

WELCOME

The Education Advisory Group is overseeing the newsletter from February 2017. We have some topics for the year however these are flexible so please let us know what you would like to see or contribute to the 'Tissue Issue' this year. Previous editions [click here](#)

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STOP PRESSURE INJURY DAY - 16 NOVEMBER 2017



STOP PIDAY - Thursday 16th November 2017

The NZWCS invites you to take part in this year's World-Wide Stop Pressure Injury Day 16th November 2017

Worldwide STOP Pressure Injury (Ulcer) day started in 2012 following a meeting of Spanish speaking wound care organisations who agreed and signed the Declaration of Rio. This initiative aims to increase awareness of pressure injuries and how to prevent them amongst the public, medical professionals and politicians.

In New Zealand, support for Stop PI Day is provided by the Health Quality and Safety Commission (HQSC), the Accident Compensation Corporation (ACC) and the Ministry of Health (MoH) who have come

together again with the NZWCS to promote pressure injury prevention and Stop Pressure Injury Day 2017.

Each year the PIAG work to promote this day - NZWCS president, Prue Lennox and Pam Mitchell have led the pressure injury group in this campaign liaising with the HQCS, ACC and MOH to update and provide a fresh look to the resources offered for the STOP PI DAY such as posters and pamphlets, classification chart for pressure injuries and new patient stories. These will be sent out to all DHB's, Aged Care Facilities and your local NZWCS Area Coordinators. The educational YouTube presentation has been reworked and will be available on the NZWCS website.

Local Area groups of the New Zealand Wound Care Society also support the day in various ways and a list of some of the planned activities on offer are listed below and on the NZWCS website

We challenge you to promote the Day in your area - let us know what you are planning so that we can support you.

NZWCS PIAG.

FOCUS TOPIC - PRESSURE INJURIES

Patient and family collaboration vital to pressure injury care plan success

Pressure injuries, also known as pressure ulcers or bed sores, are a major cause of preventable harm for patients using health care services.

Whether a person is in hospital, aged residential care or receiving home care, pressure injuries can be distressing, debilitating and, in the worst case, life-threatening.

Pressure injuries can develop very quickly (in as little as four hours) so early preventative action is essential.

All health professionals, family/whānau members and patients have an important role to play in prevention. With the right knowledge and care, most pressure injuries can be avoided.

This case study is one of a series of pressure injury case studies prepared by the Health Quality & Safety Commission to raise awareness of the issue. The case studies highlight ways to improve practice and make pressure injury prevention a key priority and part of a daily care routine.

HQSC have produced several Case Studies on Pressure Injury Prevention.

Please follow the link below to download the Case Studies as they are too large to reproduce here.

[HQSC - Pressure Injury Prevention - Patient Stories](#)

See the section 'What's On' below to get more involved with STOP PI Day

For more information about pressure injury prevention and management go to:

<https://www.hqsc.govt.nz/our-programmes/pressure-injury-prevention/>

<https://www.acc.co.nz/assets/provider/acc7758-pressure-injury-prevention.pdf>

<https://www.nzwcs.org.nz/>

<https://www.nzwcs.org.nz/resources/publications/10-guidelines-and-protocols>

<http://nhs.stopthepressure.co.uk/>

<https://www.nursingtimes.net/download?ac=1237263>

Summary of what is happening Nationally and International with the Prevention and Management of Pressure Injuries.

Nationally

The National campaign for the Prevention and Management of Pressure Injuries continues to grow in strength year on year. The NZWCS acknowledges the support from ACC, HQSC, MoH and the resources they are putting into the promotion of STOP PI Awareness Day and the ongoing development and promotion of Prevention and Management of Pressure Injuries.

Following the formation of Expert Pressure Injury Reference Panel, ACC in May 2017 published "The Guiding Principles for Pressure Injury and Management in New Zealand". This was released at the New Zealand Wound Care Society Conference in Rotorua. - [Click here to download](#)

Concurrently HQSC has been working on a national audit tool which they are piloting in several District Health Boards. They expect to have supporting "how to" manual when this is rolled out. This will give us good national data and we will begin to really know the extent of the problem in New Zealand. HQSC is also publishing a series of patient stories that are available on their website in time for Stop Pressure Injury Day. It has been a real privilege to work alongside these government bodies and have their support.

Internationally

Things are also moving internationally. The Guideline is now available electronically and not only can you buy the whole guideline for \$US50 but sections of the guideline are available as extracts to purchase from <https://international-pressure-ulcer-guidelines.myshopify.com/>

The New Zealand Wound Care Society is a member of the Pan Pacific Pressure Injury Alliance (PPPIA) along with Australia, Singapore and Hong Kong. It was with great pleasure we (the PPPIA) met with our partners European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (EPUAP) and the National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (NPUAP) in September in Belfast to begin the process of revising the current (2014) Prevention and Treatment of Pressure Ulcers.



Members of the GGG 2017 - Back row: Yee Yee Chang (Singapore), Susan Law (Hong Kong); Katrin Balzer (Germany); Emily Haesler (Methodologist); Dan Berlowitz (USA); Zena Moore (Rep of Ireland); Middle right: Dominique Siguado (France); Mary Litchford (USA); Joyce Pittman (USA) Front Row: Pam Mitchell (NZWCS); Keryln Carville (Australia - Chair of PPPIA); Jan Kottner (Germany - Chair of EPUAP and of GGG) Janet Cuddigan (USA - Chair of NPUAP)

The 2019 Clinical Practice Guideline we anticipate will have an even greater reach as it will be available in both printed and electronic formats. look at increased implementation tools and strategies.

How can you participate in the process ?

For the first time, Associate Organizations are being invited to participate.

See http://internationalguideline.com/static/pdfs/Invitation_to_Collaborate.pdf for additional information.

The PPPIA will send out a call for Small Working Group member applications in mid-October.

International stakeholder chapter reviews will begin in June 2019.

You can register as a stakeholder at <http://internationalguideline.com>

We encourage everyone's involvement!

(adapted from NPUAP Press Release October 2017)

New guidelines will use the term 'Pressure Injury'

To download the Quick Ref Guidelines or to Order Chapters of the Full Guideline click on link below:

[The 2014 Prevention and Treatment of Pressure Ulcers: Clinical Practice Guideline](#)

What's On

NZWCS Study Day & Seminars for 2017:

Auckland	- 28 October - 'Preventing Pressure Injury-Blurring the edges' Waitakere Conference Room, Waitakere Hospital
Wellington	- 15 November - STOP PI Education Evening
Waikato	- 15 November (TBA)
Canterbury	- Education evening 1 November
Nelson/ Marlborough	- Regional promotion of STOP PI Day 16 Nov
Palmerston North	- Hospital Display - 16 Nov
Hawkes Bay	- 15 November - Education evening to kick off STOP PI Day 16th November - DHB Study Day & hospital display
Dunedin	- 16 November - Rolling PI education sessions w/ refreshments. PI awareness campaign/info/quiz
Taranaki	- Hospital /display + DVD - 16 Nov
Invercargill	- Hospital Display + DVD - 16 Nov
Bay of Plenty	- Hospital display - 16 Nov

SUGGESTED FUTURE TOPICS FOR TISSUE ISSUE 2017

- Dec / Jan - NO Tissue Issue
- Feb / March - Launch of VLU Guidelines
- Apr / May - Oedema/Lymphodema
- Other topics to be covered include - Nutrition, Negative Pressure, MDT Approach, + others

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