



European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel

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Why do I want to become the education co-chair?

I felt honoured to chair the educational committee in 2020 and 2021 and I knew the committee would be in good hands when Beata took over in 2022. As I could start a new term as a trustee, I'm very willing to support Beata in chairing the educational committee.

Ongoing projects such as the PU core curriculum should get finished, but also distributed in such a way that it's easy to implement in educational programs, or can be available in a sort of E-learning. I'm interested in thinking this further through in the future within the committee.

Secondly I would like to suggest a future additional focus on how to implement the evidence in clinical practice. The published were already a great first step but I think we should work further on this.

Finally I like working further on the future programs of the masterclass, the excellence in education awards and the organisation of new webinars and/or podcasts.



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Relevant publications for the last two years (in English only):

Smet S, Probst S, Holloway S, Fourie A, Beele H, Beeckman D. The measurement properties of assessment tools for chronic wounds: A systematic review. *Int J Nurs Stud.* 2021

Beeckman D et al. Silicone adhesive multilayer foam dressings as adjuvant prophylactic therapy to prevent hospital-acquired pressure ulcers: a pragmatic non-commercial multicentre randomized open-label parallel-group medical device trial. *British Journal of Dermatology.* 2020. DOI 10.1111/bjd.19689.

Please comment on your involvement with pressure ulcers under the following headings:

Clinical

I'm the coordinator and team leader of the wound care center in Ghent University Hospital since 2010 with extensive knowledge and experience in prevention and treatment of chronic wounds, including pressure ulcers. I conduct still weekly bedside wound consultation and participate in the multidisciplinary wound clinic.

Scientific research

Currently I'm a PhD candidate for research projects that focus on systematic wound assessment, clinical reasoning within wound care and the development and implementation of a digital wound care algorithm. I was already involved in the development and evaluation of the research protocol, and the execution, of different clinical studies regarding the evaluation of (new) wound dressings, IAD and skin tears.

Ghent University Hospital strongly collaborates with Ghent University for setting up research projects and I'm a part of The Skin Integrity Research Group within Ghent University.

Occasionally I review submitted articles for *Journal of Wound Care*.

Oganisational



I developed in 2017 a unique simplified pressure ulcer risk assessment methodology in our hospital, which is now already implemented in most Belgian hospitals: the Belgian Pressure Ulcer Risk assessment system (BEPURA). I implemented also a hospital-wide bathing protocol including the use of bathing gloves instead of washing with water and soap for bedridden patients, and I created and implemented in our hospital a detailed protocol regarding the prevention and treatment of IAD.

Since 2013, I'm the chairman of the pressure ulcer prevention committee in the hospital and am I responsible for the procedures, materials and budget regarding pressure ulcer prevention.

At last, since 2010 I'm the coordinator and team leader of the wound care center, which includes the practical daily organization and leadership of the team (six specialized wound care nurses, two podiatrists and a secretary).

Educational

During my 11 years of working in the wound care center, I was able to develop strong educational skills. I'm very experienced in teaching and giving oral presentations within a broad range of topics, such as wound assessment, wound treatment, pressure ulcer prevention and treatment, antimicrobial stewardship in wound care, organization of care, etc. My educational skills are developed on a local, as well as on an international level, and I don't have problems in presenting in English.

I'm a member of the board of the EduWond wound care teaching platform in Belgium and within the postgraduate programme for stomatherapy and wound care (30 ECTS credits), I am responsible for the module of acute wounds and the module of malignant wound treatment.

I was the chair, together with Dimitri Beeckman, of the first organized Pressure Ulcer Masterclass in Ghent in 2018, and also this year I was one of the chairs of the masterclass in Porto.

In 2019, I became the chairman of the educational committee within EPUAP, and I was strongly involved in the development of our mascot and movie "Time to move". I coordinated with the business office the content of the webinars and podcasts and I was also personally involved in several of them. I started and coordinated the first phase of the project of the Pressure Ulcer Core Curriculum and the EPUAP excellence in education award, together with the other members of the educational committee.

Strengths not utilised

Communicating, collaborating, seeking for opportunities and improvements, are some of the additional skills that can be strongly connected with my personality.

Membership of other organisations

Board member of ISTAP, member of the board of the wound care teaching platform EduWond, member of EWMA.