Combatting antimicrobial misuse in Wound Care

The WHO has identified the following as key factors contributing to general misuse of antimicrobials: diagnostic uncertainty, lack of skills, failure to properly utilise clinical guidelines, and insufficient implementation of basic policies to promote rational use.

Infection is one of the most frequent complications in wound management; consequently, antimicrobial agents are readily used in the treatment of wounds. Alarmingly, it is estimated that approximately 50% of antibiotic use, in both outpatient and inpatient settings, is inappropriate. Specific for wound management is the use of topical antimicrobial agents, for which misuse is believed to be as serious as the misuse of orally or intravenously administered antibiotics, and EWMA is dedicated to facing this challenge.

To strengthen our knowledge and educational power we have joined forces with the British Society for Antimicrobial Chemotherapy for this educational event.

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**Thursday 14 May**
14:15-18:00
South Gallery 11-12

**Title: Antimicrobial stewardship in wound management**

**Joint Symposium of BSAC and EWMA**

**Symposium objectives**
Enlighten on innovations and best practices in the prevention, diagnosis, and treatment of wound infection.
Educate about the challenges of antimicrobial resistance in wound care.
Inspire and prepare the audience to work with and implement antimicrobial stewardship programmes

14:15-16:50 Antimicrobial Stewardship in Wound Management
16:55-17:55 Master class: Case Studies in Antimicrobial Wound Management

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