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ENSURING SUSTAINABILITY IN PRESSURE ULCER
EDUCATION, RESEARCH AND PRACTICE

PROGRAMME

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Welcome

A Chairde/Dear Colleagues,

Cuirim fáilte romhaibh go comhdháil EPUAP 2026 í mBaile Átha Cliath!

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the EPUAP 2026 Conference in Dublin!

This year's theme, "Ensuring Sustainability in Pressure Ulcer Education, Research and Practice," reflects the challenges facing healthcare in our changing world and the need to make innovation and new approaches sustainable in the long term. Inspired by our famed green island, we invite you to explore what sustainability means for healthcare, with a particular focus on pressure ulcer prevention and treatment.

We are truly delighted to welcome the Chief Nursing Officer of Ireland as part of the opening of the conference, highlighting the importance of pressure ulcer prevention and person-centred care at national level.

Our scientific programme offers a rich mix of established topics and new perspectives. Newly introduced key sessions will explore Sustainable Product Design and Medical Innovation for PU Prevention and Treatment, Sustaining Healthcare Professionals Engaged in PU Prevention and Treatment, or Sustaining PU Prevention and Treatment in Differing Skin Types.

Wednesday's Panel Debate will focus on Patient and Public Involvement, while Thursday's EPUAP-EWMA session will explore the Role of AI in the Prevention and Treatment of Pressure Ulcers.

True to the EPUAP tradition, the programme includes exceptional hands-on workshops, such as Repositioning and Debridement. On the occasion of the publication of the Fourth Edition of the International Pressure Ulcer/Injury Guideline, we will also offer a dedicated workshop on Guideline Implementation, focusing on how the new recommendations can be translated into clinical practice.

We are also introducing "Securing the Future: A Practical Guide to European Research Funding for the Pressure Injury Community," providing practical guidance on accessing European funding opportunities and supporting the future of pressure ulcer research.

The new EPUAP Forum will be at the heart of the exhibition, providing an open and dynamic space for flash poster presentations, product demonstrations, hands-on activities and interaction between delegates, industry partners and researchers. The exhibition will be particularly lively this year, bringing together a strong representation of companies and key players in the pressure ulcer field. We sincerely thank all our sponsors and exhibitors for their continued support and commitment to advancing pressure ulcer prevention and treatment.

And, of course, sustainability and science should not mean that we forget to have fun or as we say in Ireland "have the craic"! At the conference dinner, we will enjoy an Irish Night, with plenty of Irish atmosphere and entertainment. So leave the formal attire at home, come ready to relax, and bring comfortable clothes and your best Irish spirit! I hope that you get some time also to explore Dublin and enjoy the Irish welcome that we pride ourselves on.

Guímid comhdháil EPUAP taitneamhach, tairbheach agus rathúil oraibh anseo in mBaile Átha Cliath.

We wish you a very enjoyable, inspiring and successful EPUAP 2026 Conference in Dublin!

Tom O'Connor

EPUAP 2026 Conference Chair and EPUAP President

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About EPUAP

Our Mission

The European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (EPUAP) aims to relieve suffering from pressure ulcers through research, education, and policy advocacy across Europe. We provide an international, interdisciplinary platform for clinicians, researchers, educators, policymakers, industry partners, and the public to collaborate on patient-centered, cost-effective care and improved health outcomes.

EPUAP Committees

Scientific Committee

Collaborating closely with the local organising team, the Scientific Committee advises the Executive Board on:

- Developing the annual meeting scientific programme
- Overseeing abstract peer reviews
- Selecting conference awardees including the Experienced Investigator Award

Research Committee

The Research Committee guides EPUAP's global research strategy, promotes international collaboration, and oversees research funding. Key initiatives include:

- **Grants & Awards:** Funding new researchers via Starting Grants and Early Career Investigator Awards.
- **Research Spotlight:** Highlighting global studies redefining pressure injury prevention and treatment.

Education Committee

The Education Committee defines the overarching educational framework for pressure ulcer care and approves all official learning initiatives, including webinars and podcasts.

Key Projects:

- **EPUAP Masterclass:** Biennial event focusing on hands-on skills for a small group of specialised healthcare professionals.
- **STOP Pressure Ulcer Day:** A global awareness campaign providing facilities worldwide with promotional resources, clinical algorithms, and informational videos.
- **EPUAP Pressure Ulcer Curriculum:** A framework designed for healthcare professionals leading PU/PI quality improvement, monitoring, and staff training.
- **Interactive E-Learning Tool:** Currently in development, this tool transforms curriculum modules into interactive e-learning paths—complete with reading materials, videos, self-assessments, and dedicated didactic guidance for educators.

Guidelines Committee

Clinical decisions must be evidence-based. The Guidelines Committee leads the development, update, dissemination, and implementation of international practice guidelines.

- **International Clinical Practice Guidelines:** Developed in cross-continental partnership, these guidelines empower practitioners to make informed prevention and treatment decisions.
- **Latest Edition:** The newly published **4th Edition of the International Pressure Ulcer/Injury Guideline** represents the current global consensus and evidence in the field.

**Access the
International
Pressure Ulcer/Injury
Guideline here:**



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EPUAP Membership

The EPUAP brings together healthcare professionals working in the field, including doctors, nurses and other clinical specialists, as well as members involved in research, education and industry. Despite our diverse backgrounds, we share one common goal: to find the best ways to prevent and treat pressure ulcers.

WHY BECOME AN EPUAP MEMBER?

- Stay informed with regular updates on pressure ulcer prevention, treatment, and the latest developments in the field.
- Have the opportunity to become an EPUAP Trustee and play an active role in shaping the organisation's activities.
- Access expert advice and guidance on pressure ulcer prevention and management.
- Apply for EPUAP research funding, including grants for collaborative projects and exchange scholarships.
- Benefit from discounted member registration rates for the EPUAP annual meeting.

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Conference Information

Address

RDS (Royal Dublin Society)

Entrance for the EPUAP conference: Anglesea Rd
Anglesea Gate, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4, D04 AK83, Ireland

Conference hours

Tuesday 8 September

15:00 – 18:00 Pre-registration

Wednesday 9 September

07:45 – 19:00 Registration

Thursday 10 September

08:00 – 18:00 Registration

Friday 11 September

08:00– 12:00 Registration

Certificate of attendance

The **certificates of attendance** will be available for download after the event through the conference platform (**Conftool**). Delegates will be notified by email when the certificates are ready for download.

CPD - Continuing Professional Development

EPUAP 2026 has been accredited by the CPD Certification Service UK, Nursing and Midwifery Board of Ireland's (NMBI) and RCSI.



Certificates will be issued based on the type of CPD requested by delegates and the number of days' attendance. To verify your attendance, please stop by the registration desk to sign the attendance sheet for each day you participate in the conference.

CME – Continuing Medical Education

EPUAP 2026 has been granted **11.5 CME** credits by the European Council for Continuing Medical Education (EACCME).



In order to obtain the CME credits, your attendance must be verified for each of the days you wish to obtain the credits for. To verify your attendance, please stop by the registration desk to sign the attendance sheet for each day you participate in the conference.

A certificate with your CME credits will be issued after the conference and sent to you by email.

Conference Venue



Emblematic Irish Venue for EPUAP 2026

While best known for its Ballsbridge venue—the iconic host of events like the annual Dublin Horse Show—the Royal Dublin Society (RDS) was founded in 1731 to foster Ireland's cultural and economic growth. The Society fulfills its charitable mission through its Foundation Programme, driving impact across five core areas: Agriculture, the Arts, Enterprise, Equestrianism, and Science & Technology.



MedTech

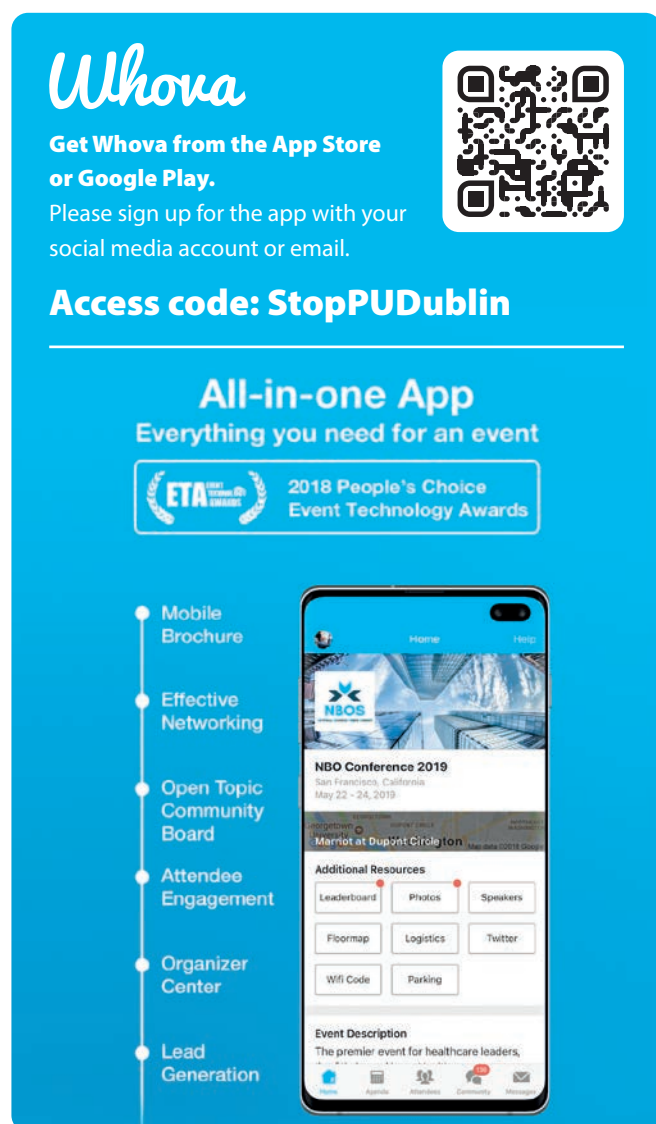
EPUAP 2026 is compliant with the Med-Tech Europe Code of Ethical Business Practice. MedTech Europe's mission is to make innovative medical technology available to more people, while helping healthcare systems move towards a sustainable path.



Mobile App

Download **Whova**, the official **EPUAP 2026** app to:

- Access the event agenda, abstracts of all talks, maps, and other documents.
- Explore the professional profiles of speakers and attendees.
- Send in-app messages and exchange contact info with other delegates.
- **NEW:** Network and find attendees: you can search attendees by interest – discover who is looking for a research collaboration, local distributor, or add other interests yourself!
- **Access code: StopPUDublin**



The graphic is a blue rectangular banner for the Whova app. At the top left, the 'Whova' logo is in white script. Below it, text reads 'Get Whova from the App Store or Google Play.' and 'Please sign up for the app with your social media account or email.' To the right is a QR code. Below the QR code, the text 'Access code: StopPUDublin' is displayed. In the center, it says 'All-in-one App' and 'Everything you need for an event'. Below this is a badge for 'ETA 2018 People's Choice Event Technology Awards'. On the left side, a vertical list of features is shown with circular icons: Mobile Brochure, Effective Networking, Open Topic Community Board, Attendee Engagement, Organizer Center, and Lead Generation. On the right side, there is a smartphone mockup displaying the Whova app interface, which includes a header for 'NBO Conference 2019', a list of additional resources like Leaderboard, Photos, Speakers, Floorplan, Logistics, Twitter, Wifi Code, and Parking, and an event description at the bottom.

Abstract book

All abstracts are directly available in the interactive conference programme **Conftool**.

You can also find the link to each abstract in the **conference app Whova** by clicking on the presentation you are looking for and going to "See more". PDF with all abstracts is available for download on the **conference website**.

Badges

All participants and exhibitors are kindly requested to always wear their name badge throughout the conference.

Lunches and Coffee breaks

All lunches and Coffee breaks will be served in the Exhibition area.

Exhibition

The most important companies in the field of pressure ulcer and wound management will present their latest products and developments in the field. The exhibition is open throughout the whole conference.

NEW! Enjoy the **EPUAP Lounge** and visit the **EPUAP Forum** where flash poster presentations and product demos will take place.

Internet and Wi-Fi

Free Wi-Fi is available at the Conference venue.

Network: **EPUAP 2026**

Password: **Welcome2dublin**

Presentations upload

Presentations have been collected prior to the conference through the Conftool platform.

If you have any last-minute updates, please bring your revised presentation on a USB stick to the **room where your session takes place** at least **2 hours before the start of your session. Please note that last-minute uploads may cause delays to the programme and should be kept to a minimum whenever possible.**

Poster guidelines

All posters are located in the Exhibition area. Posters should be set up **on Tuesday September 8th between 16:00 - 18:00 or on Wednesday September 9th between 08:00 – 12:00**. Each poster has a specific number. Posters must be removed on **Friday September 11th at 13:00** at the latest. Please note that all posters not dismantled by 13:00 will be removed and disposed by the conference staff. The conference secretariat takes no responsibility for left or damaged posters.

Transportation

RDS is easily accessible from:

- **Dublin airport**
The Aircoach Route 702 goes directly from Dublin Airport to the RDS area and stops on Merrion Road right outside the venue. Journey time is usually about 30–45 minutes depending on traffic.
- **City center** (O'Connell Street or near Trinity College)
Several Dublin bus routes go directly to the RDS from the city centre, including 4, 7, 7A, 18, 52. They stop at RDS Ballsbridge or nearby on Merrion Road. Journey time is usually about 15 minutes.
- **To get to the RDS by train in Dublin**, use the DART (Dublin Area Rapid Transit).
The two closest stations are: Lansdowne Road Station and Sandymount Station. Both are about a 5–10 minute walk from the RDS venue.

Local Partners

Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

RCSI University of Medicine and Health Sciences is an independent, not-for-profit institution founded by Royal Charter in 1784. A world-leading health sciences university, RCSI educates healthcare professionals and advances research to improve human health. Based in Dublin, it hosts students from over 100 nationalities and leads wound care research through its Skin Wounds & Trauma (SWaT) Centre.

Visit www.rcsi.com or stand 16.



Wound Management Association of Ireland

The Wound Management Association of Ireland was established in May 1996 by a multidisciplinary group of healthcare professionals interested in raising the profile of wound care within Ireland. The Wound Management Association is a voluntary, non-profit organisation committed to advancing wound management by promoting multidisciplinary collaboration, education, research, and the dissemination of knowledge and best practice.

Visit www.wmai.ie or stand 13.



Tissue Viability Nurses Association of Ireland

The Tissue Viability Nurse's Association of Ireland (TVNAI) is a peer support forum for Clinical Nurse Specialist/Candidate or Registered Advanced Nurse Practitioners nurses' working in specialist wound management and tissue viability roles in Ireland.

Visit www.tvnai.ie or stand 13.



Tissue Viability Nurse Network Northern Ireland

The Tissue Viability Nurse Network Northern Ireland (TVNN NI) is a professional group of Tissue Viability Nursing staff and education providers that provides professional, peer support and a forum to network, disseminate research and evidence-based practice whilst raising the profile of Tissue Viability Nursing to the wider health care community.

Email tissueviabilitynursenetworkni@outlook.com or visit stand 13.



EPUAP 2026 Detailed Programme

WEDNESDAY | 9 SEPTEMBER 2026

	Concert Hall	Landsdowne Room
08:00–09:00	REGISTRATION + MORNING COFFEE	
09:00–09:45	• CONFERENCE OPENING; <i>Tom O'Connor, Andrea Pokorná</i> • PRESENTATION OF THE GUIDELINE GROUP INCLUDING REPRESENTATIVES OF EPUAP, NPIAP, PPIA & GUIDELINE PRESENTED TO THE CHIEF NURSING OFFICER AT DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH – IRELAND RACHEL KENNA	
09:45–10:45	PLENARY KEY SESSION 1: SUSTAINING PREVENTION & TREATMENT: PERSON-CENTRED PU CARE ACROSS THE LIFESPAN <i>Chairs: Tom O'Connor, Andrea Pokorná</i> • ONE CONDITION, MANY PATHWAYS: PRESSURE ULCERS ACROSS LIFE, HEALTH, AND CARE CONTEXTS; <i>Zena Moore, Ireland</i> • SUSTAINING A NURSING WORKFORCE FOR PATIENT CENTRED, SAFE CARE; THE IRISH EXPERIENCE; <i>Rachel Kenna, Ireland</i> • TEAMWORK MAKES THE DREAMWORK: EXPLORING TEAM PERFORMANCE IN PRESSURE ULCERATION CARE; <i>Alison Porter Armstrong, United Kingdom</i>	
10:45–10:55	SHORT BREAK	
10:55–12:00	KEY SESSION 2: SUSTAINING RESEARCH ON PU PREVENTION AND TREATMENT <i>Chairs: Dominique Sigaud-Roussel, Declan Patton</i> • FUNDING PRESSURE ULCER RESEARCH IS ESSENTIAL FOR SUSTAINABILITY; <i>Declan Patton, Ireland</i> • ADVANCED BIOMATERIALS FOR CHRONIC WOUND REPAIR; <i>Fergal O'Brien, Ireland</i> • TISSUE STRAINS COMPUTATION WITH BIOMECHANICAL MODELS TO PREVENT PRESSURE ULCERS; <i>Yohan Payan, France</i>	KEY SESSION 3: SUSTAINING PU PREVENTION AND TREATMENT IN CRITICAL CARE SETTINGS <i>Chairs: Maarit Ahtiala, Steven Smet</i> • PRESSURE ULCER MANAGEMENT IN EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT; <i>Pedro Sardo, Portugal</i> • HARMONISING PRESSURE ULCER OUTCOME MEASUREMENT IN CRITICAL CARE: NEXT STEPS. THE SAFE-ICU EUROPEAN RESEARCH NETWORK (SAFE-ICU COST ACTION CA24107); <i>Natalie McEvoy, Ireland</i> • GLOBAL PREVALENCE OF PRESSURE INJURIES: PAST EVIDENCE AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS (SAFE-ICU COST ACTION CA24107); <i>Pierre-Yves Blanchard, France</i>
12:00–12:45	LUNCH BREAK, EXHIBITION, MEET THE EXPERT NETWORKING EVENT	
12:45–13:30	POSTER VIEWING AND Q&A WITH PRESENTERS	
13:30–15:00	INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM	INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM
15:00–15:10	SHORT BREAK	
15:10–16:25	KEY SESSION 4: SUSTAINING PU PREVENTION AND TREATMENT IN THE SPINAL CORD INJURY COMMUNITY <i>Chairs: Helen Strapp, Knaerke Soegaard</i> • PREVENT, DETECT, ACT: ADVANCING PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION AND TREATMENT IN THE SCI COMMUNITY; <i>Knaerke Soegaard, Denmark</i> • STOPPING THE SPIRAL: STRENGTHENING CLINICAL CARE TO PREVENT PRESSURE ULCER COMPLICATIONS; <i>Srinivasa Budithi, United Kingdom</i> • EFFECTIVE PARTNERSHIPS FOR PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION AND TREATMENT: IN CONVERSATION WITH AN EXPERT WITH LIVED EXPERIENCE OF SPINAL CORD INJURY; <i>Hannah Wilson, Ireland and Declan Naughton, Ireland</i>	EPUAP EXPERIENCED AND EARLY CAREER INVESTIGATOR AWARD PRESENTATION & PRESENTATION OF EPUAP FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS <i>Chairs: Dominique Sigaud-Roussel, Pierre-Yves Rohan</i> EPUAP EXPERIENCED INVESTIGATOR: SHAPING THE FUTURE OF TISSUE VIABILITY: REFLECTIONS ON PRACTICE, SCIENCE AND MENTORSHIP; <i>Prof. Zena Moore, Ireland</i> EPUAP EARLY CAREER INVESTIGATOR: FROM CLINICAL INSIGHT TO LASTING IMPACT: SHAPING AN EARLY RESEARCH CAREER THROUGH INNOVATION AND EVIDENCE; <i>Ayşe Silanur Demir-Üçtepe, Turkey</i> EPUAP FUNDED RESEARCH PROJECTS: • INFLUENCE OF TEMPERATURE ON THE KINETIC COEFFICIENT OF FRICTION AT THE HEEL IN SPINAL CORD INJURED; <i>Ralph Gordon, United Kingdom</i> • QUANTIFYING CHANGES IN SOFT TISSUE MORPHOLOGY AND MECHANICAL PROPERTIES WITH AGEING; <i>Alfred Quillon, France</i> • TELEMEDICINE FOLLOW-UP IN PREVENTION OF PRESSURE INJURY RECURRENCE AFTER FLAP SURGERY- A REALIST EVALUATION; <i>Anne Selsjord, Norway</i>
16:25–17:00	COFFEE BREAK, EXHIBITION AND POSTER VIEWING	
17:00–18:15	PANEL DISCUSSION: SUSTAINING PATIENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT (PPI): ENHANCING PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION AND TREATMENT THROUGH THE INCLUSION OF PATIENT EXPERTS. OPPORTUNITIES, CHALLENGES, AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS <i>Declan Naughton, Diarmuid Corry, Joe Bowden (experts with lived experience); Hannah Wilson, Liane Teixeira, Helen Strapp</i> <i>Moderated by Tom O'Connor</i>	FREE PAPER SESSION 3: FUNDAMENTAL SCIENCE & BIOENGINEERING <i>Chairs: Pierre-Yves Rohan, Silvia Caggiari</i> • A MOISTURE-RESPONSIVE FRICTIONAL AND THERMAL ADAPTABLE DRESSING: IMPLICATIONS FOR PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION; <i>Amit Gefen, Israel</i> • BIOMECHANICAL MODELING OF SOFT TISSUE-FILLING MATERIAL INTERACTIONS IN SACRAL PRESSURE ULCERS; <i>Caroline Staub-Milants, France</i> • PRESSURE-INDUCED CHANGES IN SOFT TISSUE OXYGENATION AT SOFT AND BONY SITES: TOWARD PERSONALISED PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION; <i>Justin K. M. Wyss, Canada</i> • FEASIBILITY OF NEAR-INFRARED SPECTROSCOPY FOR OBJECTIVE CLASSIFICATION OF STAGE 1 PRESSURE ULCERS; <i>Geert van Kollenburg, the Netherlands</i> • POSITIONING DEVICES: EVOLUTION OF IMPROVED PRESSURE REDUCING PROPERTIES; <i>Duncan Bain, United Kingdom</i> • THERAPEUTIC WOUND AND SKIN CLEANSING: EVIDENCE BASED GUIDANCE; <i>Paulo Alves, Portugal</i>
18:30	WELCOME RECEPTION (EXHIBITION HALL, RDS)	

**Industry sessions overview is available on pages 24–26
(company names and logos are not allowed in the scientific
programme overview due to the EACCME/CME regulations).**

**Abstracts
and session details
available here:**



Dodders Hall 5A	Dodders Hall 5B	EPUAP Forum (Exhibition)
FREE PAPER SESSION 1: LONG TERM & GERIATRIC CARE <i>Chairs: Kirsti Ahmajarvi, Katrin Balzer</i> - KINAESTHETICS TO PROMOTE MOBILITY IN CARE RECIPIENTS: EVALUATION OF THE CLINICAL EFFECTIVENESS; <i>Katrin Balzer, Germany</i> - IMPACT OF AN INPATIENT GERIATRIC CONSULTATION TEAM ON PRESSURE ULCERS IN HOSPITALIZED OLDER ADULTS; <i>Alfred Quillon, France</i> - COMPARISON OF TWO SKIN PROTECTION REGIMES FOR THE PREVENTION OF INCONTINENCE-ASSOCIATED DERMATITIS; <i>Bettina Völzer, Germany</i> - NURSING HOME RESIDENTS' EXPERIENCES OF INCONTINENCE CARE AND INCONTINENCE-ASSOCIATED DERMATITIS PREVENTION; <i>Nils Ohde, Germany</i> - BETWEEN RESPONSIBILITY AND DELEGATION: NURSES' EXPERIENCES OF PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION; <i>Camilla Leerskov Soerensen, Denmark</i> - EVALUATION OF A UNIVERSAL SIZED OFFLOADING BOOT FOR FOOT PRESSURE DAMAGE PREVENTION: A 100 PATIENT EVALUATION; <i>Heather Hodgson, United Kingdom</i>	EPUAP WORKSHOP 1: THE WHY, THE HOW AND THE JOURNEY: OUR EXPERIENCE WITH PATIENT AND PUBLIC PARTNERSHIPS FOR PRESSURE SORE PREVENTION <i>Organised by Hannah Wilson; Speakers: Declan Naughton, Joe Bowden, Diarmuid Corry, Damien Nee, Liane Teixeira, SORCHA BYRNE, Didi Moore and Carmel Sharkey</i> This workshop explores the impact of PUs through lived experience, highlights approaches to patient and public involvement (PPI), and shares insights. It will also examine how partnerships between patients, care partners, researchers, healthcare professionals, and industry can drive progress.	
		FLASH PRESENTATIONS OF SHORT LISTED SCIENTIFIC POSTERS 1 (13:30–14:30) <i>Chair: Rosemarie Derwin</i>
FREE PAPER SESSION 2: PATIENT SAFETY, QUALITY OF CARE AND POLICY <i>Chairs: Carina Baath, Pinar Avsar</i> - PRESSURE ULCER PREVALENCE IN GHANA: A CROSS-SECTIONAL SURVEY; <i>Richard Owusu, Ireland</i> - INCIDENCE OF PRESSURE ULCERS IN LONG TERM HOSPITALISATION FACILITIES - DEVELOPMENT OF NATIONWIDE QUALITY MESURMENT AND FIRST RESULTS; <i>Michael Kuniavsky, Israel</i> - PRESSURE ULCERS IN INCIDENT REPORTS - A MULTICENTER STUDY IN SWEDEN; <i>Anna Lindgren Rask, Sweden</i> - INTER-RATER RELIABILITY BETWEEN REGISTERED NURSES AND ASSISTANT NURSES WHEN USING PURPOSE T; <i>Ulrika Kallmann, Sweden</i> - BEPU2025: A UNIFORM RISK ASSESSMENT FOR PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION IN FLANDERS (BELGIUM); <i>Magali Nys, Belgium</i> - SAME INJURY, DIFFERENT STAGE? PRESSURE INJURY STAGING ACROSS CLINICAL AND REPORTING FRAMEWORKS; <i>Suzanne Kapp, Australia</i> - IMPROVING COMPLIANCE WITH PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION BUNDLES USING THE ASSKING FRAMEWORK: A PRE- POST QUALITY IMPROVEMENT STUDY; <i>Maree Healy, Ireland</i>	EPUAP WORKSHOP 2: PRESSURE ULCERS IN INTENSIVE CARE UNITS – SAFE ICU COST ACTION (CA24107) <i>Organised by Natalie McEvoy and Pierre-Yves Blanchard</i> This interactive workshop will focus on the tools and frameworks used for risk assessment, with particular attention to their consistency, availability, and applicability across different European contexts.	
		PRODUCT DEMO

THURSDAY | 10 SEPTEMBER 2026

	Concert Hall	Landsdowne Room
08:30–09:30	KEY SESSION 5: SUSTAINING PU PREVENTION AND TREATMENT IN DIFFERING SKIN TYPES <i>Chairs: Pinar Avsar, Jan Kottner</i> - IS DRY SKIN A RISK FACTOR FOR PRESSURE ULCERATION?; <i>Jan Kottner, Germany</i> - ADDRESSING INEQUITIES IN EARLY PRESSURE INJURY IDENTIFICATION IN PEOPLE WITH DARK SKIN TONES: COMMUNITY PERSPECTIVES; <i>Neesha Oozager Gunowa, United Kingdom</i> - SOFT-TISSUE DEFORMATION UNDER WEARABLE DEVICES: EFFECTS OF DEVICE GEOMETRY AND PERSON-SPECIFIC TISSUE BIOMECHANICS VARIABILITY; <i>Daphne Weihs, Israel</i>	KEY SESSION 6: SUSTAINING PU PREVENTION AND TREATMENT IN THE COMMUNITY <i>Chairs: Emer Shanley, Pauline Wilson</i> - A PARTICIPATORY APPROACH TO DEVELOP AND EVALUATE A PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION RESOURCE FOR PEOPLE WITH LONG-TERM NEUROLOGICAL CONDITIONS; <i>Susanne Coleman, United Kingdom</i> - NURSE LED NUTRITIONAL SCREENING AND NUTRITIONAL CARE PATHWAYS FOR HARD TO HEAL WOUNDS; <i>Evelyn Walsh, Ireland</i> - MY HOUSE, MY RULES; <i>Emer Shanley, Ireland</i> - MULTIDISCIPLINARY CARE AND PATIENT INVOLVEMENT IN PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION; <i>Mette Lange and Mette Gorell Riis, Denmark</i>
09:30–10:10	COFFEE BREAK, EXHIBITION & POSTER VIEWING	
10:10–11:10	KEY SESSION 7: SUSTAINING ULCER CARE: COMMONALITIES WITH VLU AND DFU <i>Chairs: Dominique Sigaud-Roussel, Mirna Zulec</i> - SHARED MECHANISMS IN VENOUS LEG ULCERS AND DIABETIC FOOT ULCERS: TOWARDS AN INTEGRATED CARE MODEL; <i>Bérengère Fromy, France</i> - WHICH CAME FIRST - THE DIABETES OR THE PRESSURE?; <i>Pauline Wilson, Ireland</i> - TAILORED TREATMENT AND PATIENT CHARACTERIZATION: INSIGHTS INTO MANAGING DFU AND VLU; <i>Britt Hansen, Denmark</i>	INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM (10:00–11:15)
11:10–11:20	SHORT BREAK	
11:20–12:20	KEY SESSION 8: SUSTAINING PRE-CLINICAL RESEARCH FOR PU PREVENTION AND TREATMENT <i>Chairs: Yohan Payan, Declan Patton</i> - FROM IN VITRO TO IN VIVO MODELS: TRANSLATING RESEARCH INTO CLINICAL PRESSURE INJURY STUDIES; <i>Dominique Sigaud Roussel, France</i> - DECODING TISSUE DAMAGE: A MULTISCALE DIGITAL TWIN APPROACH TO PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION; <i>Pierre-Yves Rohan, France</i> - LIVING TOGETHER: THE ECOLOGY OF POLYMICROBIAL BIOFILMS IN CHRONIC WOUNDS AND NEW INSIGHTS FROM 3D BIOPRINT MODELS; <i>Veronika Holá, Czech Republic</i>	INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM (11:30–12:45)
12:20–13:30	LUNCH BREAK, EXHIBITION	
13:30–15:00	INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM	INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM
15:00–15:10	SHORT BREAK	
15:10–16:25	KEY SESSION 9: SUSTAINABLE PRODUCT DESIGN AND MEDICAL INNOVATION FOR PU PREVENTION AND TREATMENT <i>Chairs: Declan Patton, Peter Worsley</i> - INNOVATIONS IN DEVICE MATERIALS TO PROTECT SKIN HEALTH; <i>Peter Worsley, United Kingdom</i> - INNOVATING MEDICAL DEVICE DESIGN AND APPLICATION TO PREVENT PRESSURE ULCERS; <i>Silvia Caggiari, United Kingdom</i> - CHOOSING THE RIGHT SUPPORT SURFACE: WHAT MATTERS MOST; <i>David Brienza and Michele Deppisch, United States</i> - CO-CREATING THE FUTURE OF SMART WOUND DRESSINGS: MAPPING SENSOR TECHNOLOGIES THROUGH LITERATURE AND STAKEHOLDER INSIGHTS; <i>Anika Fourie, Belgium</i>	EPUP – EWMA JOINT PANEL DISCUSSION: THE ROLE OF AI IN THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF PRESSURE ULCERS; CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR WOUND CARE PRACTITIONERS <i>Chairs: Dimitri Beeckman, Tom O'Connor</i> <i>Confirmed panelists: Dimitri Beeckman, Tom O'Connor, Andrea Pokorná, Paulo Alves</i>
16:25–17:00	COFFEE BREAK, EXHIBITION & POSTER VIEWING	
17:00–18:15	KEY SESSION 10: SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION FOR PU PREVENTION AND TREATMENT <i>Chairs: Rosemarie Derwin, Beáta Grešš Halász</i> - HOW DO WE DELIVER EDUCATION IN A SUSTAINABLE WAY IN AN AI DRIVEN WORLD?; <i>Tom O'Connor, Ireland</i> - PRESSURE INJURY – SHOULD EDUCATION BE FOCUSED ON PREVENTION OR TREATMENT? AND WHO SHOULD BE RESPONSIBLE FOR COORDINATING CLINICAL CARE?; <i>Keith Harding, United Kingdom</i> - THE PRINCIPLES FOR LAY CARERS AND PATIENT EDUCATIONS TO INCREASE THEIR HEALTH LITERACY AND ENGAGEMENT; <i>Andrea Pokorná, Czech Republic</i> - FROM KNOWLEDGE TO COMPETENCE: SIMULATION-BASED EDUCATION AS A SUSTAINABLE STRATEGY IN MODERN PRESSURE ULCER CARE; <i>Beata Grešš Halász, Slovakia</i>	EPUP WORKSHOP 5: SECURING THE FUTURE: A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO EUROPEAN RESEARCH FUNDING FOR THE PRESSURE INJURY COMMUNITY <i>Chairs: Dominique Sigaud-Roussel, Pierre-Yves Rohan</i> <i>Organised by Dominique Sigaud Roussel and Pierre-Yves Rohan ; Confirmed speakers: Gaëlle Le Turdu, Peter Worsley, Declan Patton, Lisette Schoonhoven</i> Practical, demystifying introduction to the European funding landscape. Whether you are considering your first EU application or seeking to learn from experience, this session will equip you with the knowledge and contacts to take the next step.
20:00	CONFERENCE DINNER (Taylors Three Rock); Departure of coaches from the RDS at 19:15	

Dodders Hall 5A FREE PAPER SESSION 4: SURGERY & CRITICAL CARE <i>Chairs: Pedro Sardo, Natalie McEvoy</i> - FROM RISK TO PREVENTION: A RAPID UMBRELLA REVIEW OF PERIOPERATIVE PRESSURE INJURIES IN THE OPERATING ROOM; <i>Giulia Zamuner, Italy</i> - COST-EFFECTIVENESS OF A PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION CARE BUNDLE IN CRITICAL CARE: A RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED TRIAL; <i>Ayşe Silanur Demir-Üçtepe, Turkey</i> - PREVENTION OF PRESSURE INJURIES IN PRONE POSITION DURING SURGERY: PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF A RCT (PRONOR); <i>Tânia Manuel, Portugal</i> - TENOTOMY RESULTS OF A BICENTRIC STUDY; <i>Tereza Didicova, Czech Republic</i> - BEYOND THE INCIDENT FORM: WHEN PATHOPHYSIOLOGY MATTERS IN HAPI ATTRIBUTION IN CRITICAL CARE; <i>Irena Pukiova, United Kingdom</i> - RISK FACTORS FOR PRESSURE ULCER DEVELOPMENT AMONG ADULTS UNDERGOING SURGERY: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW; <i>Sadie Badrie, United Kingdom</i>	Dodders Hall 5B FREE PAPER SESSION 5: COMPLEX & END OF LIFE CARE <i>Chairs: Nils Lahmann, Pinar Avsar</i> - HEEL AND FOOT PRESSURE INJURIES IN THE INTENSIVE CARE UNIT (ICU) DURING END-OF-LIFE CARE: A SCOPING REVIEW OF PREVALENCE AND PREVENTION PRACTICES; <i>Hanife Durgun, Turkey</i> - PRESSURE INJURIES AT END-OF-LIFE: A SCOPING REVIEW EXPLORING PREVALENCE, PATHOPHYSIOLOGY AND CLASSIFICATION TO INFORM PREVENTION AND CARE PRACTICES; <i>Pinar Avsar, Ireland</i> - TRANSLATION AND CULTURAL ADAPTATION OF AN END-OF-LIFE WOUND ASSESSMENT TOOL: A JOINT INITIATIVE IN ITALY; <i>Biagio Nicolosi, Italy</i> - ETIOLOGY OF SEPSIS IN HOSPITALIZED PATIENTS WITH STAGE 3 OR 4 PRESSURE ULCERS; <i>Holly Kirkland-Kyhn, United States</i> - FROM AWARENESS TO ACTION: HOW CLIMATE CHANGE SHAPES WOUND CARE NURSES' PRACTICES IN PRESSURE INJURY RISK ASSESSMENT, PREVENTION, AND TREATMENT; <i>Dilek Yilmaz Akyaz, Turkey</i> - CARE TRANSITION AND PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION AFTER STROKE: BARRIERS AND FACILITATORS IN A QUALITATIVE LONGITUDINAL STUDY; <i>Aglécia Budri, Ireland</i>	EPUAP Forum (Exhibition) EPUAP WORKSHOP 3: REPOSITIONING <i>Organised by Aglécia Budri and Peter Worsley</i> This repositioning workshop provides a practical overview of key strategies for preventing pressure ulcers. It begins with a short introduction to core concepts, including bed and seated repositioning, guideline recommendations, and the impact of pressure, shear, and friction.
INDUSTRY WORKSHOP		PRODUCT DEMO
FREE PAPER SESSION 6: IMPLEMENTATION OF SCIENCE & EDUCATION <i>Chairs: Beáta Grešš Halász, Camilla Leerskov Soerensen</i> - A MULTICENTER CROSS-SECTIONAL STUDY OF NURSES' KNOWLEDGE ON PRESSURE ULCERS IN HOSPITALS IN CROATIA; <i>Ana Žepina Puzić, Croatia</i> - KNOWLEDGE ON PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION: PSYCHOMETRIC VALIDATION OF THE PUKAT 2.0 FOR BRAZIL; <i>Aglécia Budri, Ireland</i> - EVALUATION OF HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS' KNOWLEDGE OF PRESSURE ULCERS AND THE EFFECTIVENESS OF AN EDUCATIONAL INTERVENTION; <i>Aine Curtis, Ireland</i> - A DELPHI STUDY TO IDENTIFY A CORE OUTCOME SET FOR PRESSURE ULCER EDUCATION RESEARCH FOR HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONALS; <i>Kelly-Anne O'Callaghan, Ireland</i> - DEVELOPING A DECISION AID FOR PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION IN MEDICAL-SURGICAL HOSPITAL SETTINGS; <i>Jake McMahon, Australia</i> - LIGHTS, CAMERA, ACTION: TRANSLATING EVIDENCE INTO PRACTICE THROUGH ENGAGING INTERPROFESSIONAL EDUCATION; <i>Melissa Gosse, Canada</i>	EPUAP WORKSHOP 4: HOW TO IMPLEMENT CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES? <i>Organised by Jan Kottner; Speakers: Zena Moore, Pinar Avsar, Katrin Balzer, Jan Kottner</i> For many years, EPUAP has supported the development of the International Prevention and Treatment of PU Clinical Practice Guideline. While these guidelines inform clinical decision-making, they must be implemented to improve care and outcomes. This workshop will explore strategies for translating guideline into clinical practice.	
EPUAP GENERAL ASSEMBLY (12:45–13:30)		FLASH PRESENTATIONS OF SHORT LISTED SCIENTIFIC POSTERS 2 (13:30–14:30) <i>Chair: Rosemarie Derwin</i>
	FREE PAPER SESSION 7: INTENSIVE CARE <i>Chairs: Maarit Ahtiala, Pedro Sardo</i> - ICU PRESSURE ULCER POINT PREVALENCE IN A NORTHERN ITALIAN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL: A 13-YEAR RETROSPECTIVE ANALYSIS; <i>Federico Fonda, Italy</i> - SUSTAINING PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION IN CRITICAL CARE: REAL-WORLD IMPACT OF TURN-ASSIST TECHNOLOGY; <i>Chin Wen Shiao, Taiwan</i> - INCONTINENCE-ASSOCIATED DERMATITIS PREVENTION IN INTENSIVE CARE UNITS: A SCOPING REVIEW; <i>Pedro Sardo, Portugal</i> - ASSESSING KNOWLEDGE GAPS IN PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION AMONG ICU NURSES: A MULTICENTRE STUDY USING A CONTEXT-SPECIFIC APPROACH; <i>Sofia Vieira, Portugal</i> - PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION AND PRACTICE IMPROVEMENTS IN NURSING (ICU) STUDY: A REALIST EVALUATION; <i>Jenny Sim, Australia</i> - IMPLEMENTATION OF THE CARREE FRAMEWORK TO REDUCE MDRPU IN THE ICU; <i>Dian Rachel Torres, United Kingdom</i> - AN EXPLORATION OF THE KEY DETERMINANTS OF MEDICAL DEVICE RELATED PRESSURE INJURY AMONG ADULT PATIENTS IN INTENSIVE CARE UNITS IN THE KINGDOM OF SAUDI ARABIA; <i>Hind Mohammed Alassaf, United Kingdom</i>	
FREE PAPER SESSION 8: COMMUNITY CARE & PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT <i>Chairs: Susanne Coleman, Ulrika Kallmann</i> - A SITUATION-SPECIFIC THEORY FOR COMMUNITY CARE OF PEOPLE WITH DEPENDENCY-RELATED SKIN INJURIES; <i>Natalia Maella-Rius, Spain</i> - SHARED DECISION MAKING IN PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION; <i>Shaunagh Lee, United Kingdom</i> - SHARED CARE IN PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION: SUSTAINING PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION IN THE COMMUNITY; <i>Mary Costello, Ireland</i> - EVALUATING HUMAN FACTORS & DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY USEABILITY IN COMMUNITY PRESSURE ULCER MANAGEMENT; <i>Nicci Aylward-Wotton, United Kingdom</i> - EMBEDDING SUBEPIDERMAL MOISTURE (SEM) SCANNING TECHNOLOGY: A PRACTICE DEVELOPMENT APPROACH; <i>Cherylane Sabellano, United Kingdom</i> - IMPLEMENTATION OF SUB-EPIDERMAL MOISTURE (SEM) ASSESSMENT TECHNOLOGY IN COMMUNITY INPATIENT SETTINGS; <i>Rita Reeves, United Kingdom</i> - PATIENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT IN PRESSURE ULCER RESEARCH: A SCOPING REVIEW; <i>Liane Araujo Teixeira, Ireland</i>	EPUAP WORKSHOP 6: WOUND DEBRIDEMENT: WHY AND HOW <i>Organised by Helen Strapp and Steven Smet</i> This interactive workshop explores the principles and practice of wound debridement. Participants will review indications, tissue types, and available techniques, and learn how to select appropriate methods for different wounds.	PRODUCT DEMO

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	Concert Hall	Landsdowne Room
9:00–10:15	KEY SESSION 11: SUSTAINING HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS ENGAGED IN PU PREVENTION AND TREATMENT <i>Chairs: Dimitri Beeckman, Andrea Pokorná</i> - MANAGING COMPLEXITY THROUGH COLLABORATION: BUILDING SUSTAINABLE, PERSON-CENTRED PRESSURE ULCER CARE; <i>Dimitri Beeckman, Belgium</i> - BEPU: DEVELOPMENT OF A CLINICALLY FEASIBLE PRESSURE ULCER RISK ASSESSMENT TOOL WITH AN ALIGNED PREVENTION PROTOCOL IN BELGIUM; <i>Steven Smet, Belgium</i> - SUSTAINING PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION THROUGH DATA-DRIVEN PRACTICE; <i>Jeannie Donnelly and Sharon Neill, United Kingdom</i>	FREE PAPER SESSION 9: PAEDIATRICS, NEONATES & VULNERABLE POPULATIONS <i>Chairs: Hannah Wilson, Ingebjorg Irgens</i> - PRESSURE INJURIES (PI) RISK ASSESSMENT FACTORS FOR HOSPITALISED PAEDIATRIC PATIENTS WITH DARKER SKIN TONES (DST); <i>Holding Kathleen, United Kingdom</i> - INCIDENCE DENSITY AND DEVICE-RELATED PRESSURE INJURY PATTERNS IN PEDIATRIC INTENSIVE CARE; <i>Junghea Youn, Republic of South Korea</i> - PRESSURE INJURY STAGING IN THE PREMATURE INFANT; <i>Ann Marie Nie, United States</i> - BEYOND THE SKIN: PRESSURE INJURY RISK FACTORS IN THE PREMATURE INFANT; <i>Ann Marie Nie, United States</i> - PROTEIN-ENRICHED PLATELET-RICH PLASMA (PEFPRP) IN PRESSURE INJURIES IN SPINAL CORD INJURY: A PROSPECTIVE CASE SERIES; <i>Menada Gardalini, Italy</i> - ASYNCHRONOUS FOLLOW UP FOR TREATMENT AND PREVENTION OF PRESSURE ULCER IN INDIVIDUALS WITH SPINAL CORD INJURY; <i>Hanne Haugland, Norway</i> - PAIN AND VISUAL SKIN ASSESSMENT IN EARLY PRESSURE ULCER DETECTION IN PAEDIATRIC ORTHOPAEDIC SURGERY: A PROSPECTIVE OBSERVATIONAL STUDY; <i>Rosemarie Derwin, Ireland</i>
10:15–11:00	COFFEE BREAK, EXHIBITION & POSTER VIEWING	
11:00–12:20	KEY SESSION 12: SUSTAINING THE INTERNATIONAL GUIDELINES AND COLLABORATION IN PU PREVENTION, TREATMENT AND RESEARCH <i>Chairs: Zena Moore, Jan Kottner</i> - FROM PAPER TO PRACTICE: SUSTAINING INTERNATIONAL PU GUIDELINES THROUGH MEANINGFUL IMPLEMENTATION; <i>Zena Moore, Ireland</i> - CHAMPION – SCIENCE AND PRACTICE OF IMPLEMENTING PU POLICY IN HOSPITAL; <i>Lisette Schoonhoven, the Netherlands</i> - WHAT ARE GUIDELINES & HOW ARE THEY DEVELOPED? <i>Jan Kottner, Germany</i> - SUPPORTING ADAPTATION OF THE INTERNATIONAL GUIDELINE TO THE CANADIAN CONTEXT; <i>Joshua Moralejo, Canada</i>	FREE PAPER SESSION 11: AI & DIGITAL HEALTH INNOVATIONS <i>Chairs: Peter Worsley, Joan-Enric Torra Bou</i> - NEXT-GENERATION ENCYCLOPEDIA: AN XR-AI-CHATBOT SIMULATION FOR PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION IN NURSING EDUCATION; <i>Dilek Yilmaz Akyaz, Turkey</i> - AUTOMATED 3D DEPTH MORPHOMETRY OF COMPLEX WOUNDS: FUSING AI, MOBILE LIDAR AND PHOTOGRAMMETRY; <i>Sofia Zahia, France</i> - AI CHALLENGES BUT DOES NOT CHANGE CLINICAL DECISIONS: EVIDENCE FROM PRESSURE INJURY SIMULATION; <i>Fadime Koyuncu, Turkey</i> - MAKING CLINICAL REASONING VISIBLE: AI AS A COGNITIVE TRIGGER IN PRESSURE INJURY EDUCATION; <i>Hatice Ayhan, Turkey</i> - REAL-WORLD CLINICAL EVALUATION OF AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE-ENABLED AUTONOMOUS PRESSURE MANAGEMENT SURFACE FOR PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT ACROSS ACUTE AND INTERMEDIATE CARE SETTINGS; <i>Joan-Enric Torra Bou, Spain</i> - CO DESIGN AND EARLY EVALUATION OF AN AI DRIVEN, PATIENT CENTRED PLATFORM FOR PRESSURE INJURY MANAGEMENT – THE ICAREWOUNDS PROJECT; <i>Rini Bhatnagar, Ireland</i> - TRANSFORMING PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION: DEVELOPMENT AND VALIDATION OF AN AI-ENABLED RISK PREDICTION TOOL USING ELECTRONIC HEALTH RECORDS FROM 638,000 NHS ADMISSIONS; <i>Mikael Sodergren, United Kingdom</i>
12:30–13:00	EPUAP 2026 SCIENTIFIC AWARDS & CLOSING CEREMONY EPUAP 2027 PORTO	



Dodders Hall 5A

STUDENT FREE PAPER SESSION: CLINICAL SCIENCE

Chairs: Aglecia Moda Vitoriano Budri, Alexandre Rodrigues

- A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF THE IMPACT OF CARE BUNDLES ON THE INCIDENCE OF PRESSURE ULCER AMONG AT RISK OLDER ADULTS; *Queen Edele, Ireland*
- GLOBAL PREVALENCE OF INTERTRIGO ACROSS HEALTHCARE SETTINGS: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND META-ANALYSIS; *Ahmed Tafesh, Germany*
- DIFFERENCES IN PRESSURE ULCER INCIDENCE AND PREVALENCE AMONG ADULTS WITH DARK SKIN TONES: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW; *Duaa Alghazi, Ireland*
- DIFFERENTIATING HIGH-MOVING AND IMMOBILE OLDER ADULTS: DEVELOPING A SUITE OF MOVEMENT DESCRIPTORS FOR BEDFAST AND CHAIRFAST POPULATIONS; *Denise Markey, Ireland*
- DO PRESSURE MATTRESSES IMPACT BED MOBILITY AND INDEPENDENCE? A SPINAL CORD INJURY PERSPECTIVE; *Rachael Durrans, United Kingdom*
- PREVALENCE AND RISK FACTORS OF PRESSURE INJURIES IN INDIVIDUALS WITH SPINAL CORD INJURY IN SWITZERLAND; *Yannik Schürch, Switzerland*

Dodders Hall 5B

EPUAP WORKSHOP 7: ENHANCING WOUND HEALING: WOUND ASSESSMENT & DRESSING OPTIONS

Organised by Helen Strapp and Niamh McLain

This workshop focuses on comprehensive wound assessment and dressing selection. Participants will work in small groups on case scenarios, applying assessment skills and identifying appropriate dressings based on wound type, exudate level, infection risk, and patient comfort.



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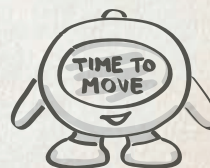
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Special Sessions at EPUAP 2026



Conference Opening

Wednesday 9 September, 09:00, Concert Hall

It will be our pleasure to officially open the meeting together with **Rachel Kenna, Ireland's Chief Nursing Officer**. Her participation provides the perfect opportunity to mark the publication of the *Prevention and Treatment of Pressure Ulcers/Injuries: Clinical Practice Guideline* together with representatives of the International Guideline Group, before we embark on keynote presentations exploring the topic of the Person-Centred Pressure Ulcer Care Across the Lifespan.

Panel debate on Sustaining Patient and Public Involvement (PPI): Enhancing pressure ulcer prevention and treatment through the inclusion of patient experts. Opportunities, challenges and future directions

Wednesday 9 September, 17:00, Concert Hall

Moderated by Tom O'Connor

Confirmed speakers: Declan Naughton, Diarmuid Corry, Joe Bowden (experts with lived experience), Hannah Wilson, Liane Teixeira, Helen Strapp

This debate will explore the vital role of patient experts in shaping research, clinical practice and policy, highlighting how meaningful partnerships can improve pressure ulcer prevention and treatment. The discussion will introduce the key principles and terminology of Patient and Public Involvement, examine the opportunities, challenges and strategies surrounding PPI in pressure ulcer prevention and treatment and explore future directions for embedding PPI into pressure ulcer research, practice, and partnerships.

Mentoring event: Meet the Expert lunch discussion

Wednesday 9 September, 12:00 – 12:45, Exhibition

(close to the EPUAP Lounge)

Registration to this event is required.

Second edition following the excellent feedback received after this mentoring activity was first introduced in Helsinki! Participants will be matched with experts according



to their selected interests to ensure focused, high-quality discussions. This is a valuable occasion to ask questions, share experiences, and gain insight from some of the field's most experienced voices.

Joint EPUAP-EWMA panel debate: The role of AI in the prevention and treatment of pressure ulcers; challenges and opportunities for wound care practitioners

Thursday 10 September, 15:10 – 16:25, Landsdowne Room

Moderated by Tom O'Connor and Dimitri Beeckman

Confirmed panelists: Andrea Pokorná, Paulo Alves

This discussion will examine the role of AI in pressure ulcer prevention and treatment, focusing on its opportunities for wound care practitioners and the challenges of integrating these technologies into person-centred clinical practice.

Flash poster presentations

Wednesday 9 September, 13:30 – 14:30

Thursday 10 September, 13:30 – 14:30

(EPUAP Forum, Exhibition area)

Selected authors will receive a 2-minute timeslot to pitch their poster in the interactive EPUAP Forum space, located within the Exhibition Hall. Full programme of Flash poster sessions is available in the conference app and in the online programme.



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Key dates

Abstract submission deadline

31 March 2027

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31 May 2027

Early registration deadline

15 June 2027

Workshops Overview

EPUAP workshop 1: The why, the how and the journey: Our experience with patient and public partnerships for pressure sore prevention

Wednesday 9 September, 10:55 – 12:00, Dodder Hall B

Organiser: *Hannah Wilson (Ireland)*

Speakers: *Declan Naughton, Joe Bowden, Diarmuid Corry, Damien Nee, Hannah Wilson, Liane Teixeira, Sorcha Byrne, Didi Moore, Carmel Sharkey, Bridget Murray*

This interactive world café workshop explores the consequences of pressure sores through lived experience, highlights diverse approaches to patient and public involvement (PPI), and shares insights from our collaborative journey. Participants will deepen understanding of how partnerships between patients, their care partners, researchers, healthcare professionals, and industry can drive meaningful progress in pressure sore prevention.

Learning outcomes: Recognize the impact of pressure sores through lived experience and understand the value of partnerships between patients, care partners, researchers, healthcare professionals, and industry. Explore collaborative approaches, including the modified James Alliance model, to strengthen engagement and advance pressure sore prevention.

EPUAP workshop 2: Pressure ulcers in Intensive Care Units- SAFE ICU COST ACTION (CA24107)

Wednesday 9 September, 15:10 – 16:25, Dodder Hall B

Organisers: *Natalie McEvoy (Ireland), Pierre Yves Blanchard (France)*

This interactive workshop, hosted by the SAFE ICU COST Action group, will bring together clinicians, researchers, and stakeholders to advance a shared understanding of pressure ulcer prevention in intensive care settings. The session will focus on the tools and frameworks used for risk assessment, with particular attention to their consistency, availability, and applicability across different European contexts.

Learning outcomes: Critically evaluate pressure ulcer risk assessment tools used in ICU settings, comparing their availability, accessibility, and application across different European healthcare contexts. Understand the importance of standardised tools for international collaboration and benchmarking, while identifying evidence gaps and research priorities related to pressure ulcer risk factors in the ICU.

EPUAP workshop 3: Repositioning

Thursday 10 September, 08:30 – 09:30, Exhibition (EPUAP Forum)

Organisers: *Peter Worsley (UK), Aglacia Budri (Ireland)*

This repositioning workshop provides a practical overview of key strategies for preventing pressure ulcers. It begins with a short introduction to core concepts, including bed and seated repositioning, guideline recommendations, and the impact of pressure, shear, and friction. Participants will then rotate through hands-on stations focused on repositioning in bed and sitting, enabling application of individualised techniques. The session also explores the role of posture, technology, and biofeedback in supporting self-management. A final Q&A allows for discussion and clarification of key principles.

Learning outcomes: Understand the key principles of repositioning in sitting and lying, and apply guideline-recommended, individualised repositioning strategies for individuals at risk of pressure ulcers. Explore how posture influences interface pressure and identify strategies to minimise harmful tissue loading.

EPUAP workshop 4: How to implement clinical practice guidelines?

Thursday 10 September, 11:20 – 12:20, Dodder Hall B

Organiser: *Jan Kottner (Germany)*

Speakers: *Zena Moore (Ireland), Pinar Avsar (Ireland), Katrin Balzer (Germany), Jan Kottner (Germany)*

For many years the EPUAP supports the development of the International Prevention and Treatment of Pressure Ulcers/Injuries: Clinical Practice Guideline. Clinical practice guidelines provide recommendations to inform clinical decision making. However, to improve patient care and outcomes, guideline recommendations need to be implemented and practice must be changed. This workshop will discuss strategies and methods, how to translate guideline content into clinical practice.

Learning outcomes: Explain what a guideline recommendation is and describe strategies and methods for implementing guideline recommendations in clinical practice. Identify the factors that influence clinicians' behaviour.



EPUAP workshop 5: Securing the Future: A practical guide to European research funding for the pressure ulcer community

Thursday 10 September, 17:00 – 18:15, Landsdowne Room

Organisers: *Dominique Sigauco Roussel (France), Pierre-Yves Rohan (France)*

Speakers: *Gaëlle Le Turdu (France), Peter Worsley (UK), Declan Patton (Ireland), Lisette Schoonhoven (the Netherlands), Yohan Payan (France)*

Description: Sustaining high-quality pressure injury research requires more than scientific ambition. It requires funding. Yet European research funding mechanisms remain underexplored and underutilised by many clinicians and researchers working in our field.

This workshop offers a practical, demystifying introduction to the European funding landscape.

Learning outcomes: By the end of this workshop, participants will be able to identify the main European funding mechanisms relevant to pressure injury research (e.g. Horizon Europe, ERC and MSCA) and understand the key evaluation criteria used by EU funding bodies and how applications are assessed. They will also recognise the differences between academic and industry-facing funding pathways, apply practical strategies for strengthening a grant application using real examples from the EPUAP community, and access key resources and identify potential collaborators within the EPUAP network to support future applications.



EPUAP workshop 6: Wound debridement: Why and How

Thursday 10 September, 17:00 – 18:15, Dodder Hall B

Organisers: *Helen Strapp (Ireland), Steven Smet (Belgium)*

This interactive workshop explores the principles and practice of wound debridement. Participants will review indications, tissue types, and available techniques, and learn how to select appropriate methods for different wounds. Through guided practice, attendees will develop practical skills to perform safe, effective debridement and support optimal wound healing outcomes in clinical settings.

EPUAP workshop 7: Enhancing wound healing: Wound assessment & dressing options

Friday 11 September, 09:00 – 10:15, Dodder Hall B

Organisers: *Helen Strapp (Ireland), Niamh McLain (Ireland)*

Objectives:

- Understand comprehensive wound assessment
- Identify appropriate dressing types for various wound types
- Apply knowledge through hands-on activities and case studies

Learning outcomes: By the end of this workshop, participants will be able to understand the principles of comprehensive wound assessment, identify appropriate dressing types for various wound types, and apply their knowledge through hands-on activities and case studies. They will also understand the factors influencing dressing choice, including wound type, exudate level, infection risk and patient comfort, and apply these principles to different case studies using patient histories and wound images to develop appropriate assessment and dressing plans.

EPUAP 2026 Awards



EPUAP Experienced Investigator Award: Prof. Zena Moore

The **EPUAP Experienced Investigator Award** is awarded for a significant, internationally recognised contribution to pressure ulcer research in either basic or clinical science achievements and reflects accomplishments that clearly contributed to advancing the field.

The EPUAP Scientific Committee has decided to honour **Prof. Zena Moore** in recognition of her scholarly excellence, global leadership, and sustained influence on clinical practice and education. Prof. Moore is internationally recognised as a world-leading authority in pressure ulcer research, and her work continues to shape clinical guidelines, inform patient care, and advance innovation in prevention and management worldwide. The Scientific Committee particularly wishes to recognise her exceptional leadership in the development of the International Clinical Practice Guidelines for the Prevention and Treatment of Pressure Ulcers and her longstanding contribution to their continued advancement on behalf of EPUAP. Her expertise has been instrumental in ensuring that these guidelines are rigorous, transparent, evidence-based and clinically meaningful, providing a foundation for best practice around the world.



EPUAP Early Career Investigator Award: Ayşe Silanur Demir-Üçtepe, RN, PhD

The **EPUAP Early Career Investigator's Award** honours young scientists whose work aligns with the research priorities championed by the EPUAP community, making significant strides in promoting excellence in pressure ulcer prevention and management at an international level.

In 2026, the EPUAP Research Committee selected **Ayşe Silanur Demir-Üçtepe** as the recipient of this award. Ayşe Silanur Demir-Üçtepe, RN, PhD, is a nurse researcher specialising in pressure injury prevention and wound care. Her research focuses on the development and evaluation of care bundles in intensive care settings, with an emphasis on improving patient outcomes and cost-effectiveness. She also advances the field through research in artificial intelligence, sensor technologies, and innovative nursing education. By bridging evidence, clinical practice, and technology, her work contributes to improve patient outcomes, interdisciplinary collaboration and cost-effective care.

Both awardees will present their talks on Wednesday 9 September at 15:10 in the Lansdowne Room.

EPUAP 2026 Travel Awards

The **EPUAP Travel Awards** provide financial support to presenters attending the EPUAP 2026 Conference in Dublin. Five recipients have been selected by the EPUAP Scientific Committee based on the scientific quality of their submitted abstracts:

- NEXT-GENERATION ENCYCLOPEDIA: AN XR-AI-CHATBOT SIMULATION FOR PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION IN NURSING EDUCATION; **Dilek Yilmaz Akyaz, Turkey**
- PREVENTION OF PRESSURE INJURIES IN PRONE POSITION DURING SURGERY: PRELIMINARY RESULTS OF A RCT (PRONOR); **Tânia Manuel, Portugal**

- A SITUATION-SPECIFIC THEORY FOR COMMUNITY CARE OF PEOPLE WITH DEPENDENCY-RELATED SKIN INJURIES; **Natalia Maella Rius, Spain**
- AI CHALLENGES BUT DOES NOT CHANGE CLINICAL DECISIONS: EVIDENCE FROM PRESSURE INJURY SIMULATION; **Fadime Koyuncu, Turkey**
- - ASSESSING KNOWLEDGE GAPS IN PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION AMONG ICU NURSES: A MULTICENTRE STUDY USING A CONTEXT-SPECIFIC APPROACH; **Sofia Vieira, Portugal**

Congratulations!

Poster Presentations Overview

1. IMPACT OF SKIN MICROBIOME CHARACTERISTICS ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF PRESSURE ULCERS AMONG YOUNG ADULTS: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW - *Sienna Saunders, Ireland**
2. DOES AN INNOVATE MATTRESS ALIGN WITH INTERNATIONAL GUIDELINES - TISSUE TOLERANCE AND MECHANICAL LOAD - *Michael Sullivan, Ireland*
3. THE PROTECTIVE STRAIN REDUCTION EFFECT OF SLIDABLE LAYERS IN A PROPHYLACTIC DRESSING - *Ciara Cassidy, United Kingdom*
4. THE IMPACT OF DRESSING PAD DESIGN FOR PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION: A FINITE ELEMENT STUDY - *Ciara Cassidy, United Kingdom*
5. EVALUATION OF EGF LOADED ALGINATE-HYALURONIC ACID MICROBEADS SYSTEM FOR WOUNDS IN RAT MODEL - *Hwan Jun Choi, South Korea***
6. CONTROLLED RELEASE OF VEGF IN ALG-HA BEAD SYSTEM TO PROMOTE WOUND HEALING IN PUNCH-INDUCED WOUND RAT MODEL - *Hwan Jun Choi, South Korea*
7. AN ACID GEL FOR THE TREATMENT OF CHRONIC ULCERS THROUGH BIOFILM DISRUPTION:IMPLICATIONS FOR PRESSURE INJURY MANAGEMENT - *Thierry Coppin, France***
8. EPIDEMIOLOGY OF PRESSURE ULCERS IN INTENSIVE CARE UNIT: A RETROSPECTIVE STUDY - *Alexandre Rodrigues, Portugal**
9. THE PREVALENCE OF PRESSURE ULCERS IN EUROPE: WHAT DO THE EUROPEAN DATA TELL US? AN UPDATED SYSTEMATIC REVIEW - *Pinar Avsar, Ireland***
10. REPORTED INCIDENCE AND PREVALENCE RATES OF PRESSURE ULCERS IN THE PAEDIATRIC POPULATION: A META-REVIEW OF SYSTEMATIC REVIEWS - *Rosemarie Derwin, Ireland*
11. WHAT IS THE PREVALENCE OF PRESSURE ULCERS WITHIN A MATERNITY SETTING IN AN ACUTE ACADEMIC HOSPITAL? - *Áine Curtis, Ireland***
12. WHAT IS THE FEASIBILITY AND ACCEPTABILITY OF A PRESSURE ULCER CARE BUNDLE IN A MATERNITY SETTING IN AN ACUTE HOSPITAL? - *Áine Curtis, Ireland*
13. INCIDENCE AND RISK FACTORS OF PRESSURE ULCERS' DEVELOPMENT IN PATIENTS FOLLOWED BY A PREVENTATIVE CARE BUNDLE IN TWO ITALIAN EMERGENCY SETTINGS - *Leonardo D'Andrea, Italy**
14. HEALTH OUTCOMES LED BY ADVANCED PRACTICE NURSES IN PATIENTS WITH CHRONIC WOUNDS: A SCOPING REVIEW - *Leonardo D'Andrea, Italy*
15. WHAT ARE THE PSYCHOMETRIC/ CLINIMETRIC PROPERTIES OF MOBILITY ASSESSMENT TOOLS USED IN PRESSURE ULCER RISK ASSESSMENT IN ADULTS AT RISK OF DEVELOPING PRESSURE ULCERS? - *Denise Markey, Ireland**
16. MICROCIRCULATION-BASED DEVICE FOR PRESSURE INJURY RISK ASSESSMENT: A DIAGNOSTIC ACCURACY STUDY - *Simon Münch, Germany*
17. REVISITING SODIUM HYPOCHLORITE IN COMPLEX PRESSURE INJURY MANAGEMENT: A CASE REPORT CHALLENGING CLINICAL PARADIGMS - *Ricardo Picoito, Portugal***
18. PREDICTIVE ACCURACY OF EVARUCI, CALCULATE AND BRADEN SCALES IN INTENSIVE CARE: PROTOCOL OF A COMPARATIVE OBSERVATIONAL STUDY - *Ricardo Picoito, Portugal*
19. RELIABILITY STUDY OF THE MONK SKIN TONE SCALE IN THE CONTEXT OF NURSING SKIN ASSESSMENT - *Katherine Earnest, United States of America***
20. NURSES' CLINICAL DECISION-MAKING ABOUT PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION IN HOSPITAL SETTINGS: A SCOPING REVIEW - *Jenny Sim, Australia**
21. CLINICAL VALIDATION OF A MOBILE LIDAR BASED 3D SYSTEM FOR PRECISE PRESSURE ULCER MORPHOMETRY - *Sofia Zahia, France*
22. AI POWERED DEPTH CAMERA SYSTEM TO DETERMINE PATIENT POSITION IN BED TO AID TURNING PROTOCOLS - *Dean Montgomery, United Kingdom*
23. SMART PATCH FOR EARLY DETECTION OF PRESSURE ULCERS: COMPENSATING DIFFERENT BODY POSTIONS - *Lorenz Gruenerbel, Germany*
24. BEYOND CONVENTIONAL RISK SCALES: TEMPORAL PATTERNS AND MULTIDIMENSIONAL PREDICTORS OF EARLY DEEP TISSUE INJURY IN ICU - *Tugba Cevizci, Turkey*
25. CHATGPT TODAY, ROBOTIC PARTNERS TOMORROW: HUMAN AUTHORITY IN PERSON-CENTRED WOUND ASSESSMENT - *Tugba Cevizci, Turkey*
26. REAL-WORLD EVALUATION OF PATIENTS' AND HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS' EXPERIENCE WITH AN ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE-ENABLED AUTONOMOUS PRESSURE MANAGEMENT SURFACE FOR PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT ACROSS ACUTE AND INTERMEDIATE CARE SETTINGS - *Joan-Enric Torra-Bou, Spain**
27. PRESSURESMART: A MULTI-PARTNER CONSORTIUM TO DEVELOP REAL-TIME AI POSTURE MONITORING FOR PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION - *Michael J Addison, United Kingdom*
28. SUB-EPIDERMAL MOISTURE (SEM) SCANNER FOR PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION IN INTENSIVE CARE UNITS: A SCOPING REVIEW - *Sofia Vieira, Portugal**
29. CLOSING THE GAP: A NURSE-LED DIGITAL MODEL FOR REDEFINING PREDICTIVE PRESSURE ULCER CARE IN COMMUNITY REHAB - *Cherylane Sabellano, United Kingdom***
30. WOUND MEASUREMENT PRACTICES AMONG WOUND CARE NURSES: A NATIONAL PERSPECTIVE ON PRESSURE INJURY MONITORING - *Emine Iyigun, Turkey*
31. BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN STANDARDS AND GUIDELINES: THE ROLE OF SEATING SUPPORT SURFACES IN PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION - *Mark Smit, the Netherlands*

32. PUTTING SUPPORT SURFACE CLASSIFICATION TO BED, ONCE AND FOR ALL - *Richard Forder, United Kingdom**
33. LET'S CE IF YOU ARE SERIOUS ABOUT THE DEVICES USED FOR PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION & MANAGEMENT - *Richard Forder, United Kingdom*
34. FROM METRICS TO CLINICAL DECISION-MAKING: APPLYING ISO 16840 TESTING TO SEATING SUPPORT SURFACES FOR PI PREVENTION - *Nienke Francisca Lydia Conijn, the Netherlands*
35. SUSTAINABILITY IN PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION: THE IMPACT OF PRODUCT LIFESPAN AND MAINTENANCE ON LONG-TERM OUTCOMES - *Nienke F. L. Conijn, the Netherlands**
36. IMMERSE IN AIR: ARE ALL AIR IMMERSION SUPPORT SURFACES IDENTICAL? - *Lucie Sionova, Czech Republic*
37. VIRTUE OF AIR: ARE ALL ALTERNATING SUPPORT SURFACE DESIGNS EQUIVALENT? - *Lucie Sionova, Czech Republic*
38. EVALUATING PULSE PRESSURE CYCLE PERFORMANCE IN AN ADVANCED CONTINUOUS LOW PRESSURE MATTRESS SYSTEM - *Peter Worsley, United Kingdom***
39. BASIC STUDY ON THE DESIGN OF PRESSURE-REDISTRIBUTING CUSHIONS THAT TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE USER'S PHYSIQUE - *Takashi Mashiko, Japan*
40. THEATRE: MOVING FROM MANUAL OFF-LOADING TO IMMERSIVE PRESSURE REDISTRIBUTION IN COMPLEX BARIATRIC SURGERY - *Martin Thomas, United Kingdom*
41. 'PROTECTING YOUR ASSETS' – MAINTAINING SKIN INTEGRITY AND ENHANCING MOBILITY WITH ACTIVE SEATING - *Dave Newton, United States of America*
42. ABSORPTION AND WICKING IN BED SHEETS FOR REPOSITIONING - *Ida Ljungberg, Sweden*
43. WHO IS UNDER MORE PRESSURE?! INCIDENCE OF NASOGASTRIC TUBE RELATED PRESSURE INJURY IN INTERNAL WARD AND ICU: PROSPECTIVE SINGLE HOSPITAL STUDY - *Michael Kuniavsky, Israel**
44. CATHETER ASSOCIATED MEATAL PRESSURE INJURIES: OUTCOMES OF AN INTERDISCIPLINARY INTERVENTION IN LONG TERM CARE - *Alex Tacon, Australia**
45. NOVEL CORE TEMPERATURE MANAGEMENT FOR PREVENTING INTRAOPERATIVE ACQUIRED PRESSURE INJURY: A HIGH-RISK CASE - *Mine Yoshimura, Japan***
46. NICU MEDICAL DEVICE-RELATED PRESSURE ULCERS IN A NORTHERN ITALIAN UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL: A 7-YEAR INCIDENCE ANALYSIS - *Federico Fonda, Italy**
47. PRESSURE INJURY PATTERNS AND CLINICAL CHARACTERISTICS IN A NEUROLOGICAL ICU - *Myoungjean Ju, South Korea**
48. THE ACCEPTABILITY, APPROPRIATENESS AND FEASIBILITY OF PROPHYLACTIC DRESSINGS AMONG AT RISK OLDER ADULTS IN A RESIDENTIAL CARE SETTING: A QUALITY IMPROVEMENT - *Queen Edede, Ireland**
49. EFFECTIVENESS OF AN AUTOMATIC ALTERNATING PRESSURE AIR MATTRESS WITH INTEGRATED USAGE HISTORY: A 12- WEEK OBSERVATIONAL STUDY - *Ross Joannides, United Kingdom*
50. PRESSURE RELIEF PERFORMANCE OF MANUAL WHEELCHAIR USERS WITH COMPLETE SPINAL CORD INJURY - *Yannik Schürch, Switzerland***
51. SPINAL CORD INJURY PATIENT PASSPORT FOR PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION IN IRELAND - *Lissy Augustine, Ireland*
52. CARE IN THE MARGINS: TREATING PRESSURE ULCERS IN THE HOMELESS POPULATION - *Caitríona Doyle, Ireland***
53. MANAGEMENT OF PRESSURE ULCER IN A PALLIATIVE CARE PATIENT: A CLINICAL CASE REPORT - *Aglecia Moda Vitoriano Budri, Brazil*
54. SUSTAINABLE EDUCATION AS A KEY FACTOR IN PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION FOR ONCOLOGY PATIENTS - *Polona Krajnc, Slovenia*
55. MALIGNANT SKIN CANCER DEVELOPMENT IN CHRONIC WOUNDS: A RETROSPECTIVE CASE SERIES OF MARJOLIN ULCERS - *Kyoung Ae Nam, South Korea***
56. CHRONIC HEEL ULCERS DIAGNOSED AS AMELANOTIC MELANOMA: A REPORT OF TWO CLINICAL CASES - *Kyoung Ae Nam, South Korea***
57. ACESULFAME POTASSIUM CHRONIC CONSUMPTION EXACERBATES PRESSURE ULCER DEVELOPMENT IN MOUSE MODEL OF DIET-INDUCED OBESITY - *Axel Couturier, France***
58. HYDROCOLLOID VERSUS POLYURETHANE FOAM DRESSINGS FOR PREVENTION OF NON-INVASIVE VENTILATION INTERFACE-RELATED PRESSURE INJURIES IN ADULTS: AN EMPTY SYSTEMATIC REVIEW - *Sara Dentice, Italy**
59. ENHANCING HEALING IN DIABETIC FOOT ULCERS: A RAPID UMBRELLA REVIEW OF FISH-DERIVED DERMAL SUBSTITUTES - *Sara Dentice, Italy*
60. EDUCATION PLAN FOR TYPE II DM / WAGNER 2 PATIENTS: AMPUTATION PREVENTION USING THE TRANSTHEORETICAL MODEL AND STAGES OF CHANGE - COLOMBIA. - *Kelly Paola Sierra Cuellar, Colombia*
61. IMPORTANCE OF GRADE 0 IN PRESSURE INJURIES PREVENTION IN A POPULATION OF INSTITUTIONALIZED ELDERLY PEOPLE: THE ROLE OF HYALURONATE AND AMINO ACIDS - *Roberto Cassino, Italy*
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64. IMPROVING DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS OF SELECTED SKIN LESIONS IN NURSING CARE - *Lenka Krupová, Czech Republic***
65. A MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM (MDT) WORKING GROUP AUDIT OF THE 30° TILT REPOSITIONING PROGRAMME IN BEAUMONT HOSPITAL. - *Kelly-Anne O'Callaghan, Ireland***
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67. EVALUATION OF COMMERCIALLY AVAILABLE HEEL PADS FOR THE PREVENTION OF PRESSURE ULCERS - *Hannah Wilson, Ireland*
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70. AN EFFICIENT METHOD TO PREVENT ADDITIONAL WHOLE ARM SKIN INJURIES IN PATIENTS WITH PHYSICAL RESTRAINTS - *Hee Joung Kim, South Korea*
71. PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION IS INSEPARABLE FROM POSTURAL MANAGEMENT — MANAGING PRESSURE INJURIES IN PATIENTS WITH COMPLEX POSTURE AND CONTRACTURES: A COMMUNITY-BASED CASE SERIES - *Eva Harris, United Kingdom**
72. EFFICACY AND SAFETY OF PORCINE-DERIVED ACELLULAR DERMAL MATRIX FOR CHRONIC WOUNDS: A PROSPECTIVE CLINICAL STUDY - *Hyung Gi Kim, South Korea***
73. INFLUENCE OF WOUND DRESSING COMPOSITION ON PH AT THE DRESSING–WOUND BED INTERFACE - *Emilio Galea, France*
74. EVALUATION OF POLYABSORBANT TLC-NOSF FOR PRESSURE INJURIES IN A PRE IMPLEMENTATION HOSPITAL REVIEW - *Emilio Galea, France*
75. MANAGEMENT OF A CHRONIC PRESSURE ULCER IN A YOUNG ADULT WITH SPINA BIFIDA WITH POLYABSORBENT FIBRE ROPE - *Emilio Galea, France*
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77. POSITIVE IMPACT OF EARLY INTERVENTION USING TLC-NOSF IN THE MANAGEMENT OF A HEEL PRESSURE ULCER - *Lorraine Grothier, France*
78. PERFORMANCE OUTCOMES OF A NEXT-GENERATION FIVE-LAYER FOAM DRESSING IN THE MANAGEMENT OF PRESSURE ULCERS - *Adam Tompkin, United Kingdom*
79. STAYS PUT AND SURVIVES THE PEEL: TWO COMPLEMENTARY VOLUNTEER STUDIES OF A NEW 5-LAYER SILICONE FOAM DRESSING - *Adam Tompkin, United Kingdom*
80. PERFORMANCE AND SAFETY OF A THIN POLYURETHANE FOAM DRESSING ACROSS MULTIPLE WOUND TYPES: A RETROSPECTIVE CHART REVIEW - *Rebecca Rodger, United Kingdom*
81. USE OF MEDICAL HONEY IN THE TREATMENT OF PRESSURE ULCERS - *Violeta Vaidotienė, Lithuania*
82. SUCCESSFUL TREATMENT OF PRESSURE ULCERS WITH A CHITOSAN BASED WOUND GEL - *Heather Hodgson, United Kingdom***
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88. CHALLENGES IN MANAGING GRADE 4 ISCHIAL TUBEROSITY PRESSURE ULCER IN A PARAPLEGIC PATIENT: A CASE STUDY - *Christianah Sanni, Ireland*
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96. ONE TEAM, ONE GOAL - A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY APPROACH TO REDUCING PRESSURE INJURY INCIDENCE BY 50% HOSPITAL-WIDE IN 2025 - *Beatriz Grilo, Ireland**
97. PROCESS AUDIT AS A BEHAVIORAL CHANGE STRATEGY FOR PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION IN INTENSIVE CARE UNITS: AN EXPERIENCE REPORT - *Lilian Nogueira da Silva, Brazil**
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101. CAN THE USE OF MULTI-LAYERED SILICONE DRESSINGS BE ECONOMICAL IN AMBULANCE? A PROBABILITY ASSESSMENT - *Hannele Moisander, Finland*
102. MEASURING THE VISIBILITY OF THE PRESSURE INJURIES – DAYS - *Hannele Moisander, Finland*

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108. CONTINUOUS DEBRIDEMENT OF 67 PATIENTS WITH PRESSURE INJURIES WITH CHARGED POLYABSORBENT DRESSINGS - *Laetitia Thomassin, France**
109. CONTINUOUS INTEGRAL DEBRIDEMENT - *Dieter Mayer, Switzerland*
110. CHALLENGE THE ESTABLISHMENT – TO DTI OR NOT DTI THAT IS THE QUESTION? - *Claire Acton, United Kingdom*
111. A MULTI-PRODUCT APPROACH TO MANAGING BIOBURDEN AND AUTOLYTIC DEBRIDEMENT IN AN INFECTED PRESSURE ULCER - *Nigel Clancy, United Kingdom**
112. RESOLUTION OF INFECTED PRESSURE ULCER WITHIN TWO WEEKS OF USING A NANOCRYSTALLINE SILVER DRESSING - *Nigel Clancy, United Kingdom*
113. HOW COULD WE REDUCE PRESSURE INJURY: EXPERIENCE OF A PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION ROUNDING OVER 3 YEARS; *Park Joohee, South Korea*

* These posters will be presented during the Flash Poster Presentations 1 Session on Wednesday 9 September at 13:30 in the EPUAP Forum.

** These posters will be presented during the Flash Poster Presentations 2 Session on Thursday 10 September at 13:30 in the EPUAP Forum.

EPUAP 2025: Lasting Impact in Finland

The EPUAP 2025 Conference held in Helsinki was exceptional in raising awareness of pressure injury prevention at both national and local levels, and this is the direction we would like to continue at future EPUAP meetings. The conference created strong engagement among healthcare professionals, hospital leaders, policymakers and the wider public. The EPUAP Declaration was shared by the First Deputy Speaker of the Finnish Parliament, PhD Paula Risikko, with all 200 Members of Parliament and presented to the Deputy Mayor for Social Services and Health Care. It was also published in the Finnish Wound Care Journal and on the Finnish Wound Care Society website and shared with hospital administrators.

The Conference Chair, Mrs Maarit Ahtiala, surveyed Finnish Authorized Wound Care Nurses on the impact of EPUAP 2025. Responses highlighted stronger prevention practices and management awareness, including new risk assessments in elderly care, greater attention to support surfaces and mattresses, and increased influence on wound care product procurement. **The conference was also reported to deepen professional expertise, broaden understanding, provide practical knowledge, and strengthen confidence in driving improvements in clinical practice.**



EPUAP reached a much wider audience through a national morning TV news programme, where Tuija Ikonen and Maarit Ahtiala discussed pressure injuries and the importance of prevention. **EPUAP 2025 demonstrates how an annual meeting can create a meaningful legacy beyond the conference itself, translating scientific exchange into greater awareness, professional practice and local action.**

Industry Symposia and Workshops

Industry symposium: Care of Sweden

Clinical Evaluation of an Artificial Intelligence Enabled Autonomous Pressure Management Surface Across Care Settings



When: 9 September 2026, 13:30 – 15:00

Where: Concert Hall

Speakers: Prof. Joan-Enric Torra i Bou, *Clinical Consultant in Skin Integrity and Patient Safety; Founder and Managing Director, SAPIENS FHCW; Research Collaborator, TR2Lab, Universitat de Vic–Universitat Central de Catalunya, Spain*
Victor Guerrini, *Assistive Technology & Accessibility Consultant; Clinical Psychologist; Creator of La Vuelta de Pity, Argentina*
Fares Al-Khaliliy, *Clinical Manager, Care of Sweden AB, Sweden*

Pressure injury prevention has always depended on people doing the right thing at the right time. Checking. Adjusting. Reassessing. But healthcare systems are under pressure. Patients are more complex. Staff is stretched. And many prevention routines still rely on manual actions that are easy to miss, delay, or perform inconsistently.

So, the question becomes: How can support surfaces be autonomous, not to replace care, but to make prevention more reliable, sustainable, and person-centred?

Industry symposium: URGO Medical

Continuous Integral Debridement: A breakthrough in managing slough



When: 9 September 2026, 13:30-15:00

Where: Lansdowne Room

Speakers: Dr. Paulo Alves, *Catholic University of Portugal, Portugal*
Dr. Dieter Mayer, *Zurich University Hospital, Switzerland*
Kate Moran, *Tissue Viability Nurse Specialist – Western Health & Social Care Trust, Northern Ireland*

This symposium will explore the critical role of slough in impaired wound healing and introduce Continuous Integral Debridement as an innovative and practical approach to its management with Urgo Medical products.

The session will begin with an overview of slough, its pathophysiology, and the challenges it represents in wound care, presented by Paulo Alvès. Dieter Mayer will then introduce the concepts of Integral Debridement and Continuous Integral Debridement, highlighting how this cyclical, proactive approach can improve wound bed preparation. Finally, Kate Moran will share real-world clinical experience in managing slough in pressure ulcers, illustrating the benefits of this approach in daily practice.

Together, these expert perspectives will provide both scientific insight and practical guidance to support improved wound healing outcomes across a wide range of patients.

Industry symposium: Wellell



Sustaining Pressure Injury Prevention: Critical and Palliative Care Experience with Turn-Assisted Support Surfaces

When: 10 September 2026, 10:00 – 11:15

Where: Landsdowne Room

Speakers: Prof. Keryl Carville, *Silverchain Group, Curtin University, Australia*

Ms. Chin-Wen Shiao, *Taiwan Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nurses Association (TWOCN), National Taiwan University Hospital, Taiwan*

Ms. Chancey Hsueh, *Wellell Inc., Taiwan*

Mr. Dennis Lee, *Wellell Inc., Taiwan*

This symposium will address one of the key challenges in pressure injury prevention: sustaining turning and repositioning in daily practice. It will focus on critical care in hospital settings and palliative care in both hospital and home care settings, where clinical complexity and care conditions can make consistent repositioning difficult. The symposium will discuss how a turn-assisted support surface may help sustain repositioning practice, and its potential impact on workflow, support for caregivers, and quality of care. It will also include an industry perspective on how innovation can address unmet needs in pressure injury prevention.

Industry workshop: Linet



Beyond the Surface: Smarter Decisions for Patient Support

When: 10 September 2026, 10:10 – 11:10

Where: Dodder 5A

Speakers: Ms Lorraine Thursby, *Lead Tissue Viability nurse from George Eliot Hospital, United Kingdom*

Selecting the right support surface is not only about following guidance. It also requires clinical judgment and a clear understanding of the patient's changing needs. This workshop focuses on practical decision-making in support surface use, including how to support patients in different postures while helping them feel comfortable, protected and appropriately positioned.

Industry symposium: Smith+Nephew

Smith+Nephew

Pressure Ulcers Busters 2.0: The Science of Protection & Treatment

When: 10 September 2026, 11:30 – 12:45

Where: Landsdowne Room

Moderator: Zena Moore; *RCSI, University of Medicine and Health Sciences, Nursing & Midwifery, Ireland*

Speakers: Cathy Milne; *MSN, APRN, CWOCN-AP, WOCNF, Connecticut Clinical Nursing Associates, United States*

Amit Gefen; *Professor of Biomedical Engineering, The Herbert J. Berman; Chair in Vascular Bioengineering, School of Biomedical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering Tel Aviv University*

Despite clear clinical guidelines, preventable pressure injuries continue to affect patients across Europe. This session looks at why that gap persists — from the everyday decision clinicians face to the biomechanical evidence behind how modern dressing technology protects vulnerable tissue, to real clinical cases comparing prevention and treatment side by side.

A practical, evidence-based look at closing the distance between what we know and what we do in pressure injury care.

Industry symposium: Mölnlycke

Evidence, Economics and European Insights – PIP Program Implementation



When: 10 September 2026, 13:30 – 15:00

Where: Concert Hall

Speakers: Dimitri Beeckman, *Ghent University, Belgium; Örebro University, Sweden; EWMA President*

Maarit Ahtiala, *Wellbeing Services County of Southwest Finland, Turku University Hospital, Varha Wound Center, Finland*

Benedict Stanberry, *Institute for Health Economics and Outcomes Research, Oxford Centre for Innovation, United Kingdom*

This symposium will facilitate a high-level clinical and strategic exchange focused on overcoming real-world barriers to implementing hospital-wide PIP programmes. Learning objectives:

- Review the latest evidence and best practices for implementing and sustaining hospital-wide pressure injury prevention (PIP) programmes.
- Identify key clinical, operational, and organisational barriers to pressure injury prevention and evaluate strategies to overcome them.
- Assess the clinical and economic impact of pressure injuries, including the value of prevention strategies and the role of prophylactic dressings in at-risk patient
- Apply practical insights and quality improvement strategies to strengthen pressure injury prevention efforts and improve patient outcomes within their own healthcare settings.

Industry symposium: Convatec

Is It Time to Redefine Prevention? Challenging Conventional Dressing Design in Pressure Injury Prevention



When: 10 September 2026, 13:30 – 15:00

Where: Lansdowne Room

Moderator: Zena Moore; *RCSI, University of Medicine and Health Sciences, Nursing & Midwifery, Ireland*

Speakers: Amit Gefen; *Tel Aviv University, Professor of Biomedical Engineering, The Hebert J. Berman; Chair in Vascular Bioengineering, School of Biomedical Engineering, Faculty of Engineering Tel Aviv University, Israel*
Jansy Williams; *Alder Hey Children's NHS Foundation Trust, UK*

As our understanding of pressure injury development evolves, so too must our approach to prevention. This symposium challenges conventional assumptions about prophylactic dressings and explores how innovative, moisture-responsive dressing design can help mitigate friction, shear, and microclimate-related risk factors. Join leading experts to discover how rethinking the skin-dressing interface could help redefine the future of pressure injury prevention.

Product Demo Stage in the EPUAP Forum

Discover the latest pressure care breakthroughs at our live, 10-minute product demonstrations.

Wednesday 9 September

16:30–16:40



Precubitus

16:45–16:55

LINET

Thursday 10 September

09:40–09:50

medstrom+
Improved Patient Outcomes

09:55–10:05

 **care of sweden**
SUPPORTING LIFE

16:30–16:40



16:45–16:55

 **pixacare**

Social Events



Welcome Reception

Wednesday 9 September, 18:30
Exhibition Hall

The event is free, but registration is required.

Let's wrap up the first day together in the stunning Exhibition hall! Take in the atmosphere of this gorgeous Tudor building—complete with rich stone walls, exposed wooden roof trusses, and classic cream pillars—while enjoying a drink and networking with delegates, speakers and top industry partners at EPUAP 2026.



Conference Dinner: Irish night at Taylors Three Rock

Thursday 10 September, 20:00
19:15 Departure of buses from the RDS (Anglesea Rd Entrance)
Dinner venue address: Taylors Three Rock, Grange road, Rathfarnham, Dublin 16, D16 H2K6, Ireland
Dress code: Comfortable

This event is not included in the registration fee; a separate ticket is required. Kindly bring the dinner ticket you received at the registration desk with you, as tickets will be checked at the entrance and upon boarding the bus.

Three-course meal, Irish drinks and a captivating performance by world-champion Irish dancers and renowned Dublin musicians playing Irish ballads such as On Raglan Road, Danny Boy, Fields of Athenry, or Whiskey in the Jar, creating a warm and memorable atmosphere.

Exhibitors



Abbott Nutrition

www.abbott.nutrition.com | Stand 20

Abbott has been operating in Ireland since 1946 and serves the Irish market with a diverse range of healthcare products including diagnostics, diabetes care, medical devices and nutritional products. In Ireland, Abbott currently employs about 6,000 people across ten sites located in Dublin, Donegal, Clonmel, Cootehill, Galway, Kilkenny, Longford and Sligo.



ARJO UK Ltd

www.arjo.com | Stand 11

At Arjo, we believe that empowering movement within healthcare environments is essential to quality care. Our products and solutions are designed to promote a safe and dignified experience through patient handling, medical beds, personal hygiene, disinfection, diagnostics, and the prevention of pressure ulcers and venous thromboembolism. With over 6500 people worldwide and 65 years caring for patients and healthcare professionals, we are committed to driving healthier outcomes for people facing mobility challenges.



Biocomposites

www.biocomposites.com | Stand 28

Biocomposites is an international medical device company that engineers, manufactures and markets world leading products for use in infection management in bone and soft tissue. Based in Keele, UK, it has global operations across Europe, USA, Canada, China and India. Biocomposites is a world leader in the development of innovative calcium compounds and polymers for surgical use. Its products regenerate bone and target infection risks across a variety of specialties, including musculoskeletal infection, orthopaedics, trauma, spine, foot and ankle, podiatry a sports injuries. Biocomposites products are now used in over 1 million procedures per annum and sold in more than 100 countries around the world.



Biofact Pharma Ltd

www.biofact.ie | Stand 37

Biofact, based in Ireland since 2001, is an importer, distributor, marketing and sales company for Medical Devices. Core products for Biofact are advanced wound care products and surgical instruments. Biofact will introduce 2 new barrier creams at EPUAP 2026.



Bruin Biometrics Europe Ltd

www.bruinbiometrics.com | Stand 44

Bruin Biometrics pioneered biology-based pressure injury detection, enabling clinicians to identify sub-clinical tissue damage days before it's visible. Their Provizio® SEM Scanner and PIPPA™ digital platform form a proven prevention system, helping healthcare facilities worldwide eliminate preventable pressure injuries and achieve zero harm.



Care of Sweden

www.careofsweden.com | Stand 2

Care of Sweden is an innovative company in the medtech sector, devoted to the cause of eliminating pressure ulcers around the world. Our product range covers mattresses, positioning pillows and seat cushions, used as an aid in the prevention as well as treatment of pressure ulcers. Our head office, R&D and production are located in Tranemo, western Sweden, and our products are used in care facilities across Sweden as well as in many other parts of the world.



Coloplast Ltd

www.coloplastprofessional.co.uk | Stand 21

Our Mission: Making life easier. At Coloplast, we understand that wound healing can be complex. That's why we create solutions to simplify care and support healing, easing the everyday challenges of living with wounds.



Convatec

www.convatec.com | Stand 14

Convatec is a global medical products and technologies company focused on solutions for the management of chronic conditions, with leading market positions in advanced wound care, ostomy care, continence & critical care, and infusion care. Our products provide a range of clinical and economic benefits including infection prevention, protection of at-risk skin, improved patient outcomes and reduced total cost of care.



Dermal

www.dermal.co.uk | Stand 39

For over 60 years, Dermal (an independent UK pharmaceutical company) has been at the forefront of innovative topical formulations – developing clinically proven cosmetic acceptable therapies which are manufactured in the UK and widely prescribed for eczema, psoriasis and ichthyosis etc. Visit us to see new clinical data and education resources.



ekamed GmbH & Co. KG

www.ekamed.de/en | Stand 36

Development, production and distribution of innovative medical aids for positioning and support of patients and persons in need of care. Our main product is the ekamore 30' lateral positioning system with sensor monitoring.



Evolan Pharma

www.evolan.se | Stand 10

Evolan is a leading pharmaceutical company in the Nordic region with extensive experience in regional and international collaborations. We offer a wide range of prescription and non-prescription medicines as well as medical devices and cosmetic products.



EWMA

www.ewma.org | Stand 42

The European Wound Management Association (EWMA) is a European not-for-profit umbrella organisation, linking national wound management organisations, individuals and groups with interest in wound care. The association works to promote the advancement of education and research into native epidemiology, pathology, diagnosis, prevention and management of wounds of all aetiologies.



Flen Health Ireland

www.flenhealth.com | Stand 27

Our mission at Flen Health is to help patients live the life they love by providing solutions that improve their quality of life and support fast wound healing. Our Flaminal® range, is used for the management of acute and chronic wounds, including pressure ulcers and MASD, supporting exudate management, autolytic debridement and antimicrobial protection.



Frontier Medical

www.frontier-group.co.uk | Stand 12

Frontier Medical Group is a leading manufacturer and global supplier of pressure area care solutions that support healthcare providers in improving patient outcomes and reducing risk. Its portfolio includes the clinically proven and trusted brands Repose®, Toto®, Ultracore and Dermisplus® Prevent.



Gabriel Scientific OÜ

www.gelovationseurope.com | Stand 45

Gabriel Scientific OÜ (Estonia) manufactures the SleepAngel® Medical range of positioning devices, mattresses, and pillows for pressure ulcer prevention. Patented PneumaPure® filter technology creates hermetically sealed, wipe-clean support surfaces — combining effective pressure redistribution and repositioning with clinically proven infection control.



Gel Oventions Europe

www.gelovationseurope.com | Stand 31

Gel Oventions is a leading provider of pressure care solutions with over 20 years of experience and more than 400 products. We are committed to advancing healthcare standards and ensuring comfort and well-being through continuous research and development. Our “keep, improve, save, repeat” approach reduces the need for new equipment and minimises environmental impact and promoting sustainability.



Healthcare 21

www.healthcare21.eu | Stand 34

Established in 2003, the Healthcare 21 Group, part of the AddLife Group, is one of Europe's most successful medical device distributors, offering sales, marketing, and technical service solutions for many of the world's leading healthcare equipment manufacturers.



ICAREWOUNDS

www.icarewounds.eu | Stand 38

ICAREWOUNDS is a European Commission-funded project under the EU Horizon Research and Innovation Programme. The aim of this programme is to develop and validate a patient-centric digital platform based on trustworthy artificial intelligence technologies. This will enable to: capture wound images; extract wound features; support decision making for tailored patient care; ensure data inter-operability via healthcare standards. The project is currently in its pilot phase and is being tested by the clinicians for usability and feasibility across three European Countries.



imito AG

www.imito.io | Stand 26

Save valuable time for healthcare professionals – with field proven photo and wound documentation with AI.



ISTAP

www.skintears.org | Stand 41

The International Skin Tear Advisory Panel (ISTAP) is a global multidisciplinary organisation dedicated to improving skin tear prevention, assessment, and management through education, research, and advocacy. Representing healthcare professionals worldwide, ISTAP promotes evidence-based practice and international collaboration to improve outcomes for individuals at risk of or experiencing skin tears, striving towards a world without skin tears.



Levabo Aps

www.levabo.com | Stand 35

Levabo supplies innovative and user-friendly aids to hospitals, nursing homes and private individuals for the treatment and prevention of pressure ulcers. The solutions are created in collaboration with the nursing staff, which ensures both handling and function. With local production and air as a material, we ensure high quality, fast solutions and reasonable prices. Levabo makes a real difference for both patients and nursing staff, with a focus on treatment, prevention and care.



Ligamed medical Produkte GmbH

www.ligasano.com/en | Stand 33

The origin of LIGAMED® medical Produkte GmbH dates back to 1984. It is located in the Franconian city of Cadolzburg, in the heart of the Nuremberg metropolitan area, the so-called "Medical Valley". We were pioneers in the introduction of wound dressings and dressings made of PUR foam. Today almost all manufacturers of dressings also have PU foam dressings in their assortment. LIGASANO® white, the therapeutically effective PUR foam dressing is unique to this day, both in its structure and, above all, in its effect. It is no coincidence that we say "LIGASANO® simply works" – and this is what we stand for.



LINET

www.linnet.com | Stand 8

#1 Advanced Care Beds Manufacturer Worldwide.

We are making selfless dedication of nurses, doctors & healthcare professionals easier by designing products that help them care. LINET's constant innovations aim to increase patient safety and comfort, support early recovery, simplify daily care and reduce physical demands on healthcare professionals.



L&R Medical

www.lohmann-rauscher.co.uk | Stand 29

L&R brings over 160 years' experience in wound care and compression therapy.

We champion self-care for leg ulcer management, helping the NHS reduce appointments, costs and free nurse time. Our portfolio includes Debrisoft®, Actico®, Activa® Hosiery, ReadyWrap® and Supra-sorb® and Lomatuell® ranges, delivering cost effective, high-quality solutions.



Lynch Medical Supplies Ltd

www.lynchmedical.ie | Stand 32

Lynch Medical Supplies is an Irish distributor of medical devices and surgical products, supplying hospitals, healthcare professionals, and pharmacies nationwide. The company partners with leading international manufacturers to provide innovative solutions across surgical, orthopaedic, veterinary, and general healthcare markets, supported by experienced sales, clinical training, technical support, and customer service teams.



Medstrom Ltd

www.medstrom.com | Stand 3

Medstrom is an award-winning, UK manufacturer of hospital beds and mattresses, working with clinicians to create solutions that deliver improved patient outcomes. Medstrom offers a unique equipment range, from an extensive bariatric portfolio to unique innovations for complex patient care. 2024 saw Medstrom crowned winners of the NBE Innovation Award.



Mölnlycke Health Care

www.molnlycke.com | Stand 7

Mölnlycke Health Care is a world-leading MedTech company that specialises in innovative solutions for wound care and surgical procedures. Mölnlycke products and solutions are used daily by hospitals, health care providers and patients in over 100 countries around the world. Founded in 1849, Mölnlycke is owned by Investor AB and headquartered in Sweden.



NPIAP

www.npiap.com | Stand 43

The National Pressure Injury Advisory Panel (NPIAP) is an independent not-for-profit professional organization dedicated to the prevention and management of pressure injuries. The NPIAP serves as a resource to health care professionals, government, the public, and health care agencies and encourages collaboration and participation through education, conferences, research, and advocacy.



NUA Medical Ltd

www.nestmedicalmattress.com | Stand 18

Nua Medical has developed a range of climate smart innovative support surfaces. NEST is a revolutionary breakthrough technology which is safer for patients and the environment. It is the first static medical mattress which can be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected.



Nutricia Ireland

www.nutricia.ie | Stand 5

Nutricia have been pioneering nutritional solutions since 1896 and their portfolio of science based medical nutrition products support people from birth into old age across a wide range of conditions including, disease related malnutrition, chronic wounds and much more. Nutricia are proud to offer Cubitan to patients in Ireland – Cubitan is Ireland's only ONS indicated for the dietary management of chronic wounds.



Pixacare

www.pixacare.com | Stand 19

Pixacare is a clinical wound monitoring platform powered by medical photography and CE Class IIa-certified AI. It delivers objective wound assessment, automated measurements, and remote monitoring, supporting standardized documentation and seamless coordination between hospital and community care teams.



Precubitus

www.precubitus.nl | Stand 15

Assessing early-stage pressure injuries today is like checking for a fever by touch. Precubitus is developing a handheld device that, instead of estimating risk, measures the tissue and returns an objective classification in seconds. Using near-infrared spectroscopy, it is designed to work equally across skin tones.



Smith+Nephew

www.smith-nephew.com | Stand 17

Smith+Nephew's Advanced Wound Management portfolio provides comprehensive solutions to meet broad and complex clinical needs and to help healthcare professionals reduce the human and economic consequences of wounds. These include products for the treatment of acute and chronic wounds such as leg, diabetic and pressure ulcers, burns, and post-operative wounds.



Solventum

www.solventum.com | Stand 22

At Solventum, we create breakthrough solutions for our customers' toughest challenges by pioneering game-changing innovations at the intersection of health, material and data science to change patients' lives for the better – while enabling healthcare professionals to perform at their best.



SoreAlert

www.sorealert.com | Stand 23

SoreAlert is developing a smart sensor patch for pressure ulcer prevention in immobile patients. Continuous tissue monitoring with advanced AI algorithms enables the detection of wounds before they become visible. We will improve the quality of patients' lives and reduce stress for caregivers.



SOTV

www.societyoftissueviability.org | Stand 40

At the Society of Tissue Viability, we believe that skin health and wound healing is everyone's business and that change happens when we work together, not in silos. Visit our stand to hear about our latest projects, including our 2027 annual conference, funded place opportunities, online educational events and more!



Sync Living

www.syncliving.co.uk | Stand 25

SYNC LIVING (Belfast) are Ireland's distributor of Vikta PosiPerle positioning cushions. PosiPerle are microbead cushions with an infection control filter that provide solutions for some of the most complex postural positioning challenges in both acute and community settings. They are designed to address both pressure injury prevention, infection control, offloading and positioning.



TalarMade Ltd

www.talarmade.com | Stand 30

TalarMade is a leading manufacturer and distributor of innovative medical devices for Orthotic, Podiatry, Pressure Care, and Physiotherapy sectors, including specialist NHS services. With over 40 years of clinical expertise, our healthcare-led team develops practical, evidence-based solutions, collaborating with professionals, academic institutions, and clinical networks to advance patient care.



Trulife

www.trulife.com | Stand 6

Founded with a vision to make a tangible difference in the world, Trulife is a trusted name in the medical device industry and beyond. Our commitment to excellence is reflected in everything we do, from the meticulous design of our products to the compassionate care we extend to our customers.



Urgo Medical

www.urgomedical.com | Stand 1

At Urgo Medical, our mission is to support healthcare professionals to deliver evidence-based advanced wound care treatments from the beginning so that life can start again for patients. Our 1,500 employees are passionate about making a difference for patients.

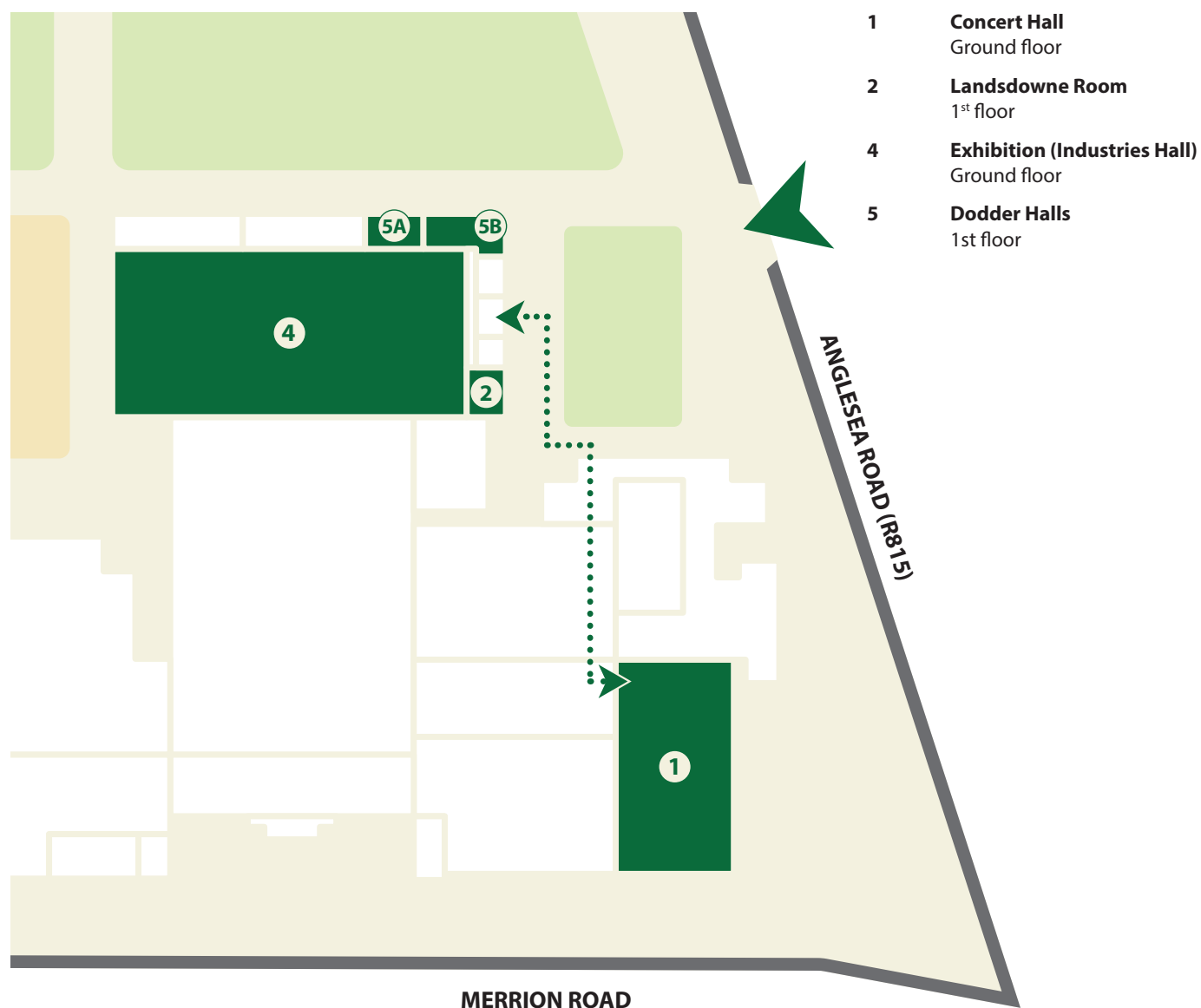


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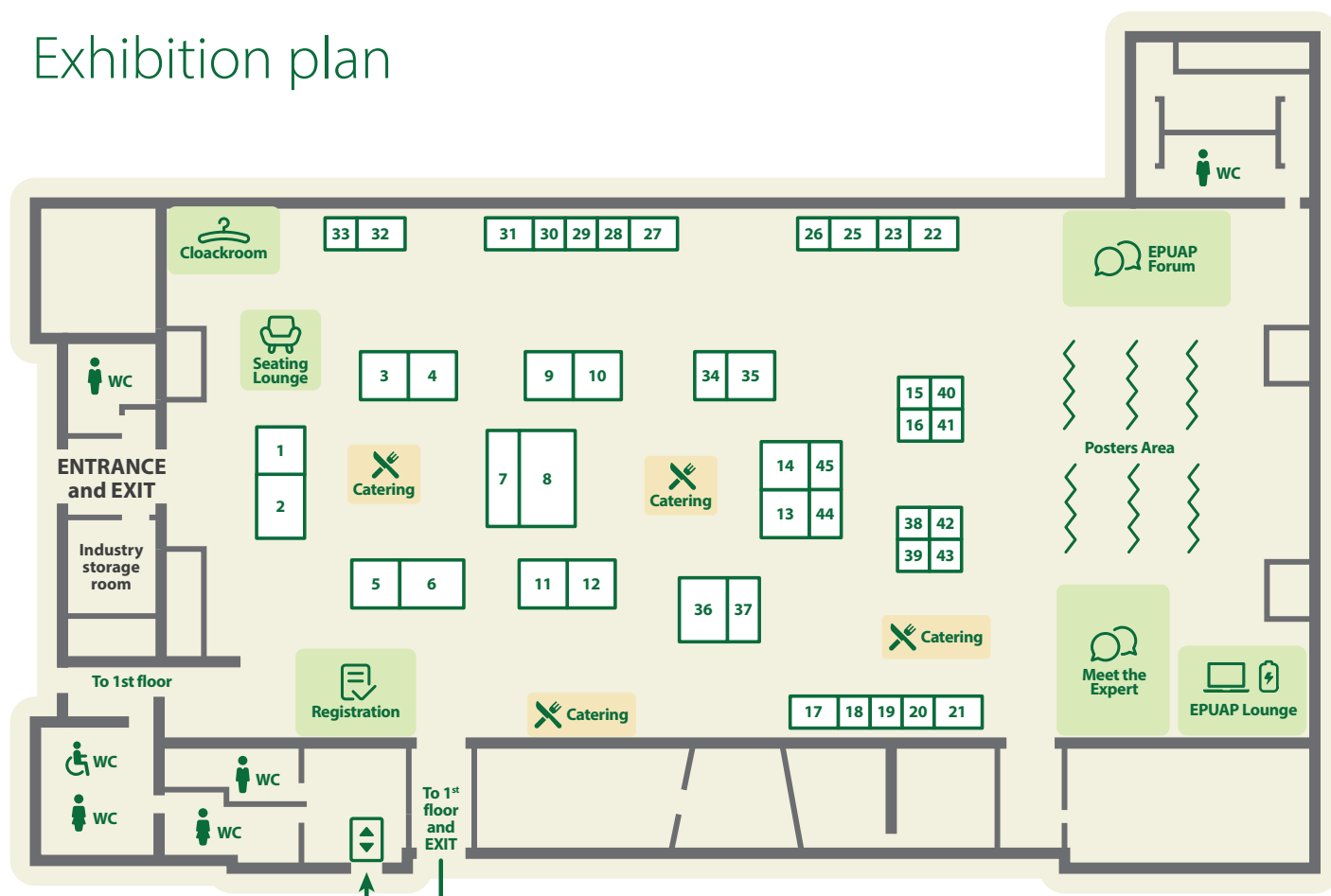
www.wellell.com/en | Stand 9

Celebrating its 35 year anniversary, the Wellell Group is a renowned designer and manufacturer of pressure relief mattresses with a strong presence in Europe, committed to improving quality of life for patients and their caregivers, thereby fulfilling our mission of "Be Well, Live Well".

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Delegate Award for the Most Innovative Product

The **Delegate Award for the Most Innovative Product** celebrates the latest advancements in pressure ulcer prevention and treatment. This year, we are shining a spotlight on the **EPUAP 2026 exhibitors and the innovative products that are helping push the boundaries of our field.**

How to Vote

20 innovative companies are competing for the award, each showcasing a product designed to make a difference in pressure ulcer prevention and treatment. Voting is **open to all EPUAP 2026 delegates** and takes place through the **Whova conference app**, under **“Survey”**.

When voting, you will be asked to select the best product based on:

- **Innovation & Originality**
- **Usability & Ergonomics – the “Real World” Factor**
- **Patient Comfort, Safety & Quality of Life**

Vote & Win!

By casting your vote, you will **automatically be entered into a prize draw to win one of two free registrations for EPUAP 2027**, taking place in **Porto, Portugal, from 29 September to 1 October 2027.**

We encourage all delegates to **visit the exhibition, discover the products, and meet the exhibitors** before casting your vote. Take the opportunity to learn more about the innovations, ask questions and discuss the products with the companies. **Don't miss your chance to have your say and help us recognise the Most Innovative Product of EPUAP 2026!** Head to the exhibition space, meet our exhibitors, and **cast your vote in Whova today!**

All products must be rated before you can submit. Voting closes at 18:00 on Thursday, September 10 — thank you for participation!

Abbott

Glucerna Advance

Glucerna Advance 1.6kcal is Ireland's only high protein supplement containing CaHMB* and Vitamin D, supporting muscle health and wound healing while containing slow-release carbohydrates suitable for patients with diabetes.

Arjo UK Ltd

Auralis mattress

The Arjo Auralis mattress supports advanced pressure redistribution through intelligent therapy features, automatic pressure adjustment, dual therapy modes and battery backup, helping clinicians simplify workflows and maintain continuous patient-centred care.

Biocomposites

Stimulan

Every bead tells a story. A limb saved. An infection conquered. A life restored. STIMULAN helps surgeons change outcomes when every decision matters most.”

Care of Sweden

CuroCell iA

AI-powered autonomous support surface system that continuously adapts to the individual, with proven support for pressure injury prevention while reducing manual settings and helping caregivers deliver safer, efficient care.

Convatec

ConvaFoam

ConvaFoam redefines pressure injury prevention as the only foam dressing with an AQUACEL® Hydrofiber® Technology contact layer, delivering advanced microclimate management while reducing friction and shear to help protect vulnerable skin.

ekamed GmbH & Co. KG

ekamove 30° – Sensor-Controlled Lateral Positioning System

Gentle, individualized repositioning tailored to each patient, with adjustable intervals, wide-area pressure relief, easier nursing care, documented movements, and support for patients weighing up to 300 kg.

evolun Pharma

Viscopaste PB7

Healing skin and wounds – at every age. Treat and manage chronic wounds, eczema, dermatitis, red leg syndrome and other dermatological conditions with Viscopaste PB7.

Gabriel Scientific OÜ

SleepAngel® Flo-Lock® Positioning System

A sealed, bead-filled positioner replacing heel boots and wedge turning systems. Self-molding beads redistribute pressure without foam's spring-back, while a welded PneumaPure® filter blocks pathogens yet lets the device breathe.

Gel Ovations Ltd

NeckGel

NeckGel is an innovative cooling gel support designed to assist people with head drop syndrome, providing improved positioning, pressure redistribution and comfort for individuals living with Motor Neurone Disease, Multiple Sclerosis and similar conditions.

Levabo Aps

Levabo Turn All®

The Levabo Turn All® automatic lateral turning system transforms patient care through intelligent, automated repositioning that enhances comfort, supports pressure injury prevention, reduces caregiver workload, and delivers measurable clinical and operational benefits with consistent, safe, and efficient patient handling.

Ligamed medical Produkte DmbH

PLANTAFIT

LIGASANO® PLANTAFIT® for Interim Care of Diabetic Feet: LIGASANO® PLANTAFIT® acts on the entire plantar pressure pattern, increases contact area, provides systematic pressure relief, and reduces pressure peaks not only locally, but across a broader area.

LINET

OptiCare X

OptiCare X supports critical care patients with automated pressure redistribution, four therapy modes, integrated compressor, and one-touch CPR readiness.

Mölnlycke Health Care

Mölnlycke® Z-Flo™ Fluidized Positioner

Mölnlycke® Z-Flo™ Fluidized Positioners are designed to be molded to provide patient positioning, pressure redistribution and offloading of anatomic sites, which can be used to help prevent pressure ulcers.

Pixacare

WoundTrack-II

WoundTrack-II is a CE Class IIa medical software that uses AI to automatically measure chronic wound surface area (cm²) and quantify tissue composition: granulation, fibrin, and necrosis.

Stryker

hygh-tec

Help manage faecal incontinence through continuous drainage and collection of liquid or semi-liquid stool for up to 30 days with hygh-tec.

Smith+Nephew

ALLEVYN COMPLETE CARE

ALLEVYN™ COMPLETE CARE Dressing is a dual-action foam dressing for wound treatment and pressure injury prevention, featuring ShearDEFENSE Technology, where unbonded layers slide to help reduce shear in soft tissues.

Solventum

Solventum™ V.A.C.® Peel and Place Dressing

Solventum™ V.A.C.® Peel and Place Dressing is an all-in-one NPWT dressing designed for simplified application, up to seven-day wear time, fewer dressing changes compared to conventional negative pressure dressings.

SoreAlert

SoreAlert

SoreAlert is developing a smart sensor for pressure ulcer prevention in immobile patients. Continuous patient monitoring with advanced AI algorithms enables effective prophylaxis. That will improve the quality of patients' lives and reduce stress for caregivers.

Trulife

Nelo Universal Positioner

Nelo is a versatile, dual-layer, universal positioner. Nelo can be manipulated to support any part of the body whilst still giving stability, comfort, relief and neutral body positioning.

Wellell Inc.

Procure Auto Link G3

The system revolutionizes pressure injury prevention with intelligent automation, continuous adaptive therapy, and wireless connectivity — maximizing patient safety, reducing caregiver workload, and transforming hospital efficiency.

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