

PRELIMINARY PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

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Wednesday | 24 September 2025

	Plenary hall / Hall A	Hall B	Restaurant Hall 3	Restaurant Hall 1	Restaurant Hall 2
08:00–09:00	REGISTRATION + MORNING COFFEE				
09:00–09:25	<b>CONFERENCE OPENING</b>				
09:25–10:40	<b>PLENARY KEY SESSION 1: THE NEW INTERNATIONAL EPUAP/NPIAP/PPPIA 2025 PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION AND TREATMENT GUIDELINE: ROAD MAP FOR THE FUTURE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES TO IMPROVE PRESSURE ULCER/INJURY CARE: A SUCCESS STORY; <i>J. Kottner, DE</i></li> <li>DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2025 INTERNATIONAL PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF PRESSURE INJURIES CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE; <i>E. Haesler, AU</i></li> <li>2025 INTERNATIONAL PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF PRESSURE ULCERS/INJURIES CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES: FOCUSING ON PREVENTION - WHAT IS NEW?; <i>Z. Moore, IE</i></li> </ul>				
10:40–10:50	SHORT BREAK				
10:50–12:00	<b>KEY SESSION 2: INTERNATIONAL CLIENT AND PATIENT SAFETY STRATEGIES: EFFECT ON NATIONAL ACTIONS IN PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>ADVANCING PATIENT SAFETY AT THE HEALTH SYSTEM LEVEL IN THE WHO EUROPEAN REGION; <i>V.R. Fonseca, WHO</i></li> <li>STRATEGIC COMPETENCES OF CLIENT AND PATIENT SAFETY - FINNISH STRATEGY TO BECOME A MODEL COUNTRY; <i>T. Ikonen, FI</i></li> <li>EXPERIENCES AND RESULTS OF NATIONWIDE ANNUAL PRESSURE ULCER SURVEYS IN SWEDEN FROM 2011 TO 2020 – AND WHAT HAPPENS THEREAFTER?; <i>U. Kallman, SE</i></li> </ul>	<b>KEY SESSION 3: DIGITAL TWINS AND AI IN HEALTHCARE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>THE ROLE OF AI IN CLINICAL DECISION-MAKING TO ENHANCE WOUND MANAGEMENT; <i>S. Smet, BE</i></li> <li>ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE IN WOUND MANAGEMENT AND CARE; <i>D. Weihs, IL</i></li> <li>WHAT ARE DIGITAL TWINS AND WHAT POTENTIALS DO THEY BRING FOR THE EPUAP COMMUNITY; <i>P.Y. Rohan, FR</i></li> <li>ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE AND DIGITAL TWINS IN CLINICAL ROUTINES: LIMITS AND PERSPECTIVES; <i>A. Perrier, FR</i></li> </ul>	<b>FREE PAPER SESSION 1</b>	<b>EPUAP WORKSHOP 1: DEVELOPING PEDAGOGICAL APPROACH IN PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION;</b> <i>S. Seppanen, FI</i>	
12:05–13:15	LUNCH BREAK, EXHIBITION VIEWING, POSTER PRESENTATIONS A (12:45–13:15)				
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13:15–14:45	<b>KEY SESSION 4: THE IMPACT OF PRESSURE ULCERS ON BODY IMAGE AND SOCIAL INTERACTION + DISCUSSION ON PATIENT EXPERIENCES</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BODYIMAGE, SEXUALITY AND PRESSURE ULCERS; <i>B.S. Laursen, DK</i></li> <li>BEYOND THE BODY: NEEDS AND CHALLENGES IN PRESSURE ULCERS' MANAGEMENT FOR ADOLESCENTS; <i>V. Vanzi, IT</i></li> <li>THE POWER OF PATIENT-REPORTED OUTCOME MEASURES IN ASSESSING BODY IMAGE: INSIGHTS FROM BARIATRIC AND BODY CONTOURING PATIENTS; <i>F. Dalaei, DK</i></li> </ul>	<b>FREE PAPER SESSION 2</b>	<b>INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM</b>	<b>EPUAP WORKSHOP 2: PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION IN CLINICAL PRACTICE;</b> <i>B. HANSEN, DK; S. Smet, BE</i>	
14:45–14:55	SHORT BREAK				
14:55–16:10	<b>KEY SESSION 5: EARLY PRESSURE ULCER DETECTION, IDENTIFICATION AND DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>EARLY IDENTIFICATION OF PRESSURE INJURIES IN PEOPLE WITH DARKER SKIN TONES; <i>Z. Jones, SE</i></li> <li>MECHANISMS LEADING TO FRAGILE SKIN MORE LIKELY TO DEVELOP PU; <i>B. Fromy, FR</i></li> <li>A TRANSLATIONAL BIOMECHANICAL APPROACH IN CLINICAL PRACTICE FOR EARLY DETECTION AND PREVENTION; <i>A. Perrier, FR</i></li> </ul>	<b>EPUAP INNOVATION IN CARE AND EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARDS</b>	<b>INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM</b>	<b>EPUAP WORKSHOP 3: PLAIN LANGUAGE RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE PRODUCTION OF PLAIN LANGUAGE EDUCATIONAL LEAFLETS FOR PATIENTS;</b> <i>A. Pokorná, CZ</i>	
16:10–16:45	COFFEE BREAK, EXHIBITION AND POSTER VIEWING				
16:45–17:45	<b>PANEL DISCUSSION: ETHICAL STRESS AND MISSED CARE</b>	<b>FREE PAPER SESSION 3</b>			
18:00	<b>STOP PU WALK</b> (FROM THE FINLANDIA HALL TO THE HELSINKI CITY HALL)				
19:00	<b>WELCOME RECEPTION</b> HOSTED BY THE HELSINKI CITY HALL (POHJOISEPLANADI 11-13, HELSINKI)				

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08:00	REGISTRATION, BADGE AND BAG COLLECTION - REGISTRATION AREA, EXHIBITION				
08:30–09:45	<b>KEY SESSION 6: HEALTH ECONOMICS IN PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>BUILDING A STRONG HEALTH ECONOMIC CASE FOR PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION: DATA RELEVANCE, RELIABILITY, AND CONTEXT AS KEY INGREDIENTS; <i>D. Beekman, BE</i></li> <li>MOISTURE MANAGEMENT PROPERTIES OF PROPHYLACTIC DRESSINGS: DEVELOPMENT OF STANDARD LABORATORY TESTING METHODS; <i>D. BRIENZA, USA; A. Gefen, IL</i></li> <li>TBA</li> </ul>	<b>FREE PAPER SESSION 4</b>	<b>FREE PAPER SESSION 5</b>	<b>EPUAP WORKSHOP 4: SKIN AND TISSUE ASSESSMENT – HOW TO IDENTIFY PRESSURE ULCERS, INCONTINENCE-ASSOCIATED DERMATITIS AND SKIN TEARS?;</b> <i>J. Kottner, DE; J. Niemi, FI</i>	
09:45–10:30	COFFEE BREAK, EXHIBITION AND POSTER VIEWING				
10:30–11:45	<b>KEY SESSION 7: EPUAP-EWMA SESSION</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>COMPREHENSIVE ASSESSMENT OF A PATIENT WITH A WOUND/ULCER; <i>K. Isoherranen, FI</i></li> <li>A TOOLBOX FOR PRESSURE INJURY RECURRENCE IN SPINAL CORD INJURED PERSONS – OUTCOMES OF AN INTERDISCIPLINARY, PERSON-CENTERED EWMA PROJECT; <i>D. Beekman, BE</i></li> <li>THE PROBLEM OF THE PUS RECURRENCE OF – PREVALENCE OF PUS IN SPINAL CORD INJURED PERSON; <i>A. Pokorná, CZ</i></li> </ul>	<b>KEY SESSION 8: PRESSURE ULCER CARE AND PREVENTION IN POPULATIONS WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PRESSURE ULCER CARE AND PREVENTION FOR INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING PALLIATIVE AND HOSPICE CARE; <i>S. Latimer, AU</i></li> <li>PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION IN PEOPLE WITH SPINAL CORD INJURY; <i>K. Soegaard, DK</i></li> <li>TBA; <i>V. Vanzi, IT</i></li> </ul>	<b>EPUAP WORKSHOP 5: REPOSITIONING;</b> <i>C.L. Sorensen, P. Beck, DK</i>	<b>FREE PAPER SESSION 6</b>	
11:45–13:00	LUNCH BREAK, EXHIBITION VIEWING, POSTERS; POSTER PRESENTATIONS B (12:30–13:00)		<b>EPUAP GENERAL ASSEMBLY (12:15-12:45)</b>		
13:00–14:30	<b>INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM AND COFFEE AFTER LUNCH</b>	<b>INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM AND COFFEE AFTER LUNCH</b>	<b>INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM AND COFFEE AFTER LUNCH</b>	<b>INDUSTRY WORKSHOP</b>	
14:30–14:40	SHORT BREAK				
14:40–15:55	<b>KEY SESSION 9: HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION FOR PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION AND PRACTICE</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>HOW TO MAKE EDUCATION A STRONG STRATEGY FOR DRIVING BEHAVIOR CHANGE IN PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION?; <i>D. Beekman, BE</i></li> <li>PRESSURE ULCERS IN NURSING EDUCATION: LEARNING GOALS, CONTENT AND TEACHING METHODS; <i>E. Kielo-Viljamaa, FI</i></li> <li>DEVELOPMENT OF EPUAP PU E-LEARNING IMPROVING KNOWLEDGE IN PRESSURE ULCER MANAGEMENT; <i>B.G. Halasz, SK</i></li> <li>IMPLEMENTING VIRTUAL REALITY (VR) IN WOUND MANAGEMENT ENHANCES COMMUNICATION AND DECREASES MORAL DISTRESS; <i>A. Pokorná, CZ</i></li> </ul>	<b>KEY SESSION 10: MANAGEMENT AND PREVENTION OF PRESSURE ULCERS IN THE COMMUNITY</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TBA; <i>N. O'Brien, IE</i></li> <li>PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF PUS AMONG FRAILTY ELDERLY PEOPLE; <i>K. Ahmajärvi, FI</i></li> <li>OPTIMIZING WOUND CARE: A CROSS-SECTORAL APPROACH BETWEEN COMMUNITY AND HOSPITAL-BASED WOUND SPECIALIST NURSE; <i>B. Hansen, DK</i></li> </ul>	<b>FREE PAPER SESSION 7</b>	<b>INDUSTRY WORKSHOP</b>	
15:55–16:30	COFFEE BREAK, EXHIBITION AND POSTER VIEWING				
16:30–17:45	<b>KEY SESSION 11: PRESSURE ULCER RISKS AND PREVENTION IN CRITICAL CARE PATIENTS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>PRESSURE ULCER RISKS AND RISK ASSESSMENT IN ADULT INTENSIVE CARE UNITS; <i>M. Ahtiala, FI</i></li> <li>HOSPITAL-ACQUIRED-PRESSURE-INJURIES (HAPIS) AND ACUTE SKIN FAILURE IN PEDIATRIC CRITICAL SETTINGS: “UNAVOIDABLE” AND “PREVENTABLE”; TWO SIDES OF THE SAME COIN; <i>G. Ciprandi, IT</i></li> <li>MEDICAL DEVICE- RELATED PRESSURE ULCERS IN CRITICAL CARE; <i>L. Krupová, CZ</i></li> </ul>	<b>EPUAP EXPERIENCED AND EARLY CAREER INVESTIGATOR AWARD PRESENTATION</b>	<b>FREE PAPER SESSION 8</b>	<b>EPUAP WORKSHOP 6: COOPERATION BETWEEN MEDICAL DOCTOR AND REGISTERED NURSE IN THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF PRESSURE ULCERS – PATIENT CASES;</b> <i>L. Berg; V. Koljonen, FI</i>	
19:30	<b>CONFERENCE DINNER, SIPULI RESTAURANT</b>				

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09:00–10:15	<b>KEY SESSION 12: PATIENT JOURNEYS BEFORE AND AFTER RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY FOR PRESSURE ULCERS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>FROM HOME TO HOME VIA OR-A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH; <i>L. Berg, FI</i></li> <li>MORE THAN JUST THE HEALING: PERSONAL STORIES OF CARE AND RECOVERY IN NORWAY; <i>I. Irgens, NO</i></li> <li>PLASTIC SURGERY PATHWAY FOR PAEDIATRIC PRESSURE ULCERS: GUIDING PATIENT'S SELECTION, AVOIDING UNDUE OVERTREATMENT, COMPLICATIONS, RELAPSE; <i>G. Ciprandi, IT</i></li> </ul>	<b>FINNISH STREAM</b>	<b>FREE PAPER SESSION 9</b>	<b>FREE PAPER SESSION 10: EPUAP FUNDED PROJECTS</b>	
10:15–10:50	COFFEE BREAK, EXHIBITION AND POSTER VIEWING				
10:50–12:05	<b>KEY SESSION 13: MEDICAL DEVICE REGULATION RELATED TO PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION AND TREATMENT</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>INNOVATING DEVICE DESIGN AND APPLICATION TO PREVENT PRESSURE ULCERS; <i>P. Worsley, UK</i></li> <li>WORKING WITH REGULATORS IN ACHIEVING MEDICAL DEVICE RESEARCH IN WOUND CARE; <i>D. Patton, IE</i></li> <li>TBA</li> </ul>	<b>FINNISH STREAM (10:50-12:15)</b>	<b>EPUAP WORKSHOP 7: DIVERSITY OF DEBRIDEMENT;</b> <i>L. Charbonneau, CH; A. Korhonen, FI</i>		
12:15–12:45	<b>CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE + CONFERENCE AWARDS;</b> <i>Andrea Pokorná and Maarit Ahtiala</i> EPUAP 2026 IRELAND PRESENTATION; <i>Tom O'Connor</i>				
12:45–13:00	QUICK LUNCH				