

Greetings from the President

It was a great honor to be appointed the sixth President in 2021.

Our Society's highly aspiring predecessors first founded the Japan Enterostomal Therapy/Wound, Ostomy and Continence (ET/WOC) Association, which was then reorganized into the Japanese Society of Wound, Ostomy, and Continence Management (JWOCM) in 2009 and registered as a general incorporated association in 2011. I am deeply humbled to accept the position of President of this Society steeped in such history.

I will strive to do my best with your kind support. Thank you in advance for your kind cooperation.

It has been 10 years since our Society was registered as a general incorporated association. Former President Hiromi Sanada, who served as President for the first three terms, set the four academic, educational, professional, and political goals (4AEPP) and was involved in many projects such as the development of ABCD-Stoma care, acquisition of reimbursement of medical fees in the area of continence, participation in nurse training programs for designated procedures, publication of "Best Practices: Prevention and Management of Skin Tear", and organization of brush-up seminars for members. In addition to taking over the operations, former President Hideko Tanaka, who served as the fourth and fifth President, started new training programs for skin care nurses, promoted remote nursing support using information and communication technology (ICT), published "Best Practices: Incontinence-Associated Dermatitis (IAD)", and performed practice evaluations of certified nurses in skin and excretory care in outpatient settings. Over the last 10 years, our Society inherited and expanded its activities to achieve the goal of "contributing to society by improving and disseminating expert knowledge through education, research, and practice in specialized areas related to the management of wounds, stoma, and continence and through collaboration with medical care providers". Such expansion of activities was made possible because professionals in various fields such as physicians, nurses, registered dietitians, and researchers in the field of science and engineering, as well as specialists in skin and excretory care were interested in our activities and joined as Society members to build an interdisciplinary network structure.

As the sixth President, I intend to continue our past efforts and develop them while leveraging the strength of our broad membership base. One of such efforts is the addition of "check" and "improvement" components to the 4AEPP, putting into place the 4AEPP-CI.

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Japan's detailed practical skills to the rest of the world. Aiming to have many members present at the 9th Asia Pacific Enterostomal Therapy Nurse Association Conference (APETNA), which took place in 2021, we incorporated oral English presentations of general topics—an initiative that started 7 years ago at the 23rd Annual Academic Conference—and also established an English support team prior to the 9th APETNA to provide English lessons and presentation support. However, presenting at APETNA was not the goal in 2020. To continue with these activities and to serve as a bridge for organizing future international conferences, we intend to include poster presentations in English in addition to the oral English presentations at our academic conferences, which will help to disseminate to the world, our country's efforts in the field of wounds, ostomy, and continence for optimal care.

In **education**, we would like to broaden our activities into constipation management, which is a problem for many elderly people and an area that is difficult to treat and care for in clinical practice. Currently, preparations up to the publishing of Best Practices of Constipation Management have been completed. In the future, we would like to establish an ad hoc committee to address strategies for preventing constipation and develop educational programs. Furthermore, we intend to verify their educational effects.

In the area of **professional work**, we have organized clinical skin care nurse training workshops since 2017, and offer certification for clinical skin care nurses. In order to better inform others about post-certification activities, we want to build an activity model for clinical skin care nurses in community-based integrated care systems, and support the activities of those who have received their certification.

As a **political activity**, we intend to promote activities aiming to obtain reimbursement of medical fees. We believe that pursuing political activities will promote team-based healthcare and contribute to society.

Furthermore, as part of the additional component added this time, **checks** will consist of assessing the effectiveness of the clinical practice of clinical skin care nurses. We also intend to verify the effects of constipation management practices.

In order to promote the instruction of remote nursing support using ICT, working towards **improvement**, we will examine how ABCD-Stoma care is being used and develop a system that will allow the smooth implementation of nursing instructions.

The outcomes of these CI activities will be linked to the 4AEPP.

As mentioned above, we will promote these academic activities and further strengthen our role as a leading academic society in the specialized field of nursing. Thank you in advance for your kind support, guidance, and encouragement.