

Sociedade Brasileira de Tratamento Avançado de Feridas (SOBRATAFE)



With over 1,700 members, we are South America's first and largest dedicated wound care society. Since 2005, we have dedicated ourselves to the promotion and advancement of clinical knowledge, research and practices related to complex and chronic wound treatment. We organise scientific events, including the bi-annual SGAWCM (Sobratafe Global Advanced Wound Care Meeting) which brings together international experts and multidisciplinary professionals to discuss the latest innovations in wound care.

In addition to this, we offer professional training and workshops, encourage multidisciplinary collaboration, and are vocal advocates for evidence-based wound care practice.

We held our first small symposia in 2011; since then, we have grown to deliver impactful large-scale, in-person events, putting Brazil on the map when it comes to wound care. Our latest meeting attracted 3,000 participants from over 25 countries worldwide and was translated into English for our Latin American, North American and European guests. We have a proven track record of reach and influence, not only outside of Brazil but also outside of South America and across the world. In addition to this, we have delivered exceptional, fully translated events online, coordinating hundreds of speakers over 30 time zones.

As our society has grown and continues to grow, we have collaborated with several organisations including SBACV (Brazilian Society of Angiology and Vascular Surgery), ABTPE (Brazilian Foot and Ankle Society) and the Brazilian Nursing Society. In addition, we have worked with SBMH (Brazilian Society of Hyperbaric Medicine) and those responsible for DLS (diabetic limb salvage) and ACCHIEHC (Asociacion Cientifica Chilena Estomas Heridas Continencia).

Our bid comes with the full support of SOBEST (Brazilian Society of Stomatherapy) SOBENDE (Brazilian Society of Nursing and Dermatology) and SoBENFeE (Brazilian Society of Nursing and Aesthetics).

Our bid will also support on-demand access via a new digital hub to ensure those unable to attend in person will have the full experience online. We have done this before with great success. In 2021, following the COVID-19 pandemic, the European Wound Management Association (EWMA) supported the SGAWCM to pivot rapidly to online-only. With over 200 speakers booked, half of them international, we were able to deliver an innovative, fully connected platform with real-time discussions, respecting the time-zone of the 30 participating countries. The event was translated and subtitled into three languages (Portuguese, Spanish and English), with the English-speaking countries positively reporting that they were able to interact, understand and discuss content with the Latin American speakers, thanks to a lack of barriers.

As a society, our goal has always been for a more inclusive tomorrow in advanced wound care. Our bid strives to build on our learnings and recent developments in technology to make a truly immersive experience for all participants, no matter their language, location or economic background. With our bid, we welcome the opportunity to learn, teach, exchange knowledge and expand our large family of wound care professionals. It's imperative that we maintain a strong link with developed countries, which are starting to use new technologies early, and encourage us as professionals to continuously learn and grow.