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*President's Message:**By Courtney H. Lyder, ND, GNP, FAAN*

It's hard to believe that Fall is quickly approaching. Here at the NPUAP, we continue to work throughout the seasons to move our education, research and public policy agendas forward. This summer we continued our work in several key initiatives. I would like to highlight a couple of these initiatives:

The Support Surface Initiative workgroup (Co-Chaired by Drs. Stephen Sprigle and David Brienza) continues to build consensus on the key issues (i.e. taxonomy) related to support surfaces. This is a monumental task, but one that is surely needed and when completed will potentially have significant public policy implications.

The Deep Tissue Injury Task Force (Co-Chaired by Drs. Joyce Black and Richard Bennett) continued working over this summer to review the literature and develop clear guidelines on how to delineate a deep tissue injury compared to superficial injury, etc. This has tremendous implications for the practicing health care professional.

Revising the Federal F314 Tag - Pressure Ulcers. Two members of the board (Drs. Courtney Lyder and Elizabeth Ayello (Alumni, 2002) were asked in 2001 to provide clinical expertise for the Centers of Medicare and Medicaid Services as they revised the Interpretive Guidelines and Scope and Severity for surveying the 17,000 nursing homes in the U.S. Moreover, the NPUAP Panel provided extensive comments to CMS on the initial draft. This work continues as we have been once again asked to provide an additional critique of this Federal Tag before it takes effect shortly.

I continue to be impressed with the work produced by the Education Committee (Co-Chaired by Drs. Joyce Black and Mona Baharestani). This committee continues to plan our successful avoidable conferences for the Fall 2002 (three remaining in 2002). They have also begun working on our national conference scheduled in February 2003. The Research Committee (Co-Chaired by Drs. Stephen Sprigle and David Brienza) has remained active with developing and maintaining a database on published pressure ulcer research in the U.S. The first analysis from the database has been completed and the results will hopefully be published soon. Finally the Public Policy Committee (Chaired by George Xakellis) will begin the arduous task of reviewing the Centers on Medicare and Medicaid Services Minimum Data Set section on wound care to provide comments back to the U.S. government. This is a very important task, since it will affect over 17,000 nursing homes.

I would also like to take this opportunity to welcome on board, Dr. Barbara Braden who joined the panel in January 2002. Dr. Braden is a world renown educator and researcher on pressure ulcer prevention. We are happy that she accepted the two year appointment. I am also thrilled that we re-elected Richard Bennett, MD, Spencer Wilking, MD and Mary Ellen Posthauer, RD, CD for additional three year terms. We also elected two additional panel members, Mary Jo Geyer, PhD and Catherine Ratcliff, PhD. Both Drs. Geyer and Ratcliff will officially join the panel in January 2003.



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I could not end my president's message without acknowledging the work of Dr. Barbara Bates-Jensen (Vice President) and Mary Ellen Posthauer, RD, CD who worked on revising the by-laws. Hopefully, this iteration will be a little bit more "user" friendly.

I am so incredibly proud to be a member of this prestigious panel. I am always trying to find quotes that reflect my thinking of this organization. Please permit me to paraphrase a quote from someone that I know relatively well, myself.

"Our organization is financially strong, intellectually rich and eternally committed to making a positive difference in pressure ulcer education, research and policy. With a 15 panel board, dedicated corporate advisory council, collaborating organizations and alumni what we have been able to accomplish is simply amazing. We have aspired and we are achieving!!"

Warm Regards 


S3I Update

By David M. Brienza, Ph.D.

The second working group meeting of NPUAP's Support Surface Standards Initiative (S3I) was June 1st, 2002 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Approximately 50 people attended the daylong meeting that was co-hosted by WOCN. About 25% of the attendees were first time attendees. Such growth in participation provides confirmation of the project's potential to significantly impact clinical practice, product development and public policy. S3I is a three-year project of NPUAP's Research Committee that will culminate in the development of uniform terminology, test methods and reporting standards for support surfaces.

The agenda for the June 1st meeting included a general session in the morning involving all of the participants followed by breakout sessions for the three working groups: Terms and Definitions (Abbey Daniels, Chair; Margaret Goldberg, Vice Chair), Tissue Integrity Management (David Brienza, Chair; Dave McCausland, Vice Chair), and Lifespan Evaluation (Kathleen Baldwin, Chair; Lydia Biggie, Vice-chair) and finally a second general session in the late afternoon. Detailed accounts of the meetings proceedings are available on the website at <http://www.npuap.org/s3i.htm>.

The next working group meeting is scheduled for Monday, October 28th, 2002 in Atlanta in conjunction with MedTrade. We are encouraging all interested parties to participate in this development process. The success of the initiative relies on active participation. To sign up for the initiative, please fill out and submit the form available on the website, or contact Lisa Frase at s3i@npup.org.

The initiative currently relies on the generous donations from manufacturers and other stakeholders. However, we continue to need and seek funding from a variety of sources. Additional funds are required to support administrative and meeting expenses as well as to cover costs associated with test development, equipment purchases and the establishment of test repeatability, reproducibility and reliability. Please consider investing in this important effort, Make all checks payable to, "NPUAP-S3I" and send to Robin Turner, Executive Director, NPUAP, 11250 Roger Bacon Drive, Suite 8, Reston, VA 20190-5205. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Turner. 

Notes From NPUAP

By Robin Turner, Executive Director

With Summer 2002 coming to an end and schools starting for the fall, I hope everyone's summer went well. I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as the new Executive Director of the NPUAP. I joined the Drohan Management Group (DMG) team in July and I have been working with Rick Guggolz with the transition. Rick remains with DMG heading up their large meetings team and we wish him well in his new position.

Please feel free to contact me directly at:
phone (703) 234-4110 or email
rturner@drohanmgmt.com

NPUAP recently held their August Panel meeting in Chicago, IL and are gearing up for the Fall 2002 and Winter 2003:

8th National Conference Slated for The Big Easy: A Pressure Ulcer Report Card – Education, Public Policy, and Research

Mark your calendar now for the February 21-22, 2003, NPUAP National Conference at the Hotel Inter-Continental. The meeting will be held the week prior to Mardi Gras. Look for a new program where the participants will be asked to "grade pressure ulcer care" in their facility, so that we can publish a "Report card on pressure ulcer care in America." Be sure to check the web site regularly for updates - the agenda is currently being finalized. A "best practice" meeting has been added prior to the conference, which would be held at the Hotel Inter-Continental on February 20. The Panel will soon be selecting a city for the 9th Annual Conference, to be held in February 2005.

Avoidable / Unavoidable One Day Meeting Update

Avoidable / Unavoidable meetings will also be held October 4 in St. Louis, October 24 in Orlando and November 4 in Springfield, MA. Check the NPUAP website for full brochures.

A special one-day meeting titled "Discerning Pressure Ulcer Care From Documentation" will be held in Friday, October 25 in Orlando. This special conference is designed for risk managers, medical directors, legal nurse consultants,

health care attorneys geared towards health care attorneys.

Elections Results

With elections completed, we welcome three new Board members:

Barbara Braden PhD, RN, FAAN

(profiled this issue)

Mary Jo Geyer, PhD, PT, CWS

(profiles Fall issue)

Catherine Robertson Ratliff, RN, PhD,

CWOCN, CS

(profiles Fall issue)

Corporate Advisory Council Members Sought

When you travel to industry meetings and when you deal with wound care vendors throughout the year, always keep in mind that the NPUAP is continually seeking to grow our current number of CAC members. Simply forward the information to my attention at the National Office for follow-up. Additional CAC members will increase our breadth of knowledge and resources and also provide NPUAP with additional revenues to pursue its goals, objectives and activities. Thank you in advance for your efforts in this area.

Support Surface Initiative Meeting

Participants in the NPUAP Support Surface Initiative met on June 1 in Las Vegas as part of the WOCN meeting. Progress continues to be made by the various committees and it was felt that the meeting was very productive.

NPUAP Slide Sets 1, 3 and 4 Now on Video

Three of the four NPUAP slide sets have been converted to video. An order form is on the web site and sales have been going well. Discounts are offered for large orders.

NPUAP Exhibits at Industry Meetings

NPUAP exhibited at the 2002 Symposium on Advanced Wound Care in Baltimore and the June WOCN meeting in Las Vegas. We will also be exhibiting at the Clinical Symposium on Wound Care in Dallas, September 21 - 23. Stop by the NPUAP booth # 726 of the Hyatt Regency Marsalis Exhibit Hall. ❁



Deep Tissue Injury Task Force

By Joyce Black RN, Ph.D.

The Deep Tissue Injury Task Force continued its work at the Meeting of the Panel in August. The objectives of the task force have been clearly defined and include preparing a summary of the literature pertinent to deep tissue injury, and developing the draft NPUAP statement concerning this entity. The latter statement will include review of the concept of deep tissue injury, a discussion of the presumed pathogenesis for these injuries, and recommendations on documentation and treatment. In addition, NPUAP will develop

recommendations for areas for future research about this topic. Task force Co-Chairs, Richard Bennett, MD, and Joyce Black, PhD, RN, will also participate in the Clinical Symposium on Advances in Skin & Wound Care which will be held in Dallas, Texas, in September, 2002, and present about this topic. Their review will consider a historic overview of this topic, the limitations of current staging systems with regards to classifying deep tissue injury, and a review of the epidemiology and pathogenesis of this problem. ❁

Newest Elected Member to the Board

By Courtney H. Lyder, ND, GNP, FAAN

The NPUAP is pleased to welcome [Barbara J. Braden, PhD, RN, FAAN](#) to the Board. Dr. Braden is Dean of the Graduate School and University College at Creighton University in Omaha, NE. She received her bachelor's degree from Creighton University, her master's from University of California at San Francisco and her doctoral degree from The University of Texas at Austin. Dr. Braden was project director of the Creighton University Teaching Nursing Home Project funded by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. This collaborative service-education model served as an impetus for several important on-going programs of gerontological research, including the collaborative work on risk factors in pressure sore development that she and Dr. Nancy Bergstrom began in 1983. Dr. Braden is best known for her work in the development of the Braden Scale for Predicting Pressure Sore Risk which has become widely used in the U.S. and is one of the tools recommended for use in the **Clinical Practice Guidelines on Pressure Ulcers in Adults**. Dr. Braden is a Fellow in the American Academy of Nursing and has received many awards for her work, including the Kosiak Award from NPUAP and a lifetime achievement award from the European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel. ❁

KOSIAK Award

By Courtney H. Lyder, ND, GNP, FAAN

The NPUAP is accepting nominations for the Kosiak Award. This award was designed to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the prevention and/or management of pressure ulcers through their leadership in the areas of research, education and/or patient care. The award is named in honor of Dr. Michael Kosiak for his classic, original contributions on the etiology of pressure ulcers. Past recipients of the Kiosk award are:

2001: JoAnn Maklebust, MSN, RN, CS, CNP
1999: Barbara Braden, Ph.D., RN, FAAN
1997: Roberta S. Abruzzese, Ph.D., RN, FAAN
1995: Martin C. Robson, MD
1993: Thomas Krouskop, Ph.D.
1991: Nancy Bergstrom, Ph.D., RN, FAAN

Nominations for the award should be sent to the NPUAP National Office by November 1, 2002. Each nomination should consist of a detailed letter describing the accomplishments of the nominee in the areas of research, education, and/or patient care. Only nominees who are U.S. citizens will be considered. Each nomination letter should be accompanied by a complete curriculum vita of the nominee and two letters of endorsement from knowledgeable colleagues. 🌱

Call for Proposals

NATIONAL PRESSURE ULCER ADVISORY PANEL RESEARCH AWARD

By Stephen Sprigle PT, Ph.D.

The National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (NPUAP) fosters and supports research on pressure ulcer prevention and treatment. The organization provides small grant awards (\$1,500.00) to novice researchers from any health care or basic science discipline. The funds are intended to support preliminary research efforts (including dissertations) for young investigators who are likely to have promising academic careers in pressure ulcer research. The NPUAP Research Award(s) will be announced at the 8th NPUAP National Conference, February 2003, in New Orleans, Louisiana. The deadline for proposal submission is November 1, 2002. For a copy of the program announcement and application form, please visit www.npuap.org or contact the National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel at 703-464-4849. 🌱



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Call for Poster Abstracts

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The National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel has hosted seven National Conferences since 1989 for multidisciplinary healthcare professionals involved and interested in issues regarding pressure ulcers. The NPUAP provides multidisciplinary leadership for improved patient outcomes in pressure ulcer prevention and management through education, public policy and research. The NPUAP is soliciting poster presentations for the 2003 conference which will be held February 21-22, 2003. Following are the poster proposal guidelines and information on how to contact us with questions.

Subject Matter

Poster submissions should contain subject matter of interest on pressure ulcer research, education, or public policy issues. Topics can include, but are not limited to, clinical research, case studies, treatment options, protocols, education or overall pressure ulcer management.

General Poster Proposal

Information and Guidelines Guidelines:

- ◆ Each proposal will be peer-reviewed by a member of the NPUAP Research Committee.
- ◆ The audience is multidisciplinary, including physicians, nurses, researchers, administrators, surveyors, and policy makers.
- ◆ Poster presenters who are selected for the presentation must register for the 8th National Conference at the early bird rate and make their own travel

and hotel arrangements. All expenses are the responsibility of the presenters.

- ◆ The Conference site will provide a poster board that is 8 ft. wide by 4 ft. high. Presenters must provide their own tack pins or Velcro for posting display. No electricity is available at the poster. No products may be handed out at the poster sessions. Handouts of abstract may be distributed to attendees during the open poster session hours.
- ◆ Posters will be on display during all exhibit hours. It is recommended that authors be available for any questions from participants.
- ◆ Poster Set-Up should be completed on February 21 before exhibit hours.
- ◆ Poster Teardown is at the end of exhibit hours and before the conference ends on February 22. The NPUAP is not responsible for lost or damaged materials and will not take responsibility for posting, tearing down, or shipping any materials.

Poster Proposal Format

- ◆ Abstract (250 word-limit includes abstract only) - Recommend statement of the problem, methodology, results, conclusion.
- ◆ 2-3 behavioral objectives and references cited on a separate page.

- ◆ Include a stamped self-addressed postcard or envelope with title of presentation on the message side. We will use this card to notify you that we have received your submission. Notification of receipt does not imply acceptance. A written letter of acceptance will be sent to primary author by December 16, 2003.
- ◆ Include a cover sheet with the following:
 - Poster title, author/s, contact address, institution, phone number and name of primary contact
 - Submit one copy of abstract, with author/s names removed for blind review.
 - Submit one abstract with full authorship listed at the top of the page under title.
 - All abstracts must be submitted with a disk, or e-mailed to Research Committee, rturner@drohanmgmt.com. Please include program format if mailing in the disk. Microsoft Word preferred.
 - No faxes accepted.

Submission Deadline:

November 4, 2002

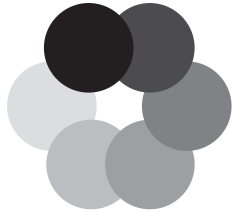
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