

Greetings from the President

I am honored to have been appointed as the 8th President of the Society. I would like to express my sincere respect for the achievements of my predecessors, and I am committed to building upon their legacy while advancing new initiatives.

Since its founding, the Society has been built upon the four pillars of 4AEPP: Academic Activities, Education, Professional Work, and Policy Engagement.

During the 1st through 3rd terms, significant progress was made in establishing our academic foundation and

strengthening institutional frameworks. These achievements included the development of ABCD-Stoma® and ABCD-Stoma® Care, securing medical reimbursement in the field of incontinence, participation in training programs for specific medical procedures, and the publication of best practices for skin tears.

In the 4th and 5th terms, further advancements were realized, including the training of clinical skin care nurses, the evaluation of outpatient nursing activities, and the introduction of ICT-based remote nursing support.

Building upon these developments, the 6th and 7th terms expanded the Society's activities through enhanced international outreach and the creation of bowel management workshops. The introduction of the 4AEPP-CI framework, incorporating Check and Improvement, further strengthened the Society's presence both domestically and internationally.

Based on this trajectory, the 8th term will pursue the following policies:

Academic Activities — Deepening International Academic Outreach

We will further disseminate our accumulated evidence and innovations globally. In addition to expanding opportunities for English oral and poster presentations, we will contribute to the advancement of WOC care throughout Asia and beyond.

Education — Advancing Learning Opportunities Across Generations

We will continue to enhance the appeal of our educational programs to inspire the next generation of nurses. At the same time, we will establish mechanisms that enable



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experienced “Platinum WOCNs” to play an active role in education and community activities, fostering cross-generational learning.

Professional Work — Enhancing Quality Through Data and ICT

We will promote the use of ICT and databases to visualize, share, and analyze members’ practices and outcomes. This will support objective evaluation and further strengthen the credibility of WOC nursing in clinical settings.

Policy Engagement — Proposals for Sustainable System Design

Recognizing the growing importance of WOC care in an aging society, we will strengthen our efforts to contribute from an institutional and policy perspective. This includes advancing proposals related to medical reimbursement and community-based integrated care systems.

Under the motto **“Connect, Nurture, and Expand WOC Care,”** the 8th term is committed to promoting international collaboration, enhancing member services, fostering future leaders, and contributing to the quality of life of the public.

Together with our members, we will continue to advance the Society’s mission and activities with pride and responsibility. We greatly appreciate your continued support and collaboration.