

PAWSIC Announces Formation of Advisory Committee, Welcoming Dr. Tom Stewart as Inaugural Advisor

February 3, 2025 – The Post-Acute Wound & Skin Integrity Council (PAWSIC), a non-profit interprofessional collaboration dedicated to advancing patient-centered team approaches in post-acute care, proudly announces the formation of its inaugural Advisory Committee. This significant milestone, coinciding with PAWSIC's second anniversary, underscores the organization's commitment to strategic growth and reinforces its mission to improve patient outcomes. PAWSIC is assembling a team of experienced leaders to provide guidance and support, ensuring alignment with its core values.

PAWSIC is honored to welcome Dr. Tom Stewart as the first member of its Advisory Committee. Dr. Stewart's distinguished career and profound expertise in wound care make him an invaluable asset to the organization.

Dr. Stewart brings a wealth of experience to this role. He is the President of Stewart Consulting, an adjunct Senior Associate Clinical Professor at Daemen University, former President of Gaymar Industries Inc., and former VP of Clinical Affairs for Stryker's Medical Division. A true pioneer in the field, Dr. Stewart founded the National Pressure Injury Advisory Panel (NPIAP) in 1986 and received the Panel's inaugural "Thomas Stewart Founder's Award" in 2003.

For over 40 years, Dr. Stewart has dedicated his career to the study of pressure injury pathophysiology, wound healing, support surface design, and thermal physiology. His extensive research has resulted in numerous publications in peer-reviewed journals, a book chapter on Support Surfaces, and various patents for therapeutic patient temperature control. A sought-after speaker at national and international conferences, he also serves on the editorial boards of several prestigious journals, including the *International Wound Journal* and *WOUNDS*.

Dr. Stewart's contributions to the field have earned him widespread recognition, including a Lifetime Achievement Award from the World Union of Wound Healing Societies (2008). His service also includes membership on the Dean's Advisory Council for the School of Engineering at SUNY at Buffalo, appointment by the NY State Governor to the Board of the Roswell Park Comprehensive Cancer Institute (2009-2016), and service as Immediate Past Chair of the Daemen University Board of Trustees (2016-2019).

"We are incredibly honored to welcome Dr. Stewart to our Advisory Committee," said Dr. Jeanine Maguire, PAWSIC President and Chief Clinical Delivery Officer, THP. "His unparalleled expertise, visionary leadership, and compassionate approach resonate perfectly with PAWSIC's mission. We are confident that his guidance will be instrumental in helping us achieve our goals and positively impact the lives of those we serve."

PAWSIC is excited to begin this new chapter with the support of its Advisory Committee and looks forward to a future of continued growth and positive change in post-acute care.

About PAWSIC:

PAWSIC is an interprofessional team that serves as a resource and advocate for all stakeholders in post acute care for all skin and wound conditions. PAWSIC offers professional memberships for all disciplines and free memberships for patients, their families, nursing assistants and all students.

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