

The United States announces its bid to host the World Union of Wound Healing Societies Congress 2030

The World Union of Wound Healing Societies (WUWHS) and its associated quadrennial congress has long served as a premier international forum for advancing and distributing knowledge related to the science and practice of wound care. The congress is more than a scientific meeting, it represents a unique opportunity for clinicians, researchers, educators, industry leaders, and patient advocates from around the world to come together with a shared purpose—to improve the lives of patients through collaboration, innovation, and education.

It is with great enthusiasm that I announce the United States' bid to host the World Union of Wound Healing Societies Congress in Las Vegas, Nevada, September 4–8, 2030. Should our bid be selected, this would mark the first time that the WUWHS Congress has been hosted in the United States, representing an exciting milestone for our global wound care community.

Our proposed theme, *"One World, One Vision: Transforming Wound Care Through Global Collaboration,"* reflects a simple but important belief: the future of wound care depends upon our ability to learn from one another, understand and embrace diverse perspectives, and work together across disciplines, cultures, and geographic boundaries. While healthcare systems and clinical practices may differ throughout the world, our commitment to improving patient outcomes remains universal.

The strength of the United States bid lies in the remarkable collaboration that has brought it forward. The Wound Healing Society, which I currently serve as President, is honored to serve as the sponsoring society, joined by two outstanding supporting organizations; the Association for the Advancement of Wound Care (AAWC) and the National Pressure Injury Advisory Panel (NPIAP). These 3 societies were the existing WUWHS affiliated American societies at the time of bid submission and represent a unified US bid. Each organization brings unique expertise in research, education, clinical practice, guideline development, advocacy, and multidisciplinary collaboration. Together, we believe this

partnership reflects the collaborative spirit that has always defined WUWHS.

Equally important is our commitment to ensuring that the congress remains truly global in both perspective and participation. The proposed governance structure has been intentionally designed to incorporate international representation throughout scientific planning, organizational leadership, and strategic guidance. Our goal is to create a congress that reflects the diversity of the worldwide wound care community while providing meaningful opportunities for collaboration among established leaders and the next generation of clinicians and scientists.

Las Vegas provides an exceptional setting for an international congress of this magnitude. Safe, clean, with ample congress meeting and hotel space for various budgets, is an ideal location. Its accessibility through direct international and domestic flights, outstanding hospitality infrastructure, and world-class convention facilities make it uniquely positioned to welcome attendees from every region of the world. The newly built Caesars Forum offers the modern meeting space necessary to support a comprehensive scientific program while fostering the networking, mentorship, and informal interactions that often become the most valuable aspects of international meetings.

The scientific vision for WUWHS 2030 is centered on creating a dynamic educational experience that reflects the breadth and diversity of contemporary wound care. Planned programming includes plenary lectures, focused scientific sessions, regional perspectives, educational workshops, instructional courses, symposia, and oral abstract presentations. Our objective is to showcase groundbreaking research while emphasizing practical clinical applications that improve patient care across healthcare settings throughout the world.

An important strength of this effort is the partnership with HMP Global, whose four decades of experience producing international healthcare meetings, including the largest US based wound meeting, the Symposium on Advanced Wound Care (SAWC), provides the operational expertise

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necessary to deliver a congress that meets the highest international standards. Their longstanding collaboration with numerous wound care societies has consistently demonstrated an ability to create educational experiences that are scientifically rigorous, operationally excellent, and globally inclusive. I have personally worked with HMP Global co-directing the SAWC meetings for over 30 years.

As someone who has had the privilege of working alongside colleagues throughout the international wound care community for many years, I have witnessed firsthand the extraordinary progress that results when knowledge, experience, and innovation are shared openly. I have attended the WUWHS meetings for 25 years. WUWHS has played an essential role in fostering these relationships, and its continued success depends upon maintaining an environment where every region, discipline, and professional perspective is welcomed and valued.

The United States bid is grounded in that philosophy. Our vision is not simply to host an outstanding congress, but to create an experience that strengthens international partnerships, promotes scientific excellence, inspires future leaders, and advances our collective mission of improving outcomes for patients with wounds around the world.

Over the coming months, we look forward to sharing additional details about the bid and engaging with colleagues across the global wound care community. Regardless of the outcome, I look forward to joining the global wound community in Kuala Lumpur for WUWHS 2026. Our team is grateful for the opportunity to participate in this process and to celebrate the remarkable international collaboration that defines WUWHS. We hope you will join us in this exciting journey as we work toward bringing the World Union of Wound Healing Societies Congress to the United States in 2030.