



**Wound care training programme**  
**Comments from participating delegates,**  
**Ireland**

A 2-day training programme was developed to cover various aspects of wound care, including topics such as healing physiology, evaluation of wounds, care procedures, pain management and choice of dressings.

**Specific remarks**

Delegates who attended training programmes in three cities (Cork, Dublin and Galway) in Ireland found the presentations to be excellent and the “expertise of the presenters inspiring”. Wound care was a subject in which training appeared to be lacking; therefore this programme was seen as a welcome opportunity to learn more about this topic, while the extended, 2-day course was preferable and deemed more productive than shorter courses.

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**Delegates**

In all three locations, the majority (46%–77%) of the delegates were community pharmacists, with others being qualified assistant pharmacists and pharmacists based in hospitals and academia. Many (24%–58%) of the delegates worked full time with 8%–28% being employees in pharmacies.

Virtually all (89%–100%) the delegates found the training programme enjoyable with the majority (67%–100%) of attendees feeling that the programme met their expectations. Nearly all (94%–100%) rated the quality of the presentations, resources and accompanying written materials as excellent or good. Thirty-six percent of delegates had found they had learnt the most on the range of available dressings; indeed, one delegate commented that they didn’t know about the existence of many of the dressings prior to this training programme. Many others (14%) commented that they had gained knowledge on treating burns that could improve their management of these wounds. Indeed, attending the programme had inspired 72%–86% of the delegates to change how they would practice pharmacy.

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### **Future**

Many of the delegates thought that the programme provided a good grounding in several features of wounds and their management; the programme could be tailored to the specific needs of the audience by including detailed training in certain wounds and also incorporating a specialised practical session on the latest available dressings and techniques. Other potential options for teaching were: create web-based lecture programmes; provide learning packages; provide a booklet on available wound dressings; and offer hospital pharmacists the opportunity of attending such a training programme.