



Samantha (Sam) Tirrell has been a WCC since 2010. She has been a nurse for 26 years and is currently the Wound Coordinator at the Crystal River Health and Rehabilitation Center in Crystal River, Florida. She has been nominated as an outstanding WCC by Matthew Smith, who worked with Samantha as a supply vendor.

When Matthew would visit Crystal River, Samantha would go through each of her patients to discuss the supply needs for each one. She was always intentional about making sure that each patient had the specific supplies needed for their treatment and not just bulk order to fill the supply closet. For two years Matthew paid monthly visits to Samantha's facility where she would go through the same process to ensure that her patients had the individualized care they needed. When asked about why he nominated Samantha for recognition as an outstanding WCC, Matthew stated, "Sam is exceptional at what she does for her wound care patients- always making sure to treat the whole patient, not just the hole in the patient. In my 5 years with my company, I have yet to work with a nurse anywhere who exudes the passion for wound care that Sam does."

In addition to being an amazing nurse for her patients, Samantha is also considered a go-to leader at Crystal River. Her reputation and expertise at her facility prompts other nurses to regularly approach her with questions relating to wound care and beyond. Samantha is passionate about sharing her knowledge with others and will often take colleagues with her as a training opportunity when seeing patients. She especially enjoys working with the CNA's by teaching them skills and empowering them to take on more responsibilities.

Leaving a lasting impression on someone is the mark of a genuine and unique individual. Samantha is that person every day for the patients she treats and the colleagues she works with and mentors. She is yet another example of the clinician making the credential. We are proud to have Samantha representing NAWCO as an outstanding WCC.