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CANADIAN ASSOCIATION OF WOUND CARE (pg 1043)

Ms. Helena Jaczek: On March 22 of this year, I had the privilege of attending a reception here at Queen's Park hosted by the Canadian Association of Wound Care, also known as the CAWC. This non-profit organization is comprised of health care professionals and stakeholders dedicated to the advancement of wound care in Canada. Their efforts include advancing professional education, supporting investments in wound management and prevention research, informing and educating the public, and empowering patients and the people who care for them.

As a physician, I can speak from first-hand experience that both education and proper care for wounds is essential if patients want to be on the steady road to recovery. Wounds from surgery, pressure ulcers and bedsores can often lead to infection and amputation if they are not properly cared for. Over two million Ontarians are seriously impacted by their wounds, at a cost of over \$1.5 billion to our health care system.

I would like to recognize the work of the volunteers, patients and health care professionals at the CAWC. Their tireless work in providing training to hospitals, long-term-care facilities and to home care providers is helping to reduce the incidence and impact of wounds, therefore relieving some of the burden from our health care system.

I ask this House to recognize the work of the attending members of this organization, as well as Patricia Coutts, board chair; Karen Philp, chief executive officer; and Emily Wills, government relations and communication coordinator.