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Dear President Sieggreen:

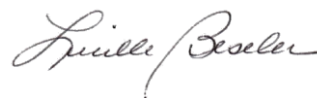
On behalf of the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics (Academy) Board of Directors, I would like to take this opportunity to commend the National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (NPUAP) for the work recently accomplished by the Staging Task Force. The Academy Board of Directors is in support of NPUAP's updated staging definitions and illustrations presented during the consensus meeting in Chicago.

The Academy and its Evidence-Based Practice Committee continue to support the evidence-based guidelines for pressure ulcers as completed by NPUAP and EPUAP and further support the NPUAP Nutrition Guidelines as meeting the Academy criteria for use in the Evidence Analysis Library (EAL). The Academy will continue to indicate support of this terminology within the EAL section on Wound Care.

The Academy understands the adoption and implementation of these updated staging definitions and illustrations will occur over the next several years, and we will work to incorporate the changes as we continue to develop and update our content and programming. We would appreciate knowing about any updates from CMS and the ICD-10 coding group you may get as you move forward with implementation of the new definitions.

Once again, congratulations on a successful consensus meeting and leading this change to advance the practice of wound care.

Sincerely,



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President

CC: Academy Board of Directors