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Kathy Gallagher is the co-developer of the Acute Surgical Wound Service at Christiana Care Health Services, a large level1trauma center in Delaware. Her primary interest has been addressing the individualized needs of those affected with traumatic injuries. She advocates a team approach to harmonize a continuum of patient care from inpatient into surgery and to outpatient settings. She has shared success stories of optimizing wound outcomes through local, national, and international presentations to all levels of health care providers: surgeons, hospitalists, medical assistants, nurses, nurse practitioners/physician assistants, surgical/medical residents. Although she has spoken about a variety of wound management topics, she is passionate about limb preservation and patient accountability. Her efforts to reduce patients’ pain resulted in her innovative skin graft donor site dressing which many other facilities have since adopted. To promote earlier awareness of advanced wound care methodologies, she also is an adjunct professor for Wilmington University’s Nurse Practitioner Program. To further enhance her current facility’s wound care knowledge, Dr. Gallagher designed a comprehensive website as an around-the-clock resource database. She has published her findings and research in multiple professional journals and online wound blogs.