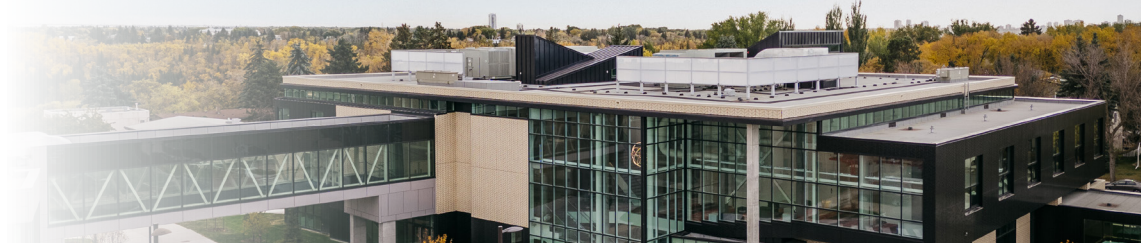




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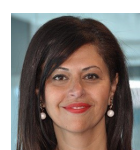
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**7:30 - 8:30 am** Registration and Continental Breakfast

**8:30 - 8:50 am** Opening and Welcome

Presenter:  
Mariam Botros, MEd DCh IIWCC DE



**My Healing Journey: A Message for Providers, Organizations and Systems**

Presenter:  
James Elliott, BSc MSc



### Patients' Perspectives

Moderator: Michele Labbie, RN MN NP



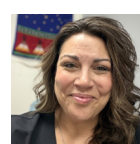
**8:50 - 9:10 am** Patient Education and Self-Management Strategies Enabled by the Patient Bill of Rights and Responsibilities

Presenter:  
Marlene Varga, RN BScN MSc IIWCC



**9:10 - 9:30 am** Incorporating Indigenous Ways of Knowing and Partnerships in Patient-Centred Care

Presenter:  
Amanda Sowiak, RN BN NSWOC WOCC(C)



**9:30 - 9:50 am** The Role of Peer Support in Skin Health and Wound Care Prevention and Treatment

Presenter:  
James Elliott, BSc MSc



**9:50 - 10:05 am** Questions, Discussion and Take-Aways

**10:05 - 10:50 am**



Sponsored Session - URGO

**10:50 - 12:10 pm** Tabletop Exhibits and Lunch

### Evidence-Based Skin Health and Wound Care

Moderator: Marlene Varga, RN BScN MSc IIWCC



**12:10 - 12:30 pm** New Technologies and Innovations in Enhancing Clinical Excellence in Vascular Ulcers and Pressure Injuries

Presenter:  
Chester Ho, MD



**12:30 - 12:50 pm** The Emerging Role of AI in Skin Health and Wound Care

Presenter:  
Martin Ferguson-Pell, PhD C.Phys FRSA



**12:50 - 1:10 pm** Strengthening the Foundation: Pedorthic Management in DFU Care and Limb Preservation

Presenter:  
Brian Scharfstein



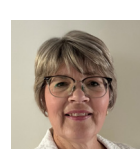
**1:10 - 1:25 pm** Questions, Discussion and Take-Aways

**1:25 - 2:10 pm**



Sponsored Session - Gaining an Edge in Wound Healing

Presenter:  
Michele Labbie, RN MN NP

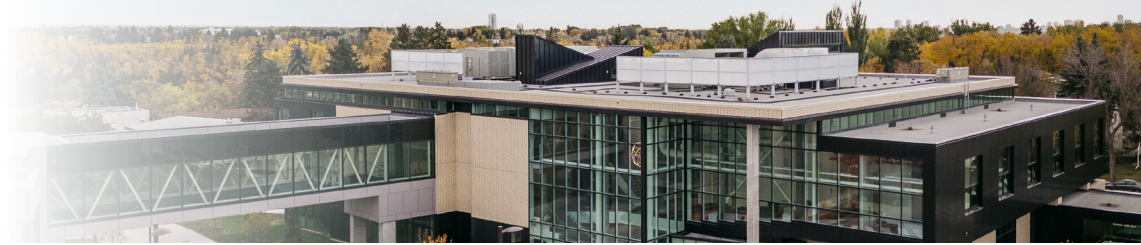


**2:10 - 3:10 pm** Tabletop Exhibits and Coffee Break



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| <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Organizational Perspectives</b><br/>Moderator: Irmajean Bajnok, RN BSc MScN PhD FCAN FAAN </p> |   |  |
| <b>3:10 – 3:30 pm</b>   | <b>The Role of Organizations in Creating a Culture of Quality Skin Health and Wound Care</b><br><br>Presenter:<br>John Hwang, MD MSc FRCSC                             |  |
| <b>3:30 – 3:50 pm</b>   | <b>Health-Care Providers as Change Agents in Building a Better Wound Care Delivery System</b><br><br>Presenter:<br>Sue Bookey-Bassett, RN BScN MEd PhD                |  |
| <b>3:50 – 4:10 pm</b>   | <b>The Role of the Wound Care Team in Creating a Culture of Skin Health and Wound Care: A Podiatrist's Perspective</b><br><br>Presenter:<br>John Toole, DPM, FACFAS  |  |
| <b>4:10 – 4:25 pm</b>   | <b>Questions, Discussion and Take-Aways</b>   |  |
| <b>4:25 – 4:35 pm</b>   | <b>Close and Thank You</b><br><br>Presenter:<br>Irmajean Bajnok, RN BSc MScN PhD FCAN FAAN   |  |