

Recognizing An Outstanding WCC  
Connie Johnson MSN, RN, WCC, DWC, OMS, LLE

Connie Johnson has been a WCC® since 2006. Since then, she has also obtained the LLE®, DWC® and OMS® certifications. She is a wound and ostomy nurse at University Medical Center in Princeton, NJ, and also serves on the NAWCO® Board of Directors. Connie is a leading advocate for preventing pressure injuries and has received multiple awards for her achievements.

During the COVID-19 crisis, Connie had concerns about how long impacted patients spent in the hospital. This concern led her to create a padding system and a rotational positioning schedule for her patients designed to help eliminate pressure injuries. After this protocol was introduced, none of her patients suffered from a pressure injury. In May 2021, Connie was recognized by [Johnson & Johnson](#) as a healthcare disruptor during the pandemic. Her approach to preventing pressure injuries has been touted as a new standard in proning and patient care that could be adopted globally.

Connie was also awarded a silver medal at the *Journal of Wound Care* [2022 Olympics of Wound Care](#) in the “Contribution to Clinical or Preclinical Research” category. Connie received this award for her work to prevent pressure injuries to patients who are in the prone (laying face down) position. Placing patients in this position helped to improve oxygenation among those who had COVID-19. Connie and her team worked to ensure that patients in the prone position did not suffer from pressure injuries to the most commonly at-risk places like the face, cheekbones, and throat. The research from this protocol was published in the [American Journal of Critical Care \(AJCC\)](#).

We are proud to have Connie Johnson representing NAWCO® as a multiple credential holder. By going beyond the status quo, Connie is disrupting conventional practices and improving her patient’s outcomes as a result. Connie is another example of the clinician making the credential.

If you know an outstanding NAWCO® certified clinician who deserves to be celebrated, please take a moment to tell us about them [HERE](#).