prospective?

CeCe / Amy Folk / Dr. Brienza?

9:10 – 9:30am Bio-Impedance Detection of Skin Failure

Dawn Wang

Session VII: Barriers to Wound Care

9:30 – 10:00am CMS data for trends for wound epidemiology (groups not getting the care they need)?

Marrissa Carter Bill Ennis?

10:00 – 10:30am AM Break / Visit w/ Exhibitors

10:35 – 11:05am (only 20 min?) Legal Considerations for Pressure Injuries

Chaton Turner

11:05 – 11:35am Social Determinants of Health (DFC)

Brian Schmidt, DPM

11:35 – 11:55am Current Gaps in Diabetes Care

Ezra French

Session VIII: Managing Bacterial Bioburden in Wounds

- 11:55 – 12:25pm** Keynote
Wound Hygiene – Supporting Antimicrobial Stewardship Through the Use of Dressings
Dot Weir
- 12:25 – 1:25pm** **Lunch and visit w/ Exhibitors**
- 1:30 – 1:50pm** Hypochlorous Acid (HCL).....
Mohammad Yassin
- 1:50 – 2:10pm** Biofilm Update
Sashwati Roy
- 2:10 – 2:25pm** Panel Discussion
Gayle Gordillo; Sashwati Roy; Yassin; Dot Weir

Session VIII: Hands on and Didactic Workshops

- 2:25 – 3:55pm** Choose From One of the Following Concurrent Workshops:
- Debridement Wet Lab
(Lauren Vance / Kayla Reiss / Sarah Morcheid)
- Total Contact Casting
(Dr. Juanita Thorpe & 2 podiatry residents (grant must be attained via Justine Rubino from CCEHS for supplies from Industry...how much are we asking for/process?)
- Ostomy Troubleshooting: From Basic to Complex
CeCe / Amy Folk / ?

