

# NPUAP Achievements

NPUAP serves as a resource to healthcare professionals, government, the public, and healthcare agencies. It welcomes and encourages the participation of those interested in pressure ulcer issues through utilization of NPUAP educational materials, participation at national conferences, and collaboration. Selected accomplishments of NPUAP include:

- Consensus conference in 1989 that resulted in the staging definitions
- Testimony in 1994 about the Medicare Surgical Dressing Policy
- Creation in 1996 of the PUSH Tool to measure pressure ulcer healing
- Revision in 1998 of the stage I definition to include assessment of clients across the skin spectrum
- Testimony in 1999 for the Healthy People 2010 objective on pressure ulcers (1-16)
- Consultation to CMS (formerly HFCA) on MDS-3 revision and Tag F314 (2001) and (2004)
- Biennial Research Award for young investigators
- Consultation to CMS on MCAC (2005)
- Testimony 2005 to CMS: Medicare Coverage Advisory Committee on Usual Care of Chronic Wounds



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# National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel

Multidisciplinary  
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# What is NPUAP?

The National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (NPUAP) is an independent not-for-profit professional organization dedicated to the prevention and management of pressure ulcers. Formed in 1987,

NPUAP is composed of leading experts from different health-care disciplines, all of whom share this commitment to pressure ulcer care. NPUAP consists of a Board of Directors, Corporate Advisory Council, Collaborating Organizations,

Provider Advisory Council, and Alumni group. It provides multidisciplinary leadership for improved patient outcomes in pressure ulcer prevention and management through education, public policy, and research.



## NPUAP Projects

Support Surfaces Initiative

Neonatal / Pediatric Task Force Initiative

Nutrition Initiative

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## NPUAP Member Resources

### Educational Materials Available for Purchase

<b>Monograph</b> Pressure Ulcers in America: Prevalence, Incidence, and Implications for the Future	\$75
<b>Video</b> Pressure Ulcer Basics and Strategies for Pressure Ulcer Prevention and Treatment	\$75
<b>CD-ROMs</b> #1: Pressure Ulcer Basics	\$50
#2: Incidence and Prevalence	\$60
#3: Strategies for Pressure Ulcer Prevention and Risk Assessments	\$60
#4: Pressure Ulcer Treatment	\$70

### NPUAP Web Site: [www.npuap.org](http://www.npuap.org)

- Selected highlights include:
- Frequently Asked Questions
  - Staging Definitions
  - PUSH Tool
  - Position Statements
  - Easy-Reading Patient Guide to Pressure Ulcer Prevention
  - Pressure Ulcer Treatment: A Competency-based Curriculum
  - Educational Conferences

### Educational Conferences

NPUAP's next Biennial National Conference is in 2007. Visit the NPUAP website for details.

#### Co-Sponsoring an NPUAP Conference

Any healthcare organization can co-sponsor a NPUAP conference. Conference expenses and profits are shared equally between the co-sponsoring organization and NPUAP.

NPUAP offers the following one-day regional conferences:

- Avoidable vs. Unavoidable Pressure Ulcers: What is the Evidence?
- Minimize Litigation in Pressure Ulcer Care
- Best Practice in Pressure Ulcer Prevention, Assessment and Treatment

NPUAP offers nationally recognized experts in the pressure ulcer field and develops the program and arranges speakers for the co-sponsoring organization. The co-sponsor must provide an on-site person (s) to coordinate and plan the program for the area.

Educational conferences may be scheduled at any time and location. Dates are based on availability and are arranged on a first-come, first-served basis. Speaker choice is based on the availability and location of NPUAP Panel members. Program preparation and marketing requires a time frame of five to eight months.

For information on co-sponsoring with the NPUAP, please contact the national office at (202) 521-6789 or visit the website at: [www.npuap.org](http://www.npuap.org).

