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The National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (NPUAP) serves as the authoritative voice for improved patient outcomes in pressure ulcer prevention and treatment through public policy, education and research.

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A Common Sense of Purpose

Diane Langemo, PhD, RN, FAAN

2008 has been a very busy year for NPUAP as we actively work to improve pressure ulcer prevention and treatment across the country. Throughout the year NPUAP's Public Policy Committee has remained extremely active in monitoring and addressing national issues related to pressure ulcers. NPUAP has forwarded letters to the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services on the area of pressure ulcers on the CARE document, the "Preventable Hospital Acquired Conditions" (PUs), competitive bidding for wound care products, and more recently on Medicare Evidentiary Priorities.

At our recent Board of Directors/Panel meeting in Washington, DC, Dr. Joanne Lynn and Mary Pratt from CMS were present to dialogue with us on "Preventable Hospital Acquired Conditions-Pressure Ulcers." We look forward to continued dialogue between NPUAP and CMS and other governmental agencies focused on pressure ulcer care.

Work is progressing in earnest on the NPUAP-EPUAP **International Pressure Ulcer Prevention and Treatment Guidelines** with a release goal of February 2009. Please visit www.npuap.org in the coming weeks for an opportunity to review and comment on the draft guidelines as a stakeholder. NPUAP wishes to thank American Medical Technologies, EHOB, HCRManorCare and Kinetic Concepts, Inc. (KCI) for their generous donations towards the printing and dissemination of these guidelines once they are completed.

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NPUAP presented its first Webinar on September 17. Dr. Joyce Black of the NPUAP presented a one hour session on "Pressure Ulcers: Reducing the Impact of the CMS Ruling in Acute Care." Space was limited to 300 participants and the webinar was completely booked out within a few days after releasing the sign up information. We hope to make this available again.

The **2009 NPUAP Biennial Conference** will be held **February 27-28, 2009** at the Hyatt Regency Crystal City (Washington, DC area). There will be two, two-day concurrent conferences: one focused on PU **Best Practices**, and the other on **Consensus** for PU Prevention and Treatment Guidelines (*see article below*). The PU Treatment Guideline will be released. NPUAP is also co-sponsoring two regional PU Best Practice conferences in 2008, to be held **November 20** in San Diego, CA and **November 21** in Laredo, TX.

Finally, to those groups who care deeply about making a difference, NPUAP has "membership" on three types of councils: as part of the Corporate Advisory Council; a Provider Organization Council; or a Collaborating Organization Council. Corporations whose products relate in some way to pressure ulcer care are eligible, as are health care provider and professional organizations whose work relates to pressure ulcer care. More information is available at www.npuap.org, or you can contact the NPUAP office at 202-521-6789.

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2009 NPUAP Biennial Conference: New Global Guidelines – Driving National Policy and Clinical Practice

SAVE THE DATE: **FEBRUARY 27 & 28, 2009**
HYATT REGENCY CRYSTAL CITY ★ ARLINGTON, VA

The 2009 NPUAP Biennial Conference planning is well under way, and the program proves to be on the cutting edge of pressure ulcer prevention and treatment.

A major feature will be the new **International Guidelines** for pressure ulcer prevention and healing developed as a joint project between NPUAP and EPUAP. The two day confer-

ence, *New Global Guidelines: Influencing National Policy and Clinical Practice* will showcase NPUAP's Consensus Conference, along with a Best Practice Conference which will emphasize the clinical aspects of pressure ulcer prevention and treatment. Because there is so much exciting new information

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2009 NPUAP Biennial Conference

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to share with both audiences, the conference will begin with joint sessions on the following topics (tentative):

- Arms Across the Pond: The NPUAP/EPUAP Guideline Initiative: *How is this guideline different?*
- Overview of Guideline Methodology: A look at the entire body of knowledge through examination of new literature and existing evidence tables. Role of WUWHS as international peer review: Focus on implementation, implications and research agendas for the future.
- Prevention & Treatment Guidelines: presenters will review what is new or different, discuss synthesis and understanding of comprehensive knowledge base, and highlight areas of inadequate evidence. This is in preparation for consensus discussions among clinical experts in the audience.
- Panel and Audience Discussion with Audience response captured for analysis.

The Conference will continue with the two groups breaking out for separate sessions. The **CONSENSUS** Conference will experience and deliberate on the following topics:

- Overview of Consensus Topics and Plans for Challenges and Opportunities
- Challenges and Opportunity for Guideline Implementation: Settings and Populations
- Addressing the Challenges and Generation of Research Needs (*divided into Missions of Research, Public Policy and Education*)
- Consensus Building: Creating Visions for the Future (Establishing Research Priorities, Crafting Public Policy and Creating Educational Missions)
- IPUAP: A Plan to Move Forward

The **BEST PRACTICE** Conference will focus on clinical practice for prevention and treatment. Features include:

- How can risk assessments be matched to interventions?
- How Can Risk be reduced in Bariatric Patients?
- How Can Risk be reduced in Pediatric Patients?
- How Can Risk be reduced in Ventilated Critically Ill Patients?
- How Can Risk be reduced in Spinal Cord Injured Patients?
- How can prevalence, incidence and facility acquired pressure ulcer rates be accurately measured?
- Impact of CMS changes on hospitals
- Day 2: Is this a pressure ulcer and how do you know?
- How can Moisture Associated Skin Lesions be Reduced?
- How can heel ulcers be reduced?
- Can Nutritional Support Improve Healing Rates?
- How can a biofilm retard healing?
- What Dressings/Topicals Promote Healing of Stage II Pressure Ulcers?
- What Dressings/Topicals Promote Healing of Full Thickness and Deep Tissue Injury Pressure Ulcers?
- How Does Shear, Pressure, Friction and Microclimate Change Lead to Ulceration?
- What Role Do Support Surfaces Serve in Pressure Ulcer Prevention and Treatment?
- When and how should pressure ulcers be débrided?
- How can patients be effectively transferred from one setting to another?
- How can documentation improve in patients with pressure ulcers?
- What should be Standard Care when Healing is not the Goal?

We hope you will plan to join us for this exciting conference! ■

NPUAP CORPORATE ADVISORY COUNCIL

MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

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SAM Medical Products is a research-based medical device manufacturer founded in 1984. Our mission is the continual innovation and development of unique medical products with a core commitment to the wound care market.

One of our key products is the BursaMed line of dressings which contains our patented shear and friction relieving technology specifically designed for the prevention and treatment of ulcers. These dressings can be used on any stage of wound as a primary or secondary dressing. Our newest BursaMed

with hydrocolloid promotes healing by keeping the wound site moist while relieving shear and friction and is ideal for Stage 1 and 2 pressure ulcers.

SAM Medical is actively involved in wound care research and development and is committed to providing products that will help reduce the likelihood of pressure ulcer development and accelerate ulcer healing. Our R&D personnel have authored more than 13 peer-reviewed journal publications along with holding numerous patents related to soft tissue viability.

SAM Medical looks forward to close cooperative work with NPUAP and its Corporate Advisory Committee and is fully committed to providing a solution to a serious medical problem. ■

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American College of Certified Wound Specialists joins the NPUAP Collaborating Organizations

By **Staci Roberts, PT, CWS, FACCWS**
Chair of the Political Action Committee

American College of Certified Wound Specialists

The American College of Certified Wound Specialists (ACCWS) recently joined the Collaborating Organizations of the NPAUP. The ACCWS is a multidisciplinary wound care organization which promotes the public and wound care community's knowledge and understanding of the potential impact of the Certified Wound Specialist® (CWS®) role in the general health care environment. The American Academy of Wound Management (AAWM) devel-

ops and administers the accredited exam for the CWS® certification. AAWM offers the only accredited multidisciplinary certification for wound specialists, the CWS® and CWCA®.

The purpose of the ACCWS is to provide education, informational resources and research avenues to enhance the knowledge, skills, professional performance and relationships required by health professionals to serve their patients, public, and professions.

We are honored to be among the distinguished individuals on the NPUAP. We look forward to contributing our knowledge and resources to help further the goals of the panel. ■

NPUAP Board Members Elected to Three-Year Terms

NPUAP is pleased to announce the election of five Board members for the 2009–2011 term. **Becky Dorner, RD, LD, Diane Langemo, PhD, RN, FAAN (President)** and **Barb Pieper, PhD, BC, APRN, CWOCN, FAAN (Treasurer)** were reelected to the Board of Directors. **Mary Ellen Posthauer, RD, CD, LD**, who has served previously on the Board and also as President, returns to the Board; and **Margaret Goldberg, RN, MSN, CWOCN**, will serve as a new Director.

Becky Dorner is Founder/President, Becky Dorner & Associates, Inc., a dietetic education and information firm, and Nutrition Consulting Services, Inc. a dietetics consulting firm, providing services to over 100 health care facilities in Ohio since 1983. Becky's mission to improve care for older adults has inspired her to present almost 450 programs for national, international and state professional meetings in 48 states, and five countries; and to publish more than 155 practical articles in professional journals, magazines and newsletters. Becky was the first Executive Officer of the national Consultant Dietitian Network, organized in 2003. She currently serves on the ADA Research Committee and the AODA Leadership Team.

Diane Langemo, PhD, RN, FAAN (President) is a Chester Fritz Distinguished Professor Emeritus and Adjunct Professor at the University of North Dakota College of Nursing, Grand Forks, ND, where she has taught in both the graduate and undergraduate programs. At present she is President of Langemo & Associates, doing consulting in the area of wound care, and is current President of NPUAP. She is a recent recipient of the Sharon Baranoski Founder's Award for national leadership in wound care; and UND presented her with the Distinguished Research, Teaching, and Alumnus Awards and is a former North Dakota Nurse of the Year. Dr. Langemo is currently doing research on chronic venous ulcer care, thermography, and wound measurement techniques.

Barb Pieper, PhD, APRN, BC, CWOCN, FAAN (Treasurer) is a

professor at Wayne State University College of Nursing. Dr. Pieper has presented and published numerous articles on the care of chronic wounds and venous ulcers. Her research interests include chronic wounds and their care and venous ulcers and injecting drug users.

Mary Ellen Posthauer, RD, CD, LD is a registered dietitian and a consultant for SupremeCare West, Inc. She is past-president of NPUAP and is currently the Alumni representative to NPUAP. She is on the Editorial Advisory Board of *Advances in Skin and Wound Care*. She has authored numerous articles/chapters on nutrition including: "Nutritional Care for the Older Adult; A Wound Care Patient Education Resource Manual" and "Wound Care Essentials." Ms. Posthauer received the American Dietetic Association's Award of Excellence in Consultation and Private Practice and the Medallion Award, one of ADA's highest honors. She was inducted into the Hall of Fame, Department of Foods and Nutrition at Purdue University in 2008.

Margaret Goldberg, RN, MSN, CWOCN is a clinical nurse specialist in wound, ostomy and continence and has been in practice for over 25 years. She received her Diploma in Nursing from Helene Fuld School of Nursing in New Jersey, and a Bachelor and Master of Science degree in Nursing from Widener University in Pennsylvania. She has worked in acute care as WOC nurse specialist for a Southern New Jersey and Pennsylvania hospital. Margaret has been an active Wound Ostomy and Continence Nursing Society member all of that time, serving in regional offices, the Chair of the WOCN Conference Planning Committee and is the immediate past president of the WOCN Society. She co-authored a textbook on urinary and fecal diversions and has authored many articles and chapters on wound and ostomy care and has lectured extensively on these topics, with a special interest in the education of health care professionals. She is currently a wound care specialist at an outpatient center in Delray Beach, Florida. ■



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NPUAP 11TH BIENNIAL CONFERENCE

JOIN US IN OUR NATION'S CAPITAL for a two-day meeting with concurrent conferences addressing **BEST PRACTICE** and the release of **GLOBAL GUIDELINES FOR PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION & TREATMENT**. Plan now to participate with international experts in the field of pressure ulcers!

NEW GLOBAL GUIDELINES: Influencing Public Policy & Clinical Practice

You can shape the future of pressure ulcer prevention and treatment globally. Join NPUAP in discussing the challenges of implementing global pressure ulcer prevention and treatment guidelines across all practice settings, including pediatrics, palliative care, bariatrics, and critical care populations.

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DEADLINE:**
**DECEMBER 12
2008**

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