



The National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (NPUAP) serves as the authoritative voice for improved patient outcomes in pressure ulcer prevention and treatment through public policy, education and research.

The National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (NPUAP) is an independent not-for-profit professional organization dedicated to the prevention and management of pressure ulcers. Formed in 1987, the NPUAP Board of Directors is composed of leading experts from different health care disciplines--- all of whom share a commitment to the prevention and management of pressure ulcers. The NPUAP serves as a resource to health care professionals, government, the public, and health care agencies; and welcomes and encourages the participation of those interested in pressure ulcer issues through utilization of NPUAP educational materials, participation at national conferences, and support of efforts in public policy, education and research.

The NPUAP, assisted by multiple corporations and organizations, has become an internationally recognized entity. The collaboration of professionals, corporations, and governmental agencies offers a unique model for addressing major health care issues. The European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel and the Japanese Society of Pressure Ulcers have adapted the NPUAP model in establishing their organizations.

Although all final policy decisions are made by the Board of Directors, in order to achieve the goals of the organization, the NPUAP Board of Directors works collaboratively with the panel members of the organization:

- **Corporate Advisory Council:** A diverse group of corporations that supports the NPUAP mission by providing both financial support and human resources.
- **Provider Organization Council:** Profit or non-profit organizations whose main objective is patient care.
- **Collaborating Organizations:** Non-Profit or governmental professional organizations that share the NPUAP mission and collaborate to achieve it.
- **Alumni Council:** Former Board members who have continued an active role in the NPUAP mission.

The NPUAP has three mission committees which work to fulfill the mission of the NPUAP:

- **Public Policy Committee** works to effectively strengthen legislative liaisons. The committee works with legislators to create a unified national approach to the prevention and management of pressure ulcers.
- **Education Committee** coordinates all educational programs, including conferences, bibliography updates, monograph, and information development.
- **Research Committee** is responsible for identifying the gaps in current knowledge, identifying research funding sources, and assisting in the development and dissemination of research data.

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