



### **Corrine McIsaac**

How many times have you heard someone say that we need to find ways to improve patient care while saving money and making our health system more sustainable? Well, Corrine McIsaac, a nursing professor, and nurse researcher, at the Cape Breton University School of Nursing has done just that.

Corrine has a strong track record in the application of nursing research in practice environments and is regarded nationally as a leader and innovator in outcome measurement with respect to wound management. About 10 years ago, she authored an evidence-based wound management protocol which has been adopted as a standard of care by our provincial Department of Health & Wellness, and is also being used in eight other provinces.

And just last year, Corrine introduced an innovative and comprehensive web-based measurement system that allows healthcare organizations to track, monitor, and report on care and cost outcomes for wound care in real time ... so they can deliver the most effective care, in the most efficient manner, at the most affordable cost. (And, just as an aside, it has been reported that one health network in Ontario is using the system and cut its homecare costs by 1.7 million dollars over a period of just 10 months!)

Corrine's commitment to the advancement of evidence-based knowledge and best practice principles is evident in all of her academic and research activities. She regularly mentors new and junior faculty at CBU - to help them build their research portfolio in preparation for tenure - and she integrates her wealth of knowledge and expertise in her teaching of population health and community nursing to 4th year nursing students.

In addition to her acumen as a researcher, Corrine also possesses strong leadership and communication skills - making her a highly sought after speaker and facilitator for local, provincial, national, and international conferences.

Corrine is enrolled in the PhD nursing program at Dalhousie, with her scholarly research being focused on surgical site infections as a patient safety issue in home care ... something that is bound to have a significant impact on nursing practice in the community as the current level of knowledge on this topic is extremely limited.