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National Alliance of Wound Care® Broadens Eligibility for Specialty Certification in Diabetic Wounds

- *Every 30 seconds a leg is lost to diabetes somewhere in the world*
- *85% of all diabetes-related amputations are preceded by foot ulcers*
- *Research shows that nearly all amputations can be prevented*

Lake Geneva, Wisconsin- April 2, 2012 National Alliance of Wound Care (NAWC®), the nation's largest wound care credentialing board, today announced new eligibility requirements for their successful wound care certification in the specialty of diabetic wounds. The Diabetic Wound Certified, DWC®, credential demonstrates a candidate's proficiency and mastery of essential knowledge and skills of diabetic wound management.

This specialty certification is intended to help to fill a dramatic need for certified clinicians in the growing area of diabetic wounds. Licensed healthcare professionals can now take their diabetes expertise to a specialized level. "The DWC is the only wound care credential that is specific to the diabetes disease state", said Debbie Hecker, RN MBA WCC® DWC®, Executive Director of the National Alliance of Wound Care.

Eligibility for the DWC credential now extends to more than 8,000 diabetic educators from the American Academy of Diabetic Educators (AADE) and the thousands of healthcare professionals who work with diabetic patients, in addition to the 16,000 clinicians already certified in wound care. Specific eligibility requirements are available on the NAWC website.

About NAWC

The NAWC is a non-profit organization, dedicated to the advancement and promotion of excellence in wound care through the certification of wound care practitioners. It is the largest professional wound care credentialing organization in the United States. The NAWC is among an elite group of more than 90 credentialing organizations that have received and maintained National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) accreditation. For more information about the DWC and WCC® certifications, visit the website at www.nawccb.org.

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