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**AMERICAN BOARD OF WOUND MANAGEMENT
ELECTS DAVID E. MAHON, MD, FACS, CWSP®, AS PRESIDENT**

David E. Mahon, MD, FACS, CWSP®, a general and trauma surgeon at Northwest Community Hospital in Arlington Heights, IL, has been elected president of the American Board of Wound Management (ABWM). The ABWM is a non-profit organization which administers a certification process for health professionals in the field of wound management.

Mahon earned the designation of Certified Wound Specialist® (CWS®) in 2004 and Certified Wound Specialist Physician® (CWSP®) in 2014. He joined the American Board of Wound Management as a board member in 2007. In addition to his general surgery practice, Mahon also serves as director of Northwest Community Hospital's wound center and director of the hospital's trauma service. He authored a chapter, "Surgical Considerations in Wound Care," in the textbook Wound Healing, published in 2010. Prior to his election as president, Mahon served as treasurer of the ABWM for two terms.

"I'm excited to lead the ABWM during a time of tremendous growth and advancement in the field of wound care," Mahon said. "We're starting to understand more about the science and physiology of chronic wounds, and from a practical perspective, wound care is really evolving into its own specialty," he said.

Today's wound care professionals need specialized knowledge and experience to understand and utilize the range of new technologies and treatments now available, Mahon said. "The best wound care involves a multi-disciplinary approach – nurses and physical therapists working with physicians and podiatrists to optimize wound healing." That multi-disciplinary approach is reflected in the ABWM certification process which includes examinations certifying a broad range of specialists.

Mahon said one of his goals as ABWM president is to raise public awareness about the evolving specialty of wound care. "I hope to focus on educating the public about what a wound care specialist does along with the significance of earning wound care certification from ABWM," he said. The ABWM certification process requires health care professionals to have at least three years of experience in wound care. They are then eligible to take a rigorous exam that tests their knowledge on a wide range of wound care principles, practices and science.

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