



## **MEDIA RELEASE**

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### **VIRTUAL WOUND CENTRE TO LEAD TRAINING FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONALS**

Silver Chain, Curtin University and WoundsWest are proud to commence preparations for a virtual Wound Clinical Education Centre which will provide opportunities for education and competency development in wound management for all health professionals.

Silver Chain Chief Executive Officer, Mr Chris McGowan, noted that wound prevention and management is fundamental core business for all health workers.

“Made possible by the Federal Government’s Innovative Clinical Teaching and Training Grant, The Wound Clinical Education Centre will bridge the ‘theory-practice’ gap and expose students and clinicians to an extensive variety of wound prevention, assessment and management situations. It will provide innovative experience which will best prepare students and novice practitioners for direct patient care,” said Mr McGowan.

“Students will be able to develop and achieve clinical competency in wound procedures prior to clinical placements. Similarly, vocational students, clinicians and health workers will be able to gain experience or achieve or be re-evaluated for clinical competency in a simulated setting, when opportunities in their workplace are limited.”

Professor Phillip Della, Head of Curtin’s School of Nursing and Midwifery, said the Centre will offer cutting edge technology to students.

“The Centre will contain a dedicated wound simulation ward, which will include the latest diagnostic and treatment technology and custom made ‘real-life’ acute and chronic latex wounds and simulation models. The Centre will also house a computer resource laboratory, which will facilitate students access to WoundsWest’s interactive online Education Program and other online programs developed at Curtin,” said Professor Della.

The project is expected to open for training by second Semester this year.

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*From Left:*

Professor Phillip Della, Head of Curtin's School of Nursing and Midwifery;  
The Hon. Nicola Roxon MP, Minister for Health and Ageing; and  
Mr Chris McGowan, Chief Executive Officer, Silver Chain.

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