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## NPUAP Biennial Conference Comes to Las Vegas!



**D**on't wait to register for NPUAP's 12th Biennial Conference, February 25–26, 2011, at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas. The conference will feature two concurrent tracks: **Consensus** and **Best Practice**. Plan now to participate with international experts in the field of pressure ulcers! (See pages 6–8 for more information.)

Exhibitor booths and commercial supporter opportunities are still available. For more details and to sign up please visit [www.npuap.org](http://www.npuap.org).

**CALL FOR POSTER ABSTRACTS:** NPUAP invites you to submit an abstract for a poster presentation at our 12th Biennial Conference.

The top four poster presenters will provide a brief oral presentation during the conference's general session.

**The deadline to submit abstracts is extended to November 1, 2010.**

Applicants will be notified of the status of their abstract's acceptance by December 1, 2010. To learn more please visit <http://faculty.weber.edu/ecall> ■



## NPUAP Announces Election Results

Laurie McNichol, MSN, RN, GNP, CWOCN  
Chair, Personnel Committee

**A**s Personnel Committee Chair, it is my pleasure to announce the results of the NPUAP 2010 Election. This spring, in accordance with one of our strategic development initiatives, the Board participated in a Personnel Needs Assessment. Thereafter, we worked diligently within the nominations process to develop a robust slate of candidates for our five open positions. In June, ten well-qualified candidates were presented to the Board of Directors for their consideration. The Board responded with a 100% voter participation rate.

The successful candidates for Board of Directors (term of office 2011–2014) are:

Joyce Black | Aimée Garcia | Aamir Siddiqui  
Mary Sieggreen | Joyce Stechmiller

Drs. Black and Garcia are returning Directors; the others we welcome to the Board as first-time participants. I look forward to our continued success as we convene the new Board of Directors in early 2011. Congratulations to all! ■



### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE A Great Leap Forward

Laura Edsberg, PhD

**I**'ve just returned from our August Panel meeting in Baltimore, MD, and during the meeting I was repeatedly struck by the feeling that we are in an exciting and fruitful time for NPUAP.

Each of the committee break-out sessions was extremely productive. This is the first time I can recall all three committees working on so many projects and making so much progress simultaneously. The pre-meeting reports were impressive, but the reports and post-break out sessions reflected an extremely engaged and productive panel. The CAC, COC, POC, and Board of Directors have brought their extensive expertise and creativity to each committee, and it shows.

The **Public Policy** Committee has been holding weekly calls and working on a number of topics. They continue to make substantial progress regarding questions that arise with MDS 3.0. The Committee is also working on creating a flowchart to assist with training and navigation of the document. This Committee is working on a variety of very important issues simultaneously and their effort and speed of response has been outstanding.

The **Education** Committee is in the midst of organizing our 2011 Biennial Conference, to be held February 25–26 at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas. The speakers and topics of the conference

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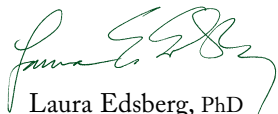
## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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will make for a great two days. In addition to planning the upcoming biennial, the Committee has been working on several regional conferences planned for locations across the country this fall, including Boston, Denver, and Omaha. I hope you are able to join us at one or more of the upcoming conferences. The Committee is also finishing up the work to allow us to post a photo gallery containing pictures of pressure ulcers of different stages at various sites. Hopefully that project will be finished and posted to the website this fall.

The **Research Committee** is preparing to beta-test the reference database that will soon be available on our website. The database will not only include the references from the guidelines, but also a compilation of the references from the databases many of the Panel members maintain for their own work. Abstracts will be available at the site. As I think of this project, I can only reflect on my time as a graduate student and how much I would have benefited from a central location housing references for our field. I hope you browse the database when it goes live and find some new articles for your own database.

These are just the highlights of the busy work under way by our dedicated committees. Your contribution of time and expertise to any of these endeavors is welcome. Don't hesitate to contact NPUAP to find out how you can get involved. And hope to see you in Las Vegas in February!



Laura Edsberg, PhD  
NPUAP President



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## Fall 2010 Educational Opportunities

This Fall, National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (NPUAP) will partner with leading related institutions to present three programs designed to bring pressure ulcer education to a broad audience.

### ■ Denver - October 14-16

Please join your colleagues in Denver, CO for the **Rocky Mountain Regional WOCN Fall Conference** in cooperation with NPUAP, October 14-16, 2010. Obtain CE credits at this seminar, "Best Practice for Pressure Ulcer Prevention & Management: Old Concepts, New Ideas".

Registration Fees:	• Full 3-day registration . . . \$225
	• Thursday only . . . . . \$60
	• Friday only . . . . . \$150
	• Saturday only . . . . . \$45

Receive a 10% discount if you are a RMR-WOCN member! Online registration is available at [www.rmr-wocn.com](http://www.rmr-wocn.com). Please go to [www.npuap.org/conferences.htm](http://www.npuap.org/conferences.htm) to view the conference program and to sign up.

### ■ Boston - November 2

Join your colleagues in Boston, MA for the **Pressure Ulcer Prevention Conference** sponsored by Children's Hospital Boston and NPUAP, November 2, 2010. Obtain CE credits at this seminar.

Tuition Fee:	• CHB Employee . . . . . Free
	• Nonemployee . . . . . \$125

Please go to [www.npuap.org/conferences.htm](http://www.npuap.org/conferences.htm) to view the conference program and to sign up.

### ■ Omaha - November 11-12

NPUAP is joining with The Nebraska Medical Center and the University of Nebraska Medical Center to present **Wound Healing: The State of the Science**. This 1.5 day conference will be held at Omaha's QWest Center on November 11 and 12, 2010.

The first day is designed for primary care providers and will cover issues of wound diagnosis, wound care in the primary setting and improving adherence to wound care plans. This portion of the conference features Dr. Gregory Schultz and Dick Clarke, who will discuss Biofilms and Hyperbaric Oxygen Therapy respectively.

Friday November 12 is designed to provide a close look at the new NPUAP-EPUAP international guidelines.... so close that each paid participant will receive a complementary copy of the complete pressure ulcer prevention and treatment guidelines! Friday's attendees will hear from the guideline developers, Drs. Carol Dealey and Janet Cuddigan, on how to implement the guidelines. The program will also provide information on pressure ulcer prevention and treatment, with a parallel track on complex wound management.

The program will close with a discussion of the recent NPUAP consensus conference on Avoidable Pressure Ulcers.

Don't miss this important program! For registration information, contact Jackie Siebels at The Nebraska Medical Center, email [jsiebels@nebraskamed.com](mailto:jsiebels@nebraskamed.com).

## COC Spotlight: American Dietetic Association

Submitted by Lynn Carpenter Moore, RD, LD, American Dietetic Association  
NPUAP Collaborating Organization Council Representative.

**T**he American Dietetic Association (ADA) is the world's largest organization of food and nutrition professionals.

The organization empowers its more than 71,000 members to achieve its vision: to optimize the nation's health through food and nutrition. The ADA focuses on evidence-based practice and uses an Evidence Analysis Library to develop position papers, practice guidelines and tool kits. The monthly *Journal of the American Dietetic Association* features research and practice standards and positions from the association in a variety of areas of interest to the membership. The ADA website, [www.eatright.org](http://www.eatright.org) showcases information for health professionals and consumers. Among the information listed in the member resource center for credentialed practitioners are the National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (NPUAP) prevention and treatment guidelines.

An ADA program that connects to the work of the NPUAP is Quality Dietetics Practice. This work is built on a foundation of evidence based nutrition and food science and uses the six pillars to represent quality practice:

- Practice follows a consistent process and model
- Practice is within an individual's scope of practice, state licensure and legal scope of practice, regulations and standards
- Practice allows for career ladder through credentialing, certification and advanced practice standards

- Practice is compensated, equitable and reimbursable
- Practice performance is established through outcomes, process and structure measures
- Practice is continuously updated through lifelong learning

The ADA is a multidimensional organization that strives to improve the nation's health and advance the profession of dietetics through research, education, and public policy and advocacy. Other ADA programs are focused on credentialing, strategic communications, publications, diversity, international relations and continuing education. All of these efforts come together at the annual ADA Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo. At this conference the Association's 28 Dietetic Practice Groups, 53 geographic affiliates and 7 Member Interest Groups network to discover new ideas and collaborative efforts in working with the public to improve their health profile. The next ADA Food & Nutrition Conference & Expo will be held in Boston, November 7-9, 2010.

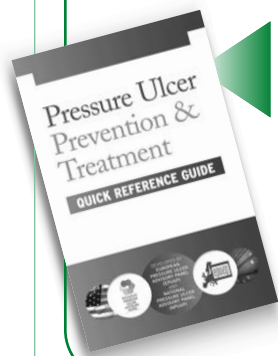
The ADA is the best source for the most accurate, credible and timely food and nutrition information and ADA's volunteer media spokespeople are resources for expert commentary and background on the full range of food and nutrition topics. For more information about the organization, visit the website [www.eatright.org](http://www.eatright.org) or contact Lynn Carpenter Moore, RD, LD, American Dietetic Association NPUAP Alliance Representative at [lynnmoore@aol.com](mailto:lynnmoore@aol.com). ■



### NOW AVAILABLE AT NPUAP'S ONLINE STORE: NPUAP-EPUAP International Pressure Ulcer Guidelines

- Learn about the latest in pressure ulcer prevention & care.
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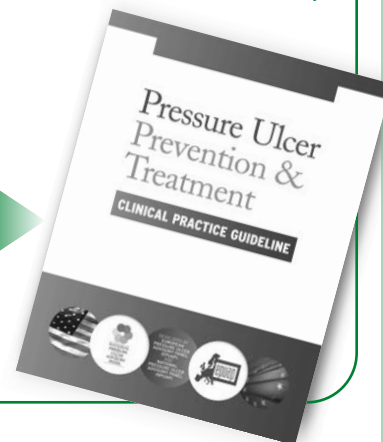


#### QUICK REFERENCE GUIDE (QRG): \$25 +S&H

This document provides evidence-based recommendations on a full range of topics related to pressure ulcers.

#### CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE (CPG): \$85 +S&H

This larger document expands on the QRG by providing a summary of the research supporting each recommendation.



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## Alumni Spotlight

By Catherine Ratliff, PhD, APRN-BC, CWOCN, CFCN

Congratulations to former NPUAP Board member, Mary Jo Geyer, who has been awarded the Health Volunteers Overseas's (HVO) fifth annual Golden Apple Award for her global contributions in wound care, especially lymphedema. She has used her relationships with multidisciplinary teams to promote programs in wound and lymphedema management in India, Peru, Cambodia, and St. Lucia. She has worked with a World Health Organization project to improve wound and lymphedema management in Ghana and served as a consultant to the Lymphatic Filariasis Partnership. She has also served as a consultant with WHO to co-edit a white paper on "Wound and Lymphedema Management." In addition to her work as a volunteer, Dr. Geyer has served as chair of the HVO Wound and Lymphedema Management Steering Committee which has established 4 multidisciplinary programs to improve the management of wounds and lymphedema. ■

## Registered Nurse Competency-based Curriculum: Pressure Ulcer Prevention Updated

Barbara Pieper, PhD, RN, and Catherine Ratliff, PhD, RN revised the 2001 NPUAP *Registered Nurse Competency-based Curriculum: Pressure Ulcer Prevention*. The revised document includes major objectives, content objectives, content topics, suggestions for varied teaching methods, and references. The document is intended to help nurses and other clinicians develop registered nurse educational programs. The curriculum is based on the National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel and European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel, *Prevention and Treatment of Pressure Ulcers: Clinical Practice Guideline*, 2009. Practitioners may use all or part of the curriculum to match their educational program planning goals.

The *Registered Nurse Competency-based Curriculum: Pressure Ulcer Prevention (2010)* is posted on the NPUAP website for free use. ■

## NPUAP is Socially Networked!

NPUAP is now on Facebook and LinkedIn. Search for National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel and become a fan for the most up to date information from NPUAP!



## POC Spotlight: Kindred Healthcare

Kindred Healthcare, Inc. is a healthcare services company based in Louisville, Kentucky. At June 30, 2010, Kindred through its subsidiaries provided healthcare services in 633 locations, including 83 long-term acute care hospitals, 223 nursing and rehabilitation centers and a contract rehabilitation services business, Peoplefirst rehabilitation services, which served 327 non-affiliated facilities.

The key components of Kindred's mission, promote healing, provide hope, preserve dignity and produce value for our patients and residents, aligns with the mission of NPUAP to provide quality care. Kindred nursing centers and hospitals offer a broad continuum of post acute care, with excellence in wound care among our highest goals. Kindred's long-term acute care ("LTAC") hospitals treat some of the highest acuity patients in the country many who come to us with serious wounds.

Kindred's commitment to excellence as a wound care provider is evident with Kindred's Clinical Impact Symposium. In November 2009, Kindred hosted "Wound Management: Setting the Standards for Care." More than 300 participants from our hospitals, nursing and rehabilitation centers and Peoplefirst Rehabilitation division attended the three-day conference.

The event included nationally renowned speakers in wound care including Dr. Barbara Bates-Jensen and Dr. Susan Horn. The aim of the conference was to bring together Kindred clinicians from all over the country to a "wound care best practices think tank" to learn and discuss with experts in the field and to progress Kindred's wound care through evidence-based research.

Kindred's hospitals offer an interdisciplinary approach to wound care with team members including nurses, dietitians, therapists, physicians and social workers. Kindred's Wound Care Advisory board, with multidisciplinary representatives from across the company, have established a wound care formulary and evidence based protocols and procedures.

Through the opportunity for more productive interaction with groups that are also passionate and progressive in wound care Kindred Healthcare can continue to accelerate their expertise in wound care management. Kindred is committed to exploring available tools of education and research on our way to excellence as a wound care provider. We have recently partnered with NPUAP for the benefit of all parties, as our goal is the same and our strengths complimentary.

Our LTAC hospitals are designed to provide aggressive interdisciplinary care to medically complex patients who require extended recovery time. This care is overseen by licensed physicians - over 8,000 have been credentialed to practice in our hospitals. Our hospitals are fully licensed as acute care hospitals and are accredited by The Joint Commission.

We are proud of our quality indicators and of our reputation for providing cost-effective care - our hospitals are staffed and equipped to rapidly respond to changes in medical condition, thereby reducing the cost, trauma and risk of short-term hospital re-admission.

Located within some of our LTAC hospitals, Subacute Units (licensed as skilled nursing centers) are for the patient who needs less than full long-term acute care. These patients might have late-stage emphysema or need wound care by a physician-directed team.

The focus of our Subacute Units is to provide medically supervised, comprehensive rehabilitation for medically complex patients who no longer need acute care but need additional rehabilitation through a team of nurses,

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## POC SPOTLIGHT: KINDRED HEALTHCARE

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physicians and our Peoplefirst Rehabilitation therapists.

Our nursing and rehabilitation centers offer award-winning care - over 75% of Kindred centers have won Quality Awards from the American Health Care Association, which are based on the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Program.

These centers provide a full range of medical, nursing, rehabilitation and social services to treat and support each of our patients and residents. Many of our residents go home within a few weeks, and for those residents who are unable to return home, we provide safe, compassionate care in an environment that fosters independence and dignity.

Transitional Care Units are located within our nursing and rehabilitation

centers and offer short-term rehab and some medically complex care. A nursing and rehabilitation center where the majority of patients are receiving short-term rehab is known as a Transitional Care Center. Our goal is to help patients return home in less than 20-30 days.

In our assisted living facilities, our residents function independently when they desire it and receive support when they need it. And our hospice and home care programs combine innovation and compassion with our reputation for quality care.

Kindred is committed to exploring all available tools, including education and research, to help continue to achieve excellence as a wound care provider. A partnership with NPUAP would be beneficial to all parties, as our goal is the same and our strengths complementary.

For more information about Kindred Healthcare, go to [www.kindred-healthcare.com](http://www.kindred-healthcare.com). ■

## CAC Spotlight: Sage Products

Since 1971, **Sage Products Inc.** has developed disposable healthcare products trusted by healthcare facilities worldwide. Simple interventions that yield extraordinary outcomes—this is our everyday commitment to our customers.

**Core belief:** Our core belief is prevention—that evidence-based interventions improve outcomes. Sage's market-leading brands include Prevalon® Pressure-Relieving Heel Protector, Comfort Shield® Barrier Cloths all-in-one incontinence care, Q-Care® Oral Care, Sage 2% Chlorhexidine Gluconate (CHG) Cloths for patient preoperative skin preparation and Comfort Bath® prepackaged bathing. Our goal is to help improve patient safety and outcomes by preventing skin breakdown, healthcare-associated pneumonias, surgical site infections, and other adverse nosocomial events.

**Clinical focus:** Our areas of clinical focus include prevention of heel pressure ulcers and Incontinence-Associated Dermatitis (IAD). Heel pressure ulcers can increase length of stay, mortality rates and financial costs. According to one study, length of stay principally for pressure ulcers was nearly three times longer than hospitalizations with no pressure ulcers.<sup>1</sup> Death occurs in 4.2% of stays principally for pressure ulcers and in 11.6% of stays with pressure ulcers noted as a secondary diagnosis.<sup>1</sup> Costs can range from \$2,000 to \$30,000 to treat a Stage I, II or III ulcer to \$70,000 for a full-thickness Stage IV ulcer.<sup>2</sup>

**Heels:** Sage's Prevalon heel protector, the #1 brand of heel protection,<sup>3</sup> provides the most advanced protection against heel pressure ulcers and plantar flexion contracture. It completely floats the heel to minimize pressure, friction and shear on the feet, heels and ankles of non-ambulatory patients. One facility using Prevalon saw a 100% prevention of both heel pressure ulcers and plantar flexion contracture plus an annual revenue preservation of \$1.9 million.<sup>4</sup>

**IAD:** IAD, a known risk factor for pressure ulcers,<sup>5</sup> is often grouped with pressure ulcers. However, they are not one and the same. Skin damage from a pressure ulcer occurs from the inside out, but IAD starts on the surface and

works inward. One study showed that 54% of incontinent patients suffered from IAD, while 21% had two or more peri-skin injuries.<sup>6,7</sup>

**Proven intervention:** Comfort Shield delivers all-in-one incontinence care and proven IAD treatment. Each premoistened cloth delivers perineal cleansing, moisturizing and deodorizing, all while treating and protecting skin with 3% dimethicone. Keeping the skin protected means IAD and other skin problems can be prevented. One comprehensive pressure ulcer prevention program using Shield Barrier cloths improved compliance and reduced sacral/buttock pressure ulcers by 89%.<sup>8</sup>

**Education:** For more published clinical outcomes, see our web site at [www.sageproducts.com/education](http://www.sageproducts.com/education). Also available at the site are Sage's free clinical education tools to help boost your pressure ulcer and IAD prevention efforts. Tools include customizable protocols, decision trees, implementation plans, cost justification tools and more. ■

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**FEBRUARY 25-26, 2011**  
**CAESAR'S PALACE - LAS VEGAS, NV**

### WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

Nurses, Nurse Practitioners,  
Physicians, Physician Assistants,  
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Therapist Assistants,  
Occupational Therapists,  
Dietitians, Government  
Employees, Policy Makers,  
and Researchers.

**EARLY BIRD DEADLINE**  
**January 26, 2011**

**M**ark your calendars NOW for NPUAP's 12th National Biennial Conference, "Emerging Healthcare Issues," to be held February 25-26, 2011 at Caesar's Palace in Las Vegas, NV. The two-day conference will feature a **Consensus** track to discuss such question as: How do we measure "quality" in pressure ulcer prevention and treatment? How will we know when we achieve it?

A **Best Practice** track will cover some of the information outlined in the new NPUAP-EPUAP international guidelines, *Pressure Ulcer Prevention and Treatment: Clinical Practice Guideline*; as well as updated information on clinical issues that health care providers need to know to provide expert care.

Plan now to participate with international experts in the field of pressure ulcers! Visit [www.npuap.org](http://www.npuap.org) for additional information about the conference, including abstract submission.

Join us in shaping the preferred future of pressure ulcer  
policy, research, education and practice.

**HOW TO REGISTER:** For faster service register online at [www.npuap.org](http://www.npuap.org) or complete the registration form on page 7 and return it with payment by fax or mail to the NPUAP executive office.

**GROUP DISCOUNT:** Three or more attendees from the same institution who register simultaneously will receive a \$25 discount per person. Please register online at [www.npuap.org](http://www.npuap.org) or fill out a registration form and return it with payment by fax or mail to NPUAP.

### LODGING INFORMATION:

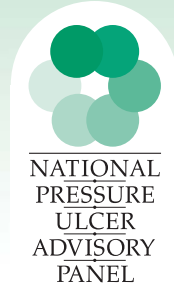
A block of rooms for the NPUAP is reserved at **Caesar's Palace** (3570 Las Vegas Boulevard, Las Vegas, NV).

The room rate is \$160 single/double plus tax; with \$30 for each additional person in the room. Reservations can be made by calling 1-866-227-5944, or by clicking on the link "Reserve a Room" at [www.npuap.org](http://www.npuap.org), by the reservation deadline of **January 31, 2011**. Request the NPUAP group rate.

### CONFERENCE OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of the 12th NPUAP Biennial Conference, participants will be able to:

1. Examine pressure ulcer assessment and risk across settings and populations.
2. Appraise pressure ulcer prevention/treatment modalities in light of current evidence and international guidelines.
3. Explore the impact of research, state/agency models (New Jersey Collaborative, VA experience), and federal directives (CMS, Oasis/MDS) on pressure ulcer prevention/treatment.
4. Discuss reliable outcome metrics for measuring quality of pressure ulcer prevention and treatment.
5. Identify components of root cause and common cause analyses of facility acquired pressure ulcers.
6. Identify data elements necessary for analyzing costs and benefits of pressure ulcer prevention modalities.



12<sup>TH</sup> NPUAP BIENNIAL CONFERENCE  
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# Registration Form

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I do NOT want my contact information shared with other attendees and exhibitors.

**SELECT A CONFERENCE TRACK – TRACKS ARE CONCURRENT; PLEASE CHECK ONLY ONE:**

- Track 1 Only:** BEST PRACTICE                       **Track 2 Only:** CONSENSUS

**REGISTRATION FEES**

(Fees are per person)

- **Early Bird Registration** (By January 26, 2011) . . . . .  \$425
- **After January 26, 2011** . . . . .  \$450
- **On-site Registration** . . . . .  \$475

- **GROUP DISCOUNT:** Three or more attendees from the same institution who register simultaneously by **January 26, 2011** may each deduct this amount:  **Less \$25** (per person)

Register by 1/26/11 for early bird pricing. Three or more attendees from the same institution who register simultaneously will receive a \$25 discount per person. **CANCELLATIONS:** Fees paid will be refunded less a \$50 processing fee if notice is received in writing by **January 26, 2011**. No refunds after January 26, 2011. Fees may be transferred to another person for this conference only. Registration at the door will be available if space permits; however handout materials cannot be guaranteed unless you have pre-registered by **January 26, 2011**.

**METHOD OF PAYMENT** — Registrations will not be processed until full payment is received.

My **CHECK** (in U.S. dollars, payable to NPUAP) in the amount of \$\_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

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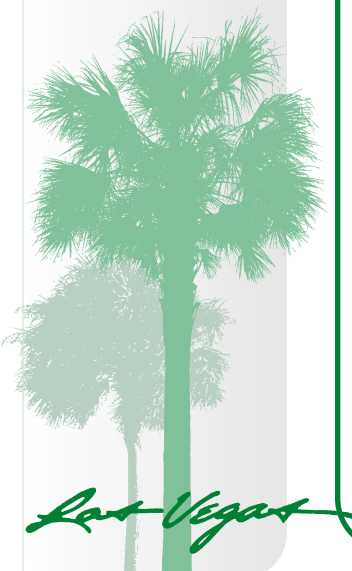
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**EXHIBITORS & COMMERCIAL SUPPORTERS:**

Don't miss this opportunity to showcase your products and services to the country's **most influential professionals in pressure ulcer care.** Only 80 exhibit spaces (10'x10') will be available.

You may also select from a wide range of **commercial supporter opportunities** to demonstrate your company's intent for furthering research and development in the field of pressure ulcers.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: **DECEMBER 10, 2010**

**400 ATTENDEES EXPECTED!**

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