EDUCATION - EWMA POSITION

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The European Wound Management Association Educational Development Project first began in October 2000. This project aims to produce a flexible framework for the delivery of inter-disciplinary wound management education across Europe accommodating national variations in health care provision to raise the profile of wound care in a variety of health care settings.

A modular curricula framework has been designed that incorporates various aspects of wound management including Leg Ulcer Management, Diabetic Foot Ulcer, Pressure Ulcer Prevention/Management, Oncology Wounds, and Acute Traumatic Wounds. The establishing of a number of further modules has been planned for the coming year. These modules set a benchmark standard for quality wound related education and are being used to evaluate the quality of existing and new courses.

The panel has the past year worked on the approval process of endorsing programmes and short courses and to date there are 40 courses approved. This year we will begin the development of a EWMA course in connection with the annual conference. We will also continue with work already begun in the development of a train the trainers programme. In this way the education group endeavours to fulfil the aims of the association to promote advancement of education and research into native epidemiology, pathology, diagnosis, prevention and management of wounds of all aetiologies.