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**9th Open Meeting
of the European
Pressure Ulcer
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—**Editorial**—

Enjoy the summer and see you in Berlin.

We are now entering that quiet time of the year when everyone goes on holiday, the volume of e-mail dries up and those still at work can have a peaceful time catching up on filing and all the other things that don't happen when we are busy. However for some the next few weeks will be hectic for at the end of August the EPUAP will host its 9th annual meeting in Berlin. I hope that many readers of this newsletter will be there from August 31st to September 2nd to share in what is the key pressure ulcer event of the year. One of the highlights will be the unveiling of the new EPUAP pressure ulcer classification tool PUCLAS 2. If you have used PUCLAS 1 as a guide to helping you classify pressure ulcers then you will already know how useful this CD can be and if you haven't yet used it check it out on-line at www.epuap.org. PUCLAS 2 will be even more helpful with a much wider range of pressure ulcer photographs to explore. Get your copy of PUCLAS 2 at Berlin or contact the EPUAP in the autumn to strengthen your ability to identify pressure ulcers from moisture lesions and then classify true pressure ulcers correctly.

➤ **References**

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The Berlin conference will also feature scientific sessions dedicated to shear and the search for quantitative methods for assessing pressure ulcer risk and the impact of interventions. One initiative to be launched at the Berlin meeting will be the development of a joint guideline on pressure ulcer prevention with the EPUAP and NPUAP coming together to create a new international evidence-based guideline. There will be more on this initiative in the next newsletter which will come 'live' from the Berlin conference. So look on the Wounds UK web-site at the end of August for breaking news from Berlin on the new guideline and other EPUAP activities.

As for future news on this newsletter I often receive copies of new PhD Theses from students in mainland Europe. Would you like to see reports of these in this newsletter so that you can keep up to date with the very latest research? Let me know through the Wounds UK website or e-mail me at <mailto:clarkm@whru.co.uk>

Looking forward to seeing you in Berlin as we approach the pressure ulcer highlight of the year - the annual meeting of the European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel

Michael Clark
Editor

↳ **News**

PROGRAMME

Thursday August 31st

8.00 am Registration

10.30 am Sponsored symposia

Room BO5-BO6,KCI

21st Century Wound Care – Holistic approach to pressure ulcer management

10.30 Chair and Introduction, George Cherry, UK

10.50 Patient evaluation of the benefit of outpatient and inpatient vacuum therapy. Multicentre study with patient-relevant endpoints

Matthias Augustine, Germany

11.10 Improving home help quality outcomes with negative pressure wound therapy

Christine Lang, USA

11.30 Cost-effective outcomes

Paul Trueman, UK

11.50 General Discussion

Room BO9, Gaymar

Deep tissue injury in pressure ulcer development

12.00 noon LUNCH

1.00 pm MAIN MEETING

PRESSURE ULCERS PUTTING KNOWLEDGE INTO PRACTICE

Room: Upstairs main theatre

Chairs: Tom Defloor Peter Diesing

1.00 PM Welcoming address

1.10 pm Technological advances in pressure ulcer prevention – how close are we to produce an objective clinical monitoring system?

Dan Bader

1.35pm Management and treatment of infection in pressure ulcers: polybacterial infection - the role of anaerobic bacteria

Joe Selkon, UK

2.00pm Quality of Life

EPUAP Phenomenology group

Alison Hopkins

2.25 pm Electrical stimulation for wound Healing: The Technology, Evidence and Protocol

Luther Kloth

2.50 pm Implementation

Tom Defloor

3.15 pm Keynote address

4.00 pm Welcome to Oxford in 2007 10th Anniversary Meeting

George Cherry

Tea

4.15 pm Sponsored symposia

Room B 09 Nutricia Chair Michael Clark

The role of specialist nutritional intervention in pressure ulcer healing

Welcome & Introduction

Michael Clark

Nutrition for Effective Pressure Ulcer Treatment

Dr. Rebecca Stratton

The role of specific nutrients in wound healing

Dr. Ralf-Joachim Schulz

Cubitan and pressure ulcers; putting evidence into practice

Prof Jos MGA Schols

Question and answer, summary and close

Dr. Michael Clark

Room B05-B06, Smith & Nephew, Chair Professor KeithHarding

Evolution or revolution? Adapting to complexity in wound management

Welcome and Introduction

Professor Keith Harding

Why we need more than one approach in pressure ulcer management

Professor Keith Harding

The evolution of ALLEVYN and its clinical relevance

Theresa Hurd

Considerations in appropriate dressing design

Professor Keith Harding

Working with complexity in pressure ulcer management

John Timmons

Conclusion and Question Session

Professor Keith Harding

6.00 pm Welcome reception in exhibition area

Friday September 1st

8.00 am Poster viewing with discussion and continental breakfast

9.00 am FREE PAPERS Session 1

FREE PAPERS Session 2

10.15 Coffee Break

Room B 05-B06

Chair Martin Ferguson-Pell

10.45 From the laboratory: Research activities within leading pressure ulcer centres

10.45 Overview to UCL-ACDS Pressure Ulcer Research Strategy

Martin Ferguson-Pell

11.00 Quince assessment of mattress degradation

Duncan Bain

Tissue Reflectance spectroscopy:

- for risk assessment

Martin Ferguson-Pell

- for early pressure ulcer detection

Duncan Bain

- related to seating and posture

Graham Nicholson

Development of test methods for support surface
characterisation

Duncan Bain and Graham Nicholson

Wrapup

Martin Ferguson-Pell

Room B-09

Chair Sue Bale

Focussed session – Education and pressure ulcers

10.45 Welcome

10.50 PUCLAS 2

Tom Defloor

11.15 Pressure Ulcer education in Portugal

Katia Furtado

11.25 Working with EWMA

Zena Moore

11.50 Questions and Discussion

12.00 noon LUNCH POSTERS and EXHIBITION VIEWING

Sponsored symposium

12.30 pm Room B-09 Gerromed Chair Luther Kloth

Electrical stimulation: a power tool for wound healing – new clinical evidence

Pulsatile galvanic stimulation (PGS) associated with surgical treatment of decubitus lesions

Dr. Argentina Vidrascu

Antibacterial activity of positive and negative polarity high voltage pulsed current (HVPC) on six typical Gram-positive and gram-negative bacterial pathogens of chronic wounds

Prof. Dr. Axel Kramer

Clinical experience with a new topical device “wound EL®” used in geriatric patients with chronic wounds

Dr. Ralf-Joachim Schulz

Electrical stimulation in treatment of chronic wounds – a prospective study using “wound EL®”

Prof. Dr. Eike Debus

2.00 pm

Room : B 09, Chair Jacqui Fletcher

Pressure Ulcer Measurement

2.00 pm

Room B-05-B 06 Chair Denis Colin

Shear forces: relevance, measurements and interpretation

Speakers: Dr. Denis Colin – the Shear Force Initiative. Progress to date

Professor T Ohura, Japan - we have his abstract so title should be available

Dr Richard Goossens, The Netherlands need to ask him for abstract

Followed by general debate on the relevance of shear force (Participants Bader, Ces Oomens, Alastair McLeod, Goossens, Ohura, Colin)

3.45 pm TEA

4.15 PM FREE PAPERS Session 3

FREE PAPERS Session 4

5.30. pm End

7.30 -11.00 pm Drinks Reception

At the Park Inn Berlin, Alexanderplatz followed by

dinner and poster prize presentation with entertainment

Saturday September 2nd

9.30 am

Room: B 05-B06, Chair Tom Defloor

Focussed session: classification

Room: B 09, Chair Ruud Halfens

Some results of the yearly prevalence measurements in Germany and the Netherlands

Introduction to the theme

Theo Dassen Ruud Halfens

Impact of different nominators and denominators on calculated pressure ulcer prevalence rates

N. Lahman, Theo Dassen Ruud Halfens

Variations in pressure ulcer prevalence rates between the Netherlands and Germany – possible explanation.

A. Tannen, Theo Dassen, Ruud Halfens

Pressure ulcer prevention: Protocols and Prevalence

De Wilborn, RJG Halfens, T Dassen

The use of preventive measurements during the years

H Bielitz, F Hertel, E Mertens, T Dassen, RJG Halfens

Risk of Pressure ulcers and Care dependency

K Balzer, E Mertens, T Dassen and R Halfens

11.00 am Tea

Room B 05-B 06

11.30 am AGM and working group reports

Shear Force Initiative Group

When: Sunday September 3rd

Where: in Berlin at the Dorint Novotel Berlin Mitte (minutes away from congress area) Room to be notified later

Time: 9:00 - 16:00 lunch included

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