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Dr. Laura Edsberg is director of the Center for Wound Healing Research and the Natural & Health Sciences Research Center at Daemen College in Amherst, New York, as well as an associate professor in the Natural Sciences department. Dr. Edsberg is a past- President of the National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel. She was co-chair of the NPUAP 2016 Staging Consensus Conference. She received her bachelor's degree from Cornell University and her master's and doctoral degrees from the State University of New York at Buffalo. She has written numerous articles and chapters about the microstructural and mechanical properties of pressure ulcer tissue, and is an internationally recognized expert in the field. Dr. Edsberg's research is focused on the proteome of healing and non-healing wounds. Currently her research group is working to identify biomarkers associated with healing in wounds.

Carolyn Lund RN, MS, FAAN

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Carolyn Lund has been a Neonatal Clinical Specialist in the NICU at Children's Hospital Oakland for over 30 years, and is an Associate Clinical Professor in the school of nursing at the University of California San Francisco. She has contributed to knowledge of neonatal skin care through original research in the areas of skin maturation, skin integrity and adhesive damage, and how bathing affects the newborn's skin barrier function and the skin microbiome. As the science team leader for the evidence-based practice project on neonatal skin care for the Association of Women's Health, Obstetrics and Neonatal Nurses and the National Association of Neonatal Nurses, the Neonatal Skin Care Guideline was first developed and then evaluated in 51 nurseries in the US in 2001; revisions to the guideline were subsequently published in 2007 and 2013. She has also published articles on surgical conditions such as gastroschisis and ostomy care, and has contributed chapters in medical and nursing textbooks including the WOCN Society's Core Curriculum

**Kathleen M Vollman MSN, RN, CCNS,
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Ms Vollman is a Critical Care Clinical Nurse Specialist, Educator and Consultant. She has published & lectured nationally and internationally on a variety of pulmonary, critical care, prevention of health care acquired injuries, work culture & professional nursing topics. From 1989 to 2003 she functioned in the role of Clinical Nurse Specialist for the Medical ICU's at Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit Michigan. Currently her company, ADVANCING NURSING LLC, is focused on creating empowered work environments for nurses through the acquisition of greater skills and knowledge. In 2004, Kathleen was inducted into the College of Critical Care Medicine, in 2009 she was inducted into the American Academy of Nurses. In 2012, Ms Vollman was appointed to serve as an honorary ambassador to the World Federation of Critical Care Nurses.

Mary Anne Obst RN, BSN, CWON, CCRN;
Complex Abdomen Specialist
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Mary Anne became a nurse in 1987 and worked at a small western Wisconsin community hospital. She started her career at St. Paul Ramsey Medical Center in the early 90's. She worked in the surgical/trauma critical care unit until 2010 and was a flight nurse for Life Link III. Several years ago, she started working with Dr. Dries managing patients with complex abdomens and became certified by the webWOC nursing education program as a CWON. She currently works for the Department of Surgery at Regions Hospital as a complex abdomen specialist. Her main interest is enteric fistula management and pre-surgical conditioning. She is part of the Complex Abdominal Reconstruction Service (CARS) participating in design of creative wound plans to compliment a good quality of life for the complex abdomen patient.

David J. Dries, MSE, MD;
Division Medical Director
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Professor of Surgery & Anesthesiology
John F. Perry, Jr. Chair of Trauma Surgery
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Dr. Dries is trained in electrical and biomedical engineering before completing medical school at the University of Chicago. Dr. Dries subsequently trained in General Surgery with added qualifications in Critical Care. He has been at Regions Hospital in St. Paul and the University of Minnesota since 1999. Current research interests are inflammatory changes in the lung as mediated by mechanical ventilation, physiology of mechanical ventilation in the setting of critical illness and resuscitation of the critically ill patient. Dr. Dries has worked with Mary Anne Obst, RN, WOCN for the past several years in development of the CARS Program at Regions Hospital for patients with fistulas and complex abdominal problems.

Dr. Dries is the Division Medical Director for Surgical Care for HealthPartners Medical Group and Chief of Surgery at Regions Hospital, the Level I Adult and Pediatric Trauma and Burn Center in St. Paul. He is also Professor of Surgery & Anesthesiology, Clinical Adjunct Professor of Emergency Medicine and the *John F. Perry, Jr. Chair of Trauma Surgery* at the University of Minnesota.

**Ruth A. Bryant MS, RN, CWOCN |PhD
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Ruth Bryant, currently completing her PhD in Nursing at Washington State University, practices WOC nursing at Sacred Heart Medical Center and Children's Hospital in Spokane. She is also the Scholar In Residence (SIR) for Providence Health Care. Ruth received her Baccalaureate in Nursing from Mount Marty College in Yankton, South Dakota, graduated with an ET Certificate from the Jewish Hospital Washington University School of Enterostomal Therapy in St. Louis Missouri and a Masters of Science in Nursing at the University of Minnesota. Ruth has a national and international reputation in WOC (wound, ostomy continence) nursing. Ruth has been involved in teaching WOC nursing for the past 30 years beginning with the WOC Nursing Education Program at Abbott Northwestern Hospital in Minneapolis, MN where she had a joint Faculty/CNS position and later became Program Director. Most recently, in 2000, Ruth co- founded and co-created the first online WOC Nursing Education Program (webWOC Nursing Education) and was the Program Director for 10 years. Professionally, Ruth served for 4 years as President of the Wound Ostomy Continence Nurses (WOCN) Society and is currently on the Board of Directors for the American Association for Wound Care (AAWC). Ruth has written on topics such as wound healing, fistula management, diverticulitis, pediatric GI surgeries, types of stomas, and pressure ulcer prevention programs. She is the founding editor of the textbook "Acute and Chronic Wounds" now in its 5th edition and AJNs 2012 Medical-Surgical Book of the Year Award. Ruth has spoken nationally and internationally on a wide variety of topics related wound, ostomy, and continence Nursing.