



## **Spotlight on Jeffryl Pena, BSN, RN, WCC**

### **Advancing Wound Care Through Education, Innovation, and Compassion**

This month, NAWCO proudly recognizes Jeffryl Pena, BSN, RN, WCC, as our Outstanding Clinician. Practicing at Prince Mohammed bin Abdulaziz Hospital in Riyadh, Kingdom of Saudi Arabia, Jeffryl brings passion, expertise, and a spirit of innovation to every aspect of wound care.

Prince Mohammed bin Abdulaziz Hospital is a government-owned acute care facility primarily serving trauma and MERS-CoV/COVID-19 patients. Over time, Jeffryl's role has evolved as the hospital expanded its wound care services to include chronic wound management—deepening his involvement in the mission to reduce hospital-acquired pressure injuries.

To support that goal, Jeffryl established the Pressure Injury Task Force Rounds, a collaborative initiative designed to ensure compliance, improve prevention practices, and enhance patient outcomes. Working closely with the Nursing Quality Department, nurse educators, and head nurses, he helped integrate this program into the hospital's care protocols.

In November 2021, he collaborated with Nursing Quality to organize the hospital's first Pressure Injury Day Celebration—a continuation of an advocacy campaign he began at a previous institution. The event included educational lectures, an interactive awareness booth, and a bilingual informational video (in English and Arabic) produced by Jeffryl to reach a broader audience through the hospital's internal channels and his YouTube platform. What began as a one-time event has

now become an annual tradition, helping raise awareness and promote best practices in wound and pressure injury care.

Jeffryl's passion for education extends far beyond this event. He regularly conducts in-service lectures across hospital units and has organized and presented at a two-day Comprehensive Wound Care Course attended by aspiring wound care nurses from across the region. His expertise also earned him invitations to speak at Riyadh's Second Health Cluster lectures and symposiums, further establishing him as a respected voice in the field.

For Jeffryl, the greatest reward comes from seeing his patients heal—and hearing their heartfelt words of gratitude. “It’s an incredible feeling,” he says, “to watch a wound improve day by day and to know you’ve helped change someone’s life.”

Though he practices far from his homeland, Jeffryl carries its spirit with him. In November 2023, he partnered with the Barangay Health Workers and Municipal Health Office to deliver a Pressure Injury Awareness Lecture to educate caregivers and families of bedridden patients. His dedication to sharing knowledge and empowering others transcends borders.

Through his clinical skill, compassion, and commitment to continuous learning, Jeffryl has earned the trust and admiration of both his patients and colleagues—so much so that physicians often refer cases to him, saying, “*Please do Jeffryl's magic.*”

Jeffryl's story is a powerful reminder that wound care nursing is both a science and an art—a complex, noble profession requiring not just technical skill but critical thinking, empathy, and dedication. His work continues to inspire others to see wound care for what it truly is: a vital specialty that transforms lives.

Please join NAWCO in congratulating Jeffryl Pena as this month's Outstanding Clinician

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