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## President's Message:

By Diane Langemo, PhD, RN

This is a very exciting year for the NPUAP with a full work agenda of exciting projects and issues upon which to focus our efforts. We have recently emerged from a very busy 2002 with the presentation of five regional educational conferences, great progress on the Support Surface Initiative and definition of deep tissue injury, work with CMS on rewriting of section M of the Minimum Data Set, and the rigors of planning the very successful 2003 Consensus Conference recently held in New Orleans with nearly 200 in attendance.

During 2003, the NPUAP will continue to work with CMS as it requests; will continue to move forward with the Support Surface Initiative; will offer three educational conferences, one in New York and one in Reading, PA (September 19-20), as well as a half-day pre-conference on October 16 in Chicago, IL; complete a literature review on deep tissue injury; and will continue to look at the Healthy People 2010 initiative. NPUAP has recently completed putting the slide series into a CD format for sale (they are also available as slides or in video format). The NPUAP will address other issues/projects as they arise.

Given all that is to be done in 2003, my mind hears the refrain of "Bob the Builder" who is famous amongst the millions of toddlers who repeat the saying "We can do it. Yes we can!" Yes, I believe the NPUAP can accomplish our goals through working together. The NPUAP, like other organizations, is greater, stronger and more productive through the collaborative work of all of its components. The NPUAP is indeed enriched through its Corporate Advisory Council, its Collaborating Organization Council, its Provider Advisory Council, and its Alumni Council.

At our recent meeting we bid a sad farewell and heartfelt thanks to two Board of Director members who completed their terms: Sharon Baranoski, MSN, RN, CWOCN and Barbara Bates-Jensen, PhD, RN, CETN. Their contributions were numerous and outstanding, including Sharon serving NPUAP as President and Education Chair and Barbara serving NPUAP as Vice-President and Education Chair. We look forward to your future involvement as Alumni! Thank you!

Forward progress! 🍀

# Research Update

*By David Brienza, Ph.D.*

The efforts of the Research Committee are focused on three initiatives: the Support Surface Standards Initiative (S3I), the Deep Tissue Injury (DTI) Task Force, and the Pressure Ulcer Research Survey. The S3I and DTI efforts are reported on elsewhere in this issue. The following will bring you up to date on our efforts concerning the Pressure Ulcer Research Survey.

In 2003, the survey effort is focused on capturing investments in pressure ulcer research by examining the research reported on in the scientific literature. The search, performed and analyzed by Jeanne Zanca at the University of Pittsburgh, was limited to work published in calendar years 1999, 2000, 2001, and 2002. References from 1999 have been eliminated in order to reduce the number of articles to a manageable number. The process has entailed a two-step screening process of the publication titles and abstracts prior to a detailed analysis of the full text and subsequent entering of the information into the NPUAP Pressure Ulcer Research Database.

The initial, automated search of reference databases resulted in approximately 3500 pressure ulcer related articles. The first manual screening was designed to weed out articles that did not meet our inclusion criteria in terms of their content, and 1019 references passed this first screening.

The next step was to go through those references to weed out articles that were general information pieces, literature reviews, case studies, legal reports, etc.—articles that do not discuss specific funded research projects and would therefore be unlikely to have funding sources acknowledged in the article. Of the 1019, 623 articles were eliminated. An additional 49 articles were eliminated because they were discussions of work done outside the United States (UK, Sweden, Canada, etc.) because our primary focus is on funding in the US. This left a total of 347 articles to be acquired so that their acknowledgments sections can be analyzed.

Of the 347 articles that remain, 91 are from 1999. Limiting the time period under consideration to include 2000-2002 would leave 256 articles. We are now in the process of obtaining the full text of these 256 articles. Once the article is obtained, it will be analyzed to uncover the source of funds for the research. This information will then be added to the Pressure Ulcer Research Survey database available at [www.NPUAP.org](http://www.NPUAP.org). 🍀

# Deep Tissue Injury Task Force

By Richard Bennett, MD

The work of the Deep Tissue Injury task force continues. One hundred fifty-eight general review articles and other relevant articles have been identified and evaluated by the leaders of this project to understand how experts and researchers consider deep tissue injury in published papers. The goal is to finalize a manuscript in coming months, which describes this

work for submission to a national journal. The final article will also include NPUAP recommendations for how clinicians should describe deep tissue injury, and how researchers should investigate this topic. Ultimately, this work will provide a foundation for a new NPUAP Task Force, which will be formed to evaluate current NPUAP Stage definitions. 🍄

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## Education Committee

The Education Committee has been busy this spring with the announcement of its fall 2003 educational opportunities listed below.

The committee has also developed the NPUAP slide sets into compact diskettes in an effort to meet the needs of practitioners in a variety of settings. The CDs will be on sale soon, so reserve your copies now. Order form within this newsletter. 🍄

NPUAP fall 2003 educational opportunities:

### *Avoidable versus Unavoidable Pressure Ulcers: What is the Evidence?*

September 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>      November 21<sup>st</sup>  
Reading, PA                      Long Island, NY

### *Call for Posters for November 21<sup>st</sup> Avoidable*

Clinicians, researchers and academicians are encouraged to submit poster abstracts for consideration.

#### *Submission Criteria:*

Deadline: September 26, 2003

Topic: Best Practice for Pressure Ulcer Assessment & Treatment

Abstract: Double spaced, not exceeding 300 words including title, name(s) of author(s) and affiliation(s)

Submit via email, as an attachment, to:

NPUAP, Attn: Robin Turner [rturner@drohanmgmt.com](mailto:rturner@drohanmgmt.com)

For further questions contact Dr. Mona Baharestani at: (718) 470-7813.

### *Best Practice*

October 16<sup>th</sup>, 1 – 4:30 pm

Chicago, IL

Topic: Legal Issues in Pressure Ulcers

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



## 8<sup>th</sup> NPUAP National Conference a Success: New Orleans, LA Founders, Kosiak and Research Awards Presented

Over 165 attended the Best Practice Pre-Conference on February 20<sup>th</sup> and 288 participants and exhibitors attended the 8<sup>th</sup> National Conference on February 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup>. The largest snowfall of the season hit the East on Monday prior to the conference but conference speakers and attendees dug their way out and flew into the Big Easy. The conference speakers and exhibitors were well received.

NPUAP honored three individuals for their contribution to the NPUAP mission. Diane Langemo, NPUAP President, presented Dr. Thomas Stewart with the first *Thomas Stewart, PhD Founders Award*. This award is given to the individual for significant vision and leadership in improving pressure ulcer care. Dr. Stewart is a founding member of the Panel and serves as President and Chief Operating Officer of Gaymar Industries, Inc. Dr. Richard M. Allman, University of Alabama at Birmingham was awarded the *2003 Kosiak Award* for his contribution to the prevention and treatment of Pressure Ulcers. Dr. Michael Ankrom, Johns Hopkins University School of Medicine as awarded the 4<sup>th</sup> biennial Research Award for his research paper: "Energy Expenditure of Patients with Pressure Sores".

We would like to thank Kinetic Concepts, ConvaTec, Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association, Gaymar Industries, Inc. and Hill-Rom for their financial contributions to the conference.

The conference exhibit hall included: Cleveland Medical Devices, Inc., ConvaTec – A Bristol Myers Squibb Company, DeRoyal, DM Systems, Inc., Gaymar, Hill-Rom, HMP Communications / Ostomy Wound Management, Huntleigh Healthcare, Johnson and Johnson Wound Management Worldwide, Kinetic Concepts, Inc., Lantiseptic, Mason Medical Products, Medix Pharmaceuticals Americas, Inc., Medline, Molnlycke Health Care, Novartis Nutrition Corporation, PDI Medical Devices & Diagnostics, Ross Products Division Abbott Laboratories, Inc., Smith-Nephew, Supracor, Inc. and Tempur-Pedic Medical. The poster session included 24 abstracts presentations.

A special thank you is extended to the conference speakers, planning committee and the Chairman, Mary Ellen Posthauer and Education Co-Chairs Mona Baharestani and Joyce Black.

Copies of the on-site syllabus, including speaker handouts and poster abstracts, are available from the national office for \$75.00 ☛



NPUAP President, Diane Langemo  
Kosiak Awardee, Dr. Richard Allman

# 8<sup>th</sup> NPUAP National Conference a Success: New Orleans, LA



NPUAP President, Diane Langemo, Ph.D., RN  
and Founder Awardee,  
Dr. Thomas Stewart



Dr. Allan with NPUAP Board Members  
Barbara Braden, Ph.D., RN and George Xakellis, MD



Denis Colin, MD, Ph.D., EPUAP  
visits with Barbara Bates-Jensen, Ph.D., RN



Barbara Bates-Jensen with Alastair McLeod of UK  
Huntleigh Healthcare



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NPUAP relies on the generosity of corporations to financially support its mission and organizational operations. Of equal importance, are the human resources and expertise provided by individual corporate representatives to the NPUAP. These representatives form the *Corporate Advisory Council (CAC)*. NPUAP is deeply indebted to these organizations and their respective representatives for their uniting and outstanding contribution to NPUAP. Listed below are the 2003 CAC members: 🍎

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- Beverly Healthcare
  - ConvaTec
  - Gaymar Industries, Inc.
  - HCR ManorCare
  - Hill-Rom, Inc.
  - Huntleigh Healthcare
  - Johnson & Johnson, Wound Management
  - Kinetic Concepts, Inc.
  - Medline Industries Inc.
  - National Healthcare Corporation
  - Nestle' Clinical Nutrition
  - Pegasus Airwave
  - The ROHO Group
  - Ross Laboratories
  - Smith-Nephew, Inc.
  - Sunrise Medical



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## Educational CD Sets

<b>Set #1—Pressure Ulcer Basics</b> Total Slides on CD : 22 Cost: <b>\$50</b> (includes postage and handling)	<b>Set #2—Incidence, Prevalence, and Risk Assessments</b> Total slides on CD: 27 Cost: <b>\$60</b> (includes postage and handling)	<b>Set #3—Strategies for Pressure Ulcer Prevention</b> Total slides on CD: 28 Cost: <b>\$60</b> (includes postage and handling)	<b>Set #4—Pressure Ulcer Treatment</b> Total slides on CD: 35 Cost: <b>\$70</b> (includes postage and handling)
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**Questions?** Contact the NPUAP national office at 703-464-4849, ext. 4110, (Robin Turner, Executive Director), or ext. 4106, (Laura Markusson, Administrator).



# Future Dates for

## *NPUAP EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES*

### ***Avoidable versus Unavoidable Pressure Ulcers: What is the Evidence?***

September 19 and 20<sup>th</sup>  
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November 21<sup>st</sup>  
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***“Call for Posters” (see page 3 for details)***

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### ***National Conference***

February, 2005  
Las Vegas, NV

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

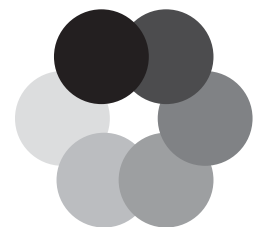
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