

PREFACE

A definition of faith:

Confident belief in the truth or value of an idea or concept that does not rest on logical proof or material evidence.

The concept of honey being used today for the management of wounds requires a leap of faith from many people to proceed beyond the misconception that this is a traditional remedy, with no basis in scientific fact or evidence. However, the quality and depth of evidence is rapidly increasing and numerous wound care practitioners now regard the subject of this book as both scientifically based, and an important addition to modern wound healing.

I believe that this text will help those who are still undecided to recognise the value of medical grade honey as a viable wound treatment therapy, and also prove a useful reference guide to others already using regulated Medical Device honey products.

Advancis Medical is proud to be associated with this book and the medical Manuka honey programme. We wish to thank the editors and authors for their contributions. We would also like to thank them, and numerous unnamed clinical and microbiological specialists, for their willingness to have the initial leap in faith to investigate and pioneer the re-adoption of medical grade honey into mainstream medical practice.

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