



“A World Without Skin Tears” Day 2026

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Time	Presentation	Presenter(s)
8:00	Introduction	Dr. Karen Ousey, PhD, MA, PGDE, RN (United Kingdom) ISTAP President
8:05-8:35	The Financial Burden of Skin Tears: A Health Economic Perspective (Panel Discussion)	Dr. Ray Samuriwo, PhD (United Kingdom) ISTAP President-Elect Dr. Vijay Gc, PhD (United Kingdom); Dr. Kimberly LeBlanc, PhD, MN, BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FCAN, FNSWOC (Canada); Dr. Anika Fourie, PhD, M.Sc., RN, IIWCC (Belgium); Emmy Nokaneng, B Sc. B Ch D. PG Dip Odont. M Ch D (South Africa); Dr. Karen Ousey, PhD, MA, PGDE, RN (United Kingdom) ISTAP President
8:35-9:05	Skin Tears & Wound Care and Dementia	Dr. Kimberly LeBlanc, PhD, MN, BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FCAN, FNSWOC (Canada)
9:05-9:35	Skin Tear Made Easy	Emmy Nokaneng, B Sc. B Ch D. PG Dip Odont. M Ch D (South Africa)
9:35-10:05	Creating a Culture of Patient Safety: “How did my mother get that skin tear?”	Richard Grynas, Retired Air Canada Pilot (Canada); Interviewed by Cathy Harley, eMBA, RN, IIWCC (Canada)
10:05-10:35	Adapting the Skin Tear Classification Tool to Support Indigenous Cultural Safety	Michelle Buffalo, BScN, RN, NSWOC, WOCC(C) (Canada); Bev Smith, BScN, RN, NSWOC (Canada); Dr. Kevin Woo, PhD, RN, FAPWCA, NSWOC, WOCC(C), FNSWOC (Canada)
10:35-10:50	Health Break	
10:50-11:20	Skin Tears in the Community	Nicole Flannery, NP Wound Management (Australia)
11:20-12:00	Solutions on the Spot: Challenging Skin Tear Case Studies from around the world	Cases presented by: Pía Mabel Molina, RN, CCRN, MSN, PhD (Chile) Regional Director Latin America - Spanish Dr. Laura Swoboda, DNP, APRN, FNP-C, FNP-BC, CWOCN-AP, WOCNF (USA); ISTAP Regional Director North America - USA Dr. Jeannie Donnelly, PhD., Dip. Wound Healing & Tissue Repair, B.Sc. (Hon's) Health Studies, RN, ONC (United Kingdom) ISTAP Regional Director United Kingdom
12:00-12:20	Q&A Period	Moderated by Dr. Ray Samuriwo, PhD (United Kingdom) ISTAP President-Elect
12:20-12:30	Closing Remarks: What's Next?	Dr. Ray Samuriwo, PhD (United Kingdom) ISTAP President-Elect

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