



Wound Clinical Nurse Consultants in metropolitan Melbourne: It's time to collaborate

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Background

- Wound clinical nurse consultant role in metropolitan Melbourne.
- Clinicians working in isolation or in small teams
- All facing similar challenges
- Informal networking at events/education sessions
- But is this a problem??



The survey

- Wound CNCs from 9 hospitals from metropolitan Melbourne were asked to give feedback on their perception of their role via online survey.
- 6 questions, primarily free text answers



The findings

- What do you enjoy most about your role?

'Improving patient outcomes', 'Supporting evidence based practice', 'Sharing knowledge', 'Continuously learning', 'Leading bigger picture change', 'Supporting local area staff', 'Role autonomy'.

- What frustrates you most about your role?

'Lack of consistency', 'Difficulty driving change', 'Poor understanding of chronic wounds and products within the organisation', 'Difficulty engaging certain teams', 'Lack of funding for wound consumables in the community', 'Time constraints'.



The findings

- What do you see as potential benefits of attending a Wound CNC collaborative group?

'Sharing information, knowledge and experience', 'Networking and support', 'Driving change together', 'Professional development', 'Collaborative opportunities', 'Benchmarking processes and policies', 'Future planning', 'Research opportunities', 'Constructive debate'.

- Why would you want to attend a Wound CNC collaborative group?

'Sharing ideas', 'Sharing successful processes and what works', 'Learning from each other', 'Improving patient outcomes', 'Benchmarking processes', 'Not reinventing the wheel', 'Working together'.



Addressing the gap

- Business case submitted to Melbourne Health Foundation
- Pilot group established for 18 months
- CNCs from 12 health services around Melbourne involved
- Focusing on preventable hospital acquired skin harm, professional development opportunities and collaborative research.
- 4 meetings held so far, full review planned at the end of 2018.
- If found to be successful, aim to create long term, sustainable collaborative.



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