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## President's Message:

By Diane Langemo, PhD, RN, NPUAP President

Hopefully everyone experienced a wonderful summer and is refreshed once again. As fall approaches, conference, meeting and continuing education events occupy our time and attention. So it goes with the work of the National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel... however the summer presented us with a continuing busy and productive schedule.

The Support Surface Initiative Group has been busy working on their initiative and plans another meeting in conjunction with MedTrade in Atlanta in early October. Exploration of grant monies continues. The Deep Tissue Injury Task Force has a manuscript ready to submit for publication. The Public Policy committee and other interested Panel members have been critiquing and providing input related to the CMS work on section M of the Minimum Data Set. Educationally, four upcoming conferences are planned. Two one-day conferences were held in Reading, PA on September 19-20 on "Best Practices for Assessment & Treatment of Pressure Ulcers," and "Avoidable vs. Unavoidable Pressure Ulcers: What is the Evidence?" The "Best Practices" conference will also be held on October 31 in Des Moines, IA. NPUAP is sponsoring a half-day pre-conference October 16 on "Minimizing Litigation in Pressure Ulcer Care" in conjunction with the Clinical Wound Symposium in Chicago, IL. Lastly, a one-day conference will be held at the LaGuardia Marriott

in East Elmhurst, NY on November 21 on "Best Practice in Assessment & Treatment of Pressure Ulcers: Clinical, Regulatory & Legal Perspectives." NPUAP will co-sponsor a one-day conference in Ft. Myers, FL on January 22, 2004. This focus will be "Minimize Litigation in Pressure Ulcer Care". More info will be available soon.

NPUAP is extremely pleased to be working on the expansion of the Provider Council and the Collaborative Organization Council, as well as the Corporate Advisory Council. Talks are underway with interested organizations, providers, and companies and we look forward to our expanded memberships. The organization is as good as the sum of the parts!!

September 3-6, 2003 I attended the European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel Conference in Tampere, Finland. The conference was well attended, had outstanding presentations, and numerous opportunities were provided for networking with European leaders in the Pressure Ulcer field. Denis Colin, MD, PhD was installed as the new EPUAP President and one of his goals is to develop collaborative efforts between NPUAP and EPUAP. NPUAP is of course most interested in furthering these collaborative efforts as well. 🌸

# Notes From NPUAP

By Robin Turner, Executive Director

With the beginning of fall now upon us, the NPUAP finds itself busy exhibiting at the October Clinical Symposium on Wound Care in Chicago and hosting several educational opportunities throughout the region. The Panel just met this past August in Reston, Virginia to map out strategic plan efforts, future educational opportunities and research initiatives. Highlights of the committees are within this issue.

As always, please bookmark the NPUAP website at [www.npuap.org](http://www.npuap.org) for frequent updates on educational events, details on the 2005 annual meeting and other NPUAP initiatives. Please feel free to contact me directly at: phone (703) 464-4849 or email [rturner@drohanmgmt.com](mailto:rturner@drohanmgmt.com) for any questions.

## NPUAP Educational Opportunities

A healthcare organization can co-sponsor a NPUAP conference. Conference expenses and profits are shared equally between the co-sponsoring organization and NPUAP. The Panel offers the following one-day regional conferences:

Avoidable versus Unavoidable Pressure Ulcers: What is the Evidence?

Best Practice in Pressure Ulcer Prevention, Assessment and Treatment

Minimize Litigation in Pressure Ulcer Care

The NPUAP offers nationally recognized experts in the pressure ulcer field. We will develop the program and arrange speakers for the co-sponsoring organization. For further information, contact the NPUAP office at: 703-464-4849.

## New NPUAP Board Members

NPUAP is pleased to announce the election of two new members to the Board of Directors. The NPUAP Board is most fortunate is having two nationally known experts in the field of pressure ulcers join us as of January 2004. Diane Krasner, PhD, RN, CWOCN, is a past board member of NPUAP. She has written and edited numerous leading articles, research manuscripts and textbooks in the field of wound care and wound healing, as well as pressure ulcers. Presently she is Director of Nursing for Rest Haven – York Nursing home in York, Pennsylvania. Karen Zulkowski, DNS, RN, CWS, is an Assistant Professor of Nursing at the University of Montana-Billings campus. Karen also serves as a consultant on some national gerontological nursing projects and has written many articles on care of pressure ulcers in nursing homes, on nutrition in elders, and on use of the MDS. The NPUAP Board and Panel are pleased to have these outstanding individuals in the field join the NPUAP in their efforts in the areas of education, research and public policy. 🌱

# NPUAP Thank You

The Panel would like to thank the following corporations and organizations for their continued support of the NPUAP's mission. Their generosity, both financially as well as the human resources and expertise provided by the representatives, is greatly valued by the Panel. These representatives form the following NPUAP Councils:

## Corporate Advisory Council (CAC):

ConvaTec  
Gaymar Industries, Inc.  
Hill-Rom, Inc.  
Huntleigh Healthcare  
Johnson & Johnson, Wound Management  
Kinetic Concepts, Inc.  
Medline Industries Inc.  
Pegasus Airwave  
The ROHO Group  
Ross Laboratories  
Smith-Nephew, Inc.

## Collaborating Organization Council (COR):

American Dietetic Association  
American Health Care Association  
American Physical Therapy Association  
Association for the Advancement of Wound Care (*new member*)  
Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association  
Seating and Mobility Special Interest Group of RESNA  
Wound Ostomy and Continence Nurses' Society

## Provider Advisory Council (PAC) *newly formed:*

HCR ManorCare  
National Healthcare Corporation

Within this issue, see the COR benefits on page 5, the PAC highlighted member on page 4 and the "CAC Members Sought" section on Page 6.

## PUSH Survey

New PUSH Survey posted on the NPUAP website. The survey is intended to provide the NPUAP with information about how the PUSH instrument is being used. If you are a past or present user of PUSH, please consider completing the survey which takes no longer than 10 minutes to complete.

Participation in this survey is voluntary. Each survey participant will be given a project ID number and all results from this survey will be reported in aggregate. No individual participants will be identified. By completing this survey, participants give their consent to participate in this project.

## Support Surface Initiative Meeting

Participants in the NPUAP Support Surface Initiative met this past April 27<sup>th</sup> in Las Vegas as part of the SAWC meeting. Progress continues to be made by the various committees and the second working meeting will be in conjunction with the Atlanta *MedTrade* – October 8<sup>th</sup>.

## NPUAP Exhibits at Industry Meetings

NPUAP will be exhibiting at the 2003 Clinical Symposium on Wound Care in Chicago, October 16 – 19. Stop by the NPUAP booth # 440 of the Hyatt Regency Chicago – Riverside Center East Exhibit Hall. Hope to see you there! 🍷

# Support Surface Standards Initiative

By David Brienza, Ph.D.

The NPUAP Support Surface Standards Initiative (S3I) will hold its second working group meeting of the year on October 8th at MedTrade in Atlanta, GA. For information on the meeting or an update on current progress contact Laura Markusson at [lmarkusson@drohanmgmt.com](mailto:lmarkusson@drohanmgmt.com). Meetings are open to all interested participants. If you are a new participant and plan to attend a meeting, please let us know so that we may plan accordingly.

S3I has three working groups, Lifespan Evaluation, Tissue Integrity Management, and Terms and Definitions. The working groups are developing documents and test methods that will eventually form the basis of new voluntary standards for support surfaces. S3I has recently contacted RESNA (The Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Association of North America) to investigate the feasibility of collaborating on the initiation of a Preliminary Work Item proposal to the International Organization of Standardization (ISO). If accepted, the ISO effort will require worldwide participation. Such an international effort will facilitate the harmonization of national and international standards. 🌱

## Why HCR Manor Care Supports NPUAP ?

By Steven Antokal, RN, BSN, ET, CCCN, CWCN – Corporate enterostomal therapist  
Clinical Services

HCR Manor Care, headquartered in Toledo, Ohio, is a leading long-term care company that offers quality innovative patient services. Our 58,000 employees provide high-quality care for residents and patients through a network of more than 450 long-term care centers, assisted-living facilities, outpatient rehabilitation clinics, and home health care offices. Partnerships and other ventures supply high-quality pharmaceutical products as well as geriatric subacute services. HCR Manor Care recognizes NPUAP's ongoing contribution to the prevention and treatment of pressure ulcers. This contribution assists us in realizing our vision: "to establish HCR Manor Care as the preeminent care provider committed to standards of performance which serve as the hallmark of the industry." We recognize NPUAP as experts in the area of pressure ulcers. NPUAP's mission is to "provide multidisciplinary leadership for improved patient outcomes in pressure ulcer prevention and management." We believe that supporting NPUAP's mission ultimately enhances the quality of life for our residents. Our relationship with NPUAP fosters our commitment to providing innovative multidisciplinary, systemic solutions for the prevention and treatment of pressure ulcers. Innovative solutions are not easy in today's health care environment. In supporting NPUAP, HCR Manor Care demonstrates our understanding of the importance of partnering with business, academia, and health care to not only survive today's environment but also to thrive and excel. 🌱

# *NPUAP Collaborating Organizations (CO): Benefits of Being a CO Member*

Collaborating Organization (CO) members of NPUAP currently include the

- American Dietetic Association (ADA)
- American Health Care Association (AHCA)
- American Physical Therapy Association (APTA)
- Association for the Advancement of Wound Care (AAWC)
- Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association (EPVA)
- Seating and Mobility Special Interest Group of RESNA  
(Rehabilitation Engineering and Assistive Technology Society of North America)
- Wound Ostomy and Continence Nurses Society (WOCN).

Because CO members attend the NPUAP panel meetings, representatives have the ability to share pertinent, up-to-date information with their members. Most importantly, they have the opportunity to network and collaborate with prestigious colleagues from nationally recognized organizations, institutions and universities.

In addition to attending any general session of the Panel, CO members participate on one of NPUAP's three mission committees: Public Policy, Research or Education. As participating members of the Public Policy Committee, CO members have the opportunity to provide input into decisions on policy regarding pressure ulcers (e.g., the MDS, and the federal NH Interpretive Guidelines and Survey Protocols). CO members participating in Research Committee projects are defining guidelines for use of the PUSH tool, investigating Deep Tissue Injury (DTI) terminology and spearheading the Support Surface Standards Initiative (S3I). CO members participating on the education committee plan content for the numerous educational seminars NPUAP provides annually or educational media NPUAP develops. These dynamic committees accomplish much during their two-day, twice yearly meetings!

Those interested might be wondering if there are associated "costs" with being a collaborating organization (CO). Frankly, we're glad you asked! The NPUAP generously pays for one night's hotel stay and meals during the NPUAP meetings. The collaborating organization is responsible for travel expenses and any additional hotel or incidental costs. If education is provided in conjunction with an NPUAP meeting, the collaborating organization is responsible for any costs associated with seminar attendance.

We hope we've been able to inform you about the role of Collaborating Organizations and answer any questions you might have about the opportunities inherent to participating. Please consider having *your* professional association join NPUAP as a collaborating organization this year! 🍄

## *Report on the European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel Conference in Tampere, Finland September 3-6, 2003*

An exciting, educational, and fun-filled conference was hosted by EPUAP in Tampere, Finland September 3-6. The theme was "Pressure Ulcer Prevention and Management – Have We Made A Difference?". Presentations focused on work that has been done throughout Europe over the past several years. The new Guideline on Nutrition in Pressure Ulcer Prevention and Treatment was presented and generated much discussion. The guideline has many similarities to the AHCPR Guidelines related to nutrition here in the US. Risk Assessment Scale – Old Ideas and New Challenges, Pressure Ulcer Prevention in Home Care, studies on bed management and mattress management programs were presented, and another on Comparing Interface Pressure Between Volunteers and Patients Measured on the Same Type of Support Surface were very interesting. A large poster display afforded the attendee exposure to many of the latest studies related to pressure ulcer prevention and treatment.

A reception was hosted by the conference committee and city of Tampere at the Old City Hall to open the conference, while the second evening found us being entertained and fed at the original Tampere Dock House. The Gala dinner and entertainment the last evening was Finnish throughout, with reindeer as the entrée, Finnish dancers and singers, and an evening of dance enjoyed by hundreds.

Coming from the Eastern North Dakota/northern Minnesota area and knowing many Fins in our area, it became obvious why many Fins settled in this area...the landscapes look so similar! This was a wonderful opportunity to collaborate and network with so many European leaders!

## *Corporate Advisory Council Members Sought*

Would you like to participate in vital public policy decisions that impact pressure ulcer care in this country? Do you think it's important to support cutting edge medical education and research in chronic wound management? Do you want to play a part in the discussions of the leading "Think Tank" on pressure ulcer prevention and management in the USA?

If you answered "yes" to any of these questions, then perhaps you and your company should consider membership in the NPUAP's Corporate Advisory Council.

Membership in the Corporate Advisory Council provides a great opportunity for wound care manufacturers and providers to participate in the activities of the NPUAP. Council members attend semi-annual meetings of the NPUAP Board and actively participate in discussions carried on by the NPUAP Board during board meetings. Council members also attend and engage in discussions carried on by the three NPUAP sub-committees: Education, Research and Public Policy. Members also receive priority consideration when exhibiting at bi-annual Consensus Conferences.

While Council members are not eligible to vote on any business of the Board of Directors, they play a vital role in all activities and decisions of the organization, as well as provide vital financial support.

Sound interesting? Let your voice be heard! Contact the NPUAP office at 703-464-4849 for more information.

# Education Committee

Mary Ellen Posthauer, RD, CD, LD

## Educational Opportunities – 2003

**October 16<sup>th</sup>** – Minimize Litigation in Pressure Ulcer Care – Chicago, IL  
(Pre-conference workshop at the Clinical Symposium on Advances in Skin & Wound Care)

**October 31<sup>st</sup>** – Best Practice for Assessment and Treatment – Des Moines, IA

**Conference Co-sponsor:** Mercy Medical Center  
1111 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Des Moines, IA 50314-2611

**Conference Site:** West Des Moines Marriott  
1250 74<sup>th</sup> Street, West Des Moines, IA  
515/267-1500

**November 21<sup>st</sup>** – Best Practice for Assessment and Treatment of Pressure Ulcers:  
Clinical, Regulatory and Legal Perspectives – Elmhurst, NY

**Conference Co-sponsor:** North Shore Long Island Jewish Health System  
New Hyde Park, NY

**Conference Site:** La Guardia Marriott  
East Elmhurst, NY

Sunny Ft. Myers, Florida will be the location of the January 22, 2004 conference, “Minimize Litigation in Pressure Ulcer Care.” Check the website for details.

## Education CDs

The slide set Pressure Ulcer Basics, Incidence, Prevalence and Risk Assessments; Strategies for Pressure Ulcer Prevention and Pressure Ulcer Treatment have been revised and formatted on a CD which will be ideal for education / training.

## The Challenge of Pressure Ulcer Staging: A Consensus Development Statement 9<sup>th</sup> National NPUAP Conference – 2005

Pressure ulcer staging is fraught with complexities. This conference will develop consensus statements to guide the healthcare community in the assessment of utilization of the staging systems.

### Conference Objectives:

- To develop a consensus statement on unstageable pressure ulcers
- To develop a consensus statement on the use of the NPUAP staging system for pressure ulcers.

### Participant Objectives:

- Participate in the development of a consensus statement on unstageable pressure ulcers.
- Define at least 3 criteria of unstageable pressure ulcers.
- Participate in the development of a consensus statement on the use of the NPUAP staging system for pressure ulcers.
- Identify at least 3 current issues around the use of staging systems.



# Future Dates for NPUAP EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

## **Best Practices**

October 16<sup>th</sup>, 1:00 – 4:30 pm

Chicago, IL

*Minimize Litigation in Pressure Ulcer Care*

In affiliation with the **Clinical Symposium on Advances in Skin and Wound Care.**

October 31st

Des Moines, IA

*Best Practice for Pressure Ulcer Assessment and Treatment*

November 21st

Elmhurst, NY

*Best Practice for Assessment and Treatment of Pressure Ulcers:*

*Clinical, Regulatory and Legal Perspective*

January 22nd, 2004

Ft. Myers, FL

*Minimize Litigation in Pressure Ulcer Care*

## **9th National Conference**

February, 2005

*The Challenge of Pressure Ulcer Staging:*

*A Consensus Development Statement*

**Check the NPUAP website for each educational brochure**  
[www.npuap.org](http://www.npuap.org)

**National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel**

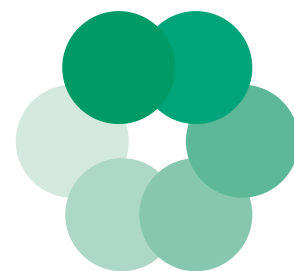
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