



Wound Care Credentialing...the Mark of Distinction®

National Alliance of Wound Care® (NAWC®) Announces Winners of the 2011 WCC® Achievement Awards and Scholarship

Glendale Wisconsin, August 26, 2011- The NAWC Board of Directors is pleased to announce the winners of the fifth (5th) annual WCC Achievement and Scholarship Awards. The awards and scholarship will be presented in person to the winners at this year's (WOW) Wild on Wounds Conference being held at Caesars Palace in Las Vegas September 9th. All winners receive free air fare and hotel accommodations to the conference.

"The accomplishments of each winner clearly illustrate their leadership and knowledge of wound care. These winners demonstrate the same passion shared by the over 11,000 WCCs across the United States. We also acknowledge and thank everyone who submitted nominations for this year's awards," said Debbie Hecker, Executive Director of the NAWC.

OUTSTANDING WORK IN DIABETIC WOUNDS went to **Nenette Brown MSN, FNP, WCC**

- Initiated a wound care program for patients at San Diego Sheriff Department Medical Service Division
- Presented this wound care program at the American Correctional Health Service Association conference last September
- Encounters many diabetic wound patients who have learned the proper way to care for their wounds through her treatment and teaching, resulting in many wounds being healed for the first time
- Designed and taught an eight hour "hands on" course for 16 RNs and LVNs

OUTSTANDING RESEARCH IN WOUND CARE went to **Connie Johnson RN, BSN, WCC**

- Gets the entire staff excited about wound care
- Uses a collaborative team approach and evidence based research
- Developed a new agency formulary and protocol
- Helped create a program to improve dialogue with physicians, SBAR (situation, background, assessment, and recommendation)
- Appointed to the Wound Care Work Group for the Home Care Association of NJ
- Presented poster in England last fall at the EPUAP

WCC® SCHOLARSHIP went to **Marlene Bilello, RN**

- Always looking out for the patient's well being

- Dedicated, hard working , conscientious nurse
- Personally assists with care of a NYC police officer paralyzed and on a ventilator for 25 years, having kept him wound free the entire time
- Breast cancer survivor , who gives back speaking on breast cancer awareness

OUTSTANDING WCC OF THE YEAR went to Beny Tadina-Himes RN, WCC

- Views wound care as a mix of art and science , and an essential part of nursing care for special patients
- Great resource and consultant for difficult cases
- Proactive , always finding a way to get the right treatment, right person and right doctor to make the proper referral
- Excels in patient education, making sure each patient understands the status and treatment and of their wound
- Partnered with the Ambulatory Care Leader and Senior Project Manager to develop the practice of wound care in the Orange County service area
- Created a wound care competency checklist for new nurses and encourages wound care certification for all nurses on her team

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