ESTABLISHMENT OF DOCTOR EDUCATION IN WOUND HEALING
– WILL IT MAKE A DIFFERENCE? (ITALIAN CME SYSTEM)

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After five years of testing, in 2008, has finally started the definitive phase of the Italian Programme in Continuing Medical Education that covers all health professions recognized. During the period 2008-2010, every professional must acquire 150 credits (1 credit corresponds to an average of one hour of educational work) as follows:
-- 50 credits per year (minimum 30 and maximum 70).
Credits are not due by those who attend in Italy or abroad, post-base courses of its category (eg Masters, PhD) for the duration of these courses.
Since the commitment to each professional is quite significant (from 6 to 8 working/days per year/per capita) training mode that is spreading more is constituted by local events. These are frequently interdisciplinary meetings, closely related to the clinical activities such as: Audit, seminar, workshops, journal club, etc. Still a part of clinical quality improvement project development could be enrolled in the CME System. Less weight has distance learning.
In this context it is very probable that the field of wound care continues to remain fairly marginal in the continuing education of doctors, who tend to prefer educational events related to its specialty. A stronger impetus may come from the desire to address issues of wound care in home care and nursing home settings, where this problem is reflected on the workload of both doctors' and nurses.
The role of scientific societies of wound care can be crucial, especially at the regional level, trying to convince the groups of professionals to improve their competence in this field and offering specific didactic materials and courseware.