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## Elizabeth Ayello and Courtney Lyder Honored with NPUAP Awards

The National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel honors two professionals with the **Kosiak Award** and the **Thomas Stewart Founder's Award** at its national biennial conference. This year, **Dr. Elizabeth Ayello** was presented the Kosiak Award and **Dr. Courtney Lyder** was presented the Stewart Award.

Dr. Ayello, PhD, RN served as President of NPUAP in 1999. She is active in local projects, having been instrumental in New Jersey's effort to reduce the number of pressure ulcers statewide through combined efforts with nurses in all settings. Dr. Ayello edits the International Journal for ET Nurses and Wound Care Essentials, a textbook for wound care professionals. She is Clinical Associate Editor for Advances in Skin and Wound Care and is a faculty member of Excelsior College School of Nursing. She also serves as a co-chair of the June 2008 World Union of Wound Healing Societies Conference in Toronto. Dr. Ayello is President of Ayello, Harris & Associates, Inc.

The Kosiak Award is the oldest award given by NPUAP and 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 Kosiak award are:

- 2005: George T. Rodeheaver, PhD
- 2003: Richard M. Allman, MD
- 2001: JoAnn Maklebust, MSN, RN, CS, CNP
- 1999: Barbara Braden, PhD, RN, FAAN
- 1997: Roberta S. Abruzzese, PhD, RN, FAAN
- 1995: Martin C. Robson, MD
- 1993: Thomas Krouskop, PhD
- 1991: Nancy Bergstrom, PhD, RN, FAAN

Dr. Lyder received the Thomas Stewart Founder's Award for his public policy work, especially with the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare in the area of pressure ulcers in Long Term Care settings. He has translated the science of pressure ulcer prevention and treatment into evidence-based public policies that have improved the quality of life for millions of Americans. Dr. Lyder, a professor at the University of Virginia (Charlottesville, VA), is extremely dedicated and uniquely gifted in his ability to articulate the concerns and needs of patients to the highest levels of our government.

The Stewart Award was created to honor an individual who has made significant contributions in the area of pressure ulcer prevention and treatment, especially in the areas of public policy. Dr. Thomas Stewart, founder of the NPUAP in 1987, presented the award to Dr. Lyder. Past recipients have been Dr. Stewart and Beverly Cullen with CMS for her work in revising the interpretative guidelines for the F 314 tag in Long Term Care.