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PRESS RELEASE

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Washington, DC - The National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (NPUAP) announced the release of its strategic plan goals for the period 2010 – 2012. Six key goals were developed over a two day period during the week of August 17, 2009. Those goals are:

1. Become the international authority and thought leader in the field of pressure ulcers
2. Create a consistent vision and voice in US public policy
3. Become the leading educator in pressure ulcers
4. Provide preeminent expertise in pressure ulcers research
5. Increase effectiveness in the Panel by engaging multidisciplinary experts in implementing a culture of sustainability
6. Maintain the current financial base of NPUAP and expand the resources to support new activities

“The new goals are not entirely different from our past goals.” states Laura Edsberg, NPUAP President. “However, they emphasize our organization’s desire to move from being *on* the cutting edge of pressure ulcer bedside care, public policies and research to being *the* cutting edge. They also reflect our goal of being more influential in pressure ulcer public policy making.”

The new goals were incorporated into the work plans of the three standing NPUAP committees during their August semi annual meetings. The Public Policy, Education and Research Committees identified specific activities they will incorporate into their existing initiatives towards achieving the new goals.

NPUAP is an independent, not-for-profit organization dedicated to the prevention and management of pressure ulcers through education, research and public policy. Formed in 1987, the NPUAP Board of Directors is comprised of leading authorities representing various disciplines, including medicine, nursing, occupational and physical therapy, nutrition, biomedical engineering, research and education.

More information on NPUAP goals and activities can found on their web site at www.npuap.org or by calling the NPUAP office at 202-521-6789.

The National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel provides multidisciplinary leadership for improved patient outcomes in pressure ulcer prevention and management through education, public policy and research.