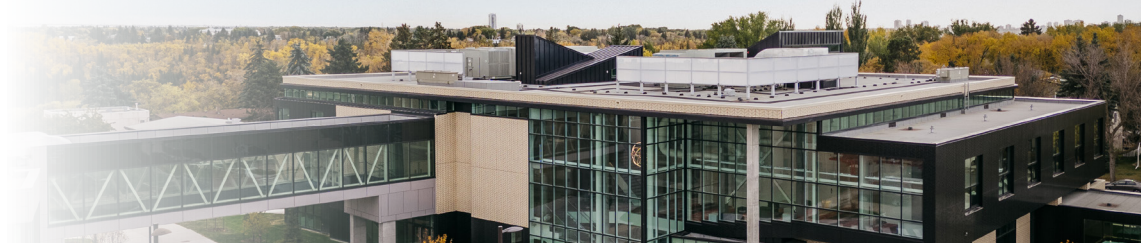




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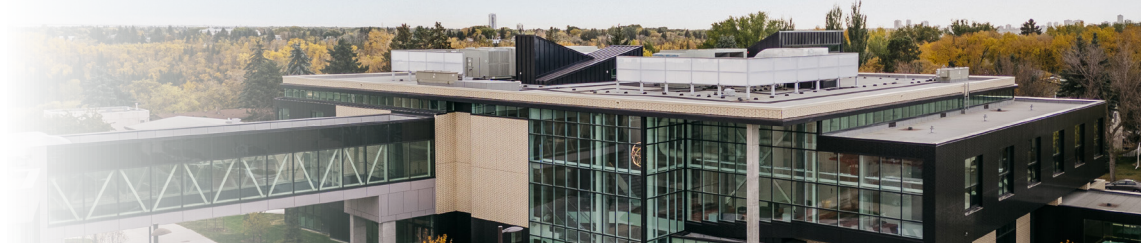
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TIME	Wednesday, June 17, 2026	
7:30 - 8:30 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast	
8:30 - 8:50 am	Opening and Welcome	
	Presenter: Mariam Botros, MEd DCh IIWCC DE	
	My Healing Journey: A Message for Providers, Organizations and Systems	
	Presenter: 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	 Healing people®	Sponsored Session - Integral Debridement: Combining Oxidative and Continuous Debridement for Optimal Wound Healing
	Presenter: Karen Laforet, RN MCISc-WH CCHN(C) CVAA(c) VA-BC™ NSWOC	
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	Adopting New Technologies and Innovations in Enhancing Clinical Excellence in Wounds	
	Presenter: Chester Ho, MD	
12:30 - 12:50 pm	Strengthening the Foundation: Pedorthic Management in DFU Care and Limb Preservation	
	Presenter: Brian Scharfstein, C. Ped (C)	
12:50 - 1:10 pm	The Emerging Role of AI in Skin Health and Wound Care	
	Presenter: Martin Ferguson-Pell, PhD C.Phys FRSA	
1:10 - 1:25 pm	Questions, Discussion and Take-Aways	
1:25 - 2:10 pm		Sponsored Session - Gaining an EDGE on Wound Healing
	Presenter: Michele Labbie, RN MN NP	



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2:10 – 3:10 pm	Tabletop Exhibits and Coffee Break	
	Organizational Perspectives Moderator: Irmajean Bajnok, RN BSc MScN PhD FCAN FAAN	
3:10 – 3:30 pm	The Role of Organizations in Creating a Culture of Quality Skin Health and Wound Care Presenter: John Hwang, MD MSc FRCSC	
3:30 – 3:50 pm	Health-Care Providers as Change Agents in Building a Better Wound Care Delivery System Presenter: Sue Bookey-Bassett, RN BScN MEd PhD	
3:50 – 4:10 pm	The Role of the Wound Care Team in Creating a Culture of Skin Health and Wound Care: A Podiatrist's Perspective Presenter: John Toole, DPM, FACFAS	
4:10 – 4:25 pm	Questions, Discussion and Take-Aways	
4:25 – 4:35 pm	Close and Thank You Presenter: Irmajean Bajnok, RN BSc MScN PhD FCAN FAAN	