

Portuguese Teacher Network based on the EWMA Teacher Network model

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Aim: To present the Portuguese Wound Society – ELCOS Teacher network – REFE.PT as structure to support and develop multidisciplinary advanced training and wound education in Portugal.

Method: We carry out a qualitative research design by exploration the potential of REFE.PT based on a SWOT analysis in order to define aims and scope of intervention. Reflecting on the network potential, we consider and present the strengths, weaknesses, opportunities, and threats related with the REFE.PT implementation and developing in the Portuguese context.

Results / Discussion: The implementation of a national network at this level will: 1. Increase collaboration on the objectives, structure and content of future wound management education and training in Portugal; 2. Explore the possibilities of promoting sustainable lifelong learning programmes for teachers and trainers in the area of wounds; 3. Promote quality and excellence in training within the scope of the approach to people with wounds in the context of the promotion of evidence-based health care and, therefore, contribute to a greater incorporation of knowledge and dissemination of innovation in this area.

Conclusion: REFE.PT proposes to aggregate and stimulate spaces for reflection and sharing that are of common interest to all teachers and trainers in the area of wounds, maintaining the multidisciplinary and multi-professional perspective, including the promotion of a broad debate on the incorporation at national, regional and local levels of the various training curricula built by EWMA. It will also seek to provide greater support in education and training regarding the advanced care of people with wounds.