

Pressure Injury Advisory Group (PIAG) Strategic Plan

Background

The Pressure Injury Advisory Group (PIAG) was established in 2006 under the auspices of the NZWCS, as an advisory group to provide expert advice on pressure injuries and undertake projects in relation to the prevention and management of pressure injuries. Collaboration with the Pan Pacific Pressure Injury Alliance (PPPIA) resulted in the publication of the Pan-Pacific Clinical Practice Guidelines for Prevention and Management of Pressure Injury in August 2011. The PPPIA was then invited in 2012 to review the North American (NPUAP) and European (EWMA) pressure ulcer guidelines. This work cumulated in 2014 with the publication of the International Clinical Practice Guideline (CPG) for the Prevention and Treatment of Pressure Ulcers. It was agreed that the term pressure ulcer stands for pressure injury.

Nationally, the group has engaged with – Accident Compensation Corporation - ACC, Health Quality and Safety Commission – HQSC and the Ministry of Health - MoH around the Global STOP Pressure Injury Day every year since 2013. This collaboration has enhanced awareness, investment and national programmes across the care continuum, culminating in the launch of the ‘Guiding Principles for Pressure Injury Prevention and Management in New Zealand’(2017).

Objectives

- To promote an interdisciplinary approach to the prevention and treatment of pressure injuries and provide a consultative role on the current evidence for best practice in New Zealand.
- To align implementation of guidelines with health and disability service structures.
- To provide evidenced based guidelines that reflect a fiscally responsible delivery of the services for pressure injuries.
- To provide a working relationship with New Zealand Aotearoa health and disability services that observes the principles of the Treaty of

Waitangi of protection, partnership and participation within a multicultural society.

- To work in collaboration with our national and international partners.

Goals

- Implementation of nationally approved guidelines and best practice in collaboration with stakeholders, professional bodies and educational institutions
- Support research for collaborative research activities
- Promote consumer and family/whānau knowledge and self-management to enhance quality of life
- Promote the knowledge and expertise of health professionals on the topic of pressure injuries
- To represent the views of NZWCS on matters of pressure injury policy

Associated Documents: PIAG Terms of Reference - TOR

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