



## **Amy Gallagher BSN, RN, WCC**

Whether on the field, in a classroom, or in healthcare, every great team thrives because of team players—those who step up, contribute selflessly, and help others succeed. This month's Outstanding WCC, Amy Gallagher, embodies that spirit in every way. From her leadership as Co-Chair of the NAWCO Certification Committee to volunteering at the HEAL Conference, Amy is always ready to serve, support, and make a difference.

Amy's passion for wound care began in an unexpected way—through her childhood fascination with horror movies. While others might turn away, Amy was intrigued by the anatomy and science behind what she saw, sparking an early interest in healing and human resilience. She pursued nursing at Bucks County Community College and West Chester University in Pennsylvania, earning her BSN and setting the foundation for a career defined by curiosity and compassion.

Early in her nursing career, Amy worked in the Post-Anesthesia Care Unit (PACU), where she frequently collaborated with the hospital's wound center director. Her curiosity led her to ask questions about wound care and amputations, eventually earning an invitation to visit the wound center, which became a turning point that set her on a lifelong path in wound management.

As a wound care nurse, Amy is known for her ability to connect deeply with patients who may otherwise resist care. In one memorable case, she gained the trust of a schizophrenic patient who refused treatment from anyone else. Through patience, understanding, and genuine compassion, Amy broke down barriers, provided consistent care, and guided the patient to full healing and discharge. That patient interaction and transformation was an experience that reaffirmed her calling.

In addition to her clinical excellence, Amy is a leader and volunteer within NAWCO. As Co-Chair of the Certification Committee, she plays a vital role in evaluating

educational programs submitted for NAWCO certification eligibility—helping uphold the integrity and high standards of the organization’s credentials. Amy also volunteered at NAWCO’s inaugural HEAL Conference, where she stepped in wherever needed to ensure an outstanding experience for attendees.

Now, Amy is beginning a new chapter as a travel nurse, bringing her wound care expertise directly to patients who may not have access to specialized care. Her adaptability and commitment to growth reflect her belief that nurses should always be open to reinvention and new opportunities.

NAWCO is proud to recognize Amy Gallagher as this month’s Outstanding WCC. Her leadership, compassion, and team spirit make her an invaluable part of the wound care community—and a shining example of what it means to be a true team player.

If you know of a NAWCO credential holder who is making an impact in the wound care community, we would love to hear their story. Click the following link to tell us about it. <https://www.nawccb.org/excellence-in-wound-care-nominees>

