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Dear Readers,

Welcome to the 1st issue of the DARCO Europe E-Journal, a quarterly publication designed for the medical community, institutions and distributors throughout Europe; providing information about the treatment of the foot & ankle.

With the DARCO Europe E-Journal, you will have regular updates and special feature segments of varying topics. For example, the DARCO product section, will analyse the benefits and application of a particular product. In our ‘Expertise’ section, we will share some of our 30 years of accumulated experience and know-how. This knowledge base segment will offer valuable, practical information that will prove to be a useful tool in your day-to-day business. In addition, you’ll find a schedule of upcoming key events from around the continent that may interest you and your associates. These are events DARCO is involved with and where DARCO products will be featured.

It’s the extra valued service we want to provide and it’s our goal for you to benefit from this practical and concise Journal. We hope you enjoy reading the DARCO E-Journal and that it will prove to be an effective, as well as reliable reference for you and your colleagues.

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Gesellschaft für Fuß- und Sprunggelenkchirurgie e.V.
Society for Foot and Ankle Surgery

DARCO member of Woundcare-Circle on the spot:

Paris, The French Wound healing meeting is now in its 19th year and averages 4000 attendees each year. The commercial exhibition features French, European and International companies focused on wounds and wound healing.

Simultaneously the International Workshop on Wound Technology (IWWT) continues to facilitate the exchange of ideas, knowledge and experience between wound practitioners and experts in wound healing with an international perspective.

Come & Join our Woundcare-Circle Booth 33/35! www.mfcongres.com
DARCO MedSurg
Postoperative shoe

The DARCO MedSurg Shoe is one of the most versatile postoperative shoes on the market today. The original insole can be customized to better meet the needs of individual patients.

Use for postoperative, trauma or for wound care treatment

Features and Benefits
The DARCO MedSurg Shoe is designed to provide the foot with solid protection and accommodate bulky bandages with ease. It features a square-toe design to provide added protection for the toes. The sole has a MetaShank design that provides added support to the metatarsal region when walking. Extra-long straps accommodate even the bulkiest dressings. It also eliminates any added pressure caused by more traditional D ring closures that can irritate the forefoot area.

Very aggressive tread at the midfoot provides superior traction. The reduced-friction tread at the toe and heel helps accommodate toe drag and heel scuff, minimizing the risk of accidental tripping. The elastic Velcro® strap around the front of the ankle prevents the product from slipping off the heel. The DARCO MedSurg has a rocker bottom sole which is designed to reduce pressure on the bottom surface of your foot by up to 25% for a more comfortable walking experience.

> **Square toe design** acts as a bumper to provide additional protection when K-wires are present.
> **MetaShank Protection** provides more rigid control under the metatarsal heads.
> **Strapless Closure** eliminates buckle pressure on the forefoot and can expand to accommodate dressing up to 7 cm in circumference.

> **Fully compatible with DARCO's Peg Assist off-loading insole**

Please find detailed information on our website www.darco-europe.com
Pressure reduction by using post-op shoes

Worldwide the common understanding of using post-op shoes for pressure reduction is to use devices with a stiff sole. But design and function can still make a big difference in the results.

In the 80’s, surgeons preferred to have post-op shoes with a stiff, flat sole to reduce joint movements after surgical interventions such as bunion correction surgeries. Those shoes often had a wooden sole with a canvas upper. Besides their weight, these shoes often showed heel slippage (A), increased dorsum pressure (B) and as a result increased pressure under the MT1 (C) due to a dorsoflection in the MTP1.

With the development of the Original MedSurg DARCO managed to decrease the pressure by changing the material and closing mechanism. This reduced the peak pressure under the MT Heads by up to 24 % and under the Great Toe up to 32 % compared to a standard canvas shoe.

Another possibility to reduce the negative effect of pressure is to reduce the pressure time. Therefore the current version of the MedSurg was engineered not only with an exchangeable insole made of EVA with between 30° and 35° shore A, but also with a rocker sole outside. While inside the shoe, the foot is still protected by a stiff and flat position; the rocker sole reduces the floor contact time and at the same time helps to mimic the natural gait.

This reduces the peak pressures compared to the Original MedSurg by another 21 % under the MT Heads and another 41 % under the Great Toe.

The standard insole can also be replaced by a special wound off-loading insole by DARCO, the PegAssist. More information on this issue is available through our website www.darco-europe.com/postoperative_care_pegassist_insole.html

by Raphael Boehm, Vice President DARCO Europe

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Events

January 2015

18 – 20th January 2015 | Paris, France
Conférence Nationale des Plaies et Cicatrisations
www.mfcongres.com

February 2015

17 – 21st February 2015 | Bled, Slovenia
European Train the Foot Trainers Program
www.ttft.org/ehome/97488/219051/1&

May 2015

13 – 15th May 2015 | London, Great Britain
EWMA 25th Conference of the European Wound Management Association
www.ewma2015.org

20 – 23th May 2015 | The Hague, The Netherlands
7th International Symposium on the Diabetic Foot
www.diabeticfoot.nl

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