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25TH ANNUAL MEETING
OF THE EUROPEAN PRESSURE ULCER ADVISORY PANEL

24–26 September 2025, Helsinki, Finland



Care pathways in prevention
and management of pressure ulcers

PROGRAMME

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WELCOME

Dear Colleagues,

It is my great pleasure to welcome you to the 25th Anniversary Edition of the European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel Conference in Helsinki!

With its traditions of progressive health policy, digital advancement, and social fairness, Helsinki sets an ideal stage for discussion and collaboration in our field. We are honored that Mrs. Päivi Sillanauke, Special Envoy for Health & Well-being of the Ministry for Social Affairs and Health of Finland, will open the conference. On this occasion, we will also present her with the EPUAP Declaration, emphasizing the importance of prevention and promoting evidence-based strategies in both prevention and treatment. We call on governments and policymakers to recognize pressure ulcer prevention as a key patient safety priority and to integrate evidence-based approaches into national healthcare systems.

The year 2025 is especially significant for EPUAP as it also marks the release of new international guidelines, jointly developed with NPIAP and PPPIA. The new guidelines will be introduced in the opening session, and the pre-conference day will also offer a dedicated in-depth course in small group for those seeking deeper insights.

Our scientific programme is rich and diverse—covering topics from patient safety strategies, prevention and treatment across care settings, healthcare professional education or the patient perspective in the body image session to innovation and new technologies, including an interactive exchange between clinicians and engineers on Digital Twins and AI in healthcare. True to its tradition, EPUAP also offers an excellent selection of hands-on workshops, symposia, and interactive sessions of the highest quality.

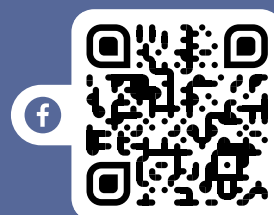
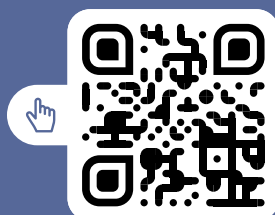
This year's exhibition takes center stage at the heart of the venue, featuring a strong lineup of companies and EPUAP sponsors actively engaged in pressure ulcer prevention and treatment that we sincerely thank for supporting EPUAP and joining us in Helsinki!

Finally, we could not imagine a more inspiring venue than Finlandia Hall—Alvar Aalto's architectural masterpiece, completed in 1971 and beautifully renovated last year, preserving all its iconic details. **Take a moment to enjoy its unique atmosphere and the breathtaking views over Töölö Bay.**

Maarit Ahtiala

EPUAP 2025 Conference Chair

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ABOUT EPUAP

The European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (EPUAP) was established in 1997 with the aim to provide relief for persons suffering from, or at risk of pressure ulcers, through research and education of the public and by influencing pressure ulcer policy in all European countries towards an adequate patient centred and cost-effective pressure ulcer care. Through its conferences, educational events, research funding, networking, patient advocacy, EU wide campaigns with accessible resources for clinicians and the public, and its educational platform, EPUAP functions as a network for clinicians, researchers, educators, policy makers, industry, and the public to collaboratively work on improved health outcomes.

An important focus is the development of cross continent international clinical guidelines to support practitioners in making informed decisions about interventions for prevention and treatment with the fourth edition of the International Pressure Ulcer/Injury Guideline published this year.

THE MISSION

To provide the relief of persons suffering from or at risk of pressure ulcers through:

- research in prevention and treatment of pressure ulcers
- raising awareness on the importance of prevention and treatment of pressure ulcers
- influencing pressure ulcer policy in all European countries
- working towards an adequate patient-centred and cost-effective pressure ulcer care.

More information on EPUAP projects
and activities is available at:

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The EPUAP involves people working in the field as doctors, nurses and other health professionals, but also members working in research and education or in industry. We all have a single goal, and that is to find the best way to prevent and treat pressure ulcers.

WHY BECOME AN EPUAP MEMBER?

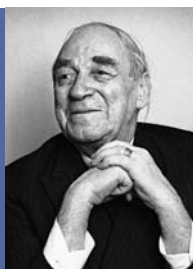
- Receive regular information related to pressure ulcer prevention and management
- Become one of our trustees and be more involved in all our activities
- Get advice on issues related to the prevention and treatment of pressure ulcers
- Use the opportunity to join regional or local projects and get support from the EPUAP
- Apply for EPUAP research funding for collaborative projects and exchange scholarships
- Benefit of a special EPUAP member registration fee at the annual meeting

CONFERENCE INFORMATION

Conference Venue

Alvar Aalto's iconic Finlandia Hall is a fascinating meeting place in one of the most beautiful parts of Helsinki, by Töölö Bay. Completed in 1971, this landmark of Finnish architecture is distinguished by its white Carrara marble facade contrasted with black granite. Recently renovated, it can welcome us now with its preserved interior highlights—lights, door handles, chairs, and other furniture all designed by Aalto and his bureau.

Enjoy this unique location at EPUAP 2025!



Address

Mannerheimintie 13 e, 00100 Helsinki

Main entrance: Mannerheimintie side M4
 (stop of trams number 4 and 10).

If you are coming from the park (Karamziniranta side) you can use entrance K4.

Official Conference Languages

English and Finnish (check conference programme for more details on availability of translation in different sessions)

Registration opening hours

Tuesday 23 September

Pre-registration 14:00–19:00

Wednesday 24 September

Registration 07:30–18:00

Thursday 25 September

Registration 08:00–18:00

Friday 26 September

Registration 08:00–13:00

Certificate of Attendance

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

CME – Continued Medical Education

The 25th EPUAP Annual Meeting has been accredited **13.5 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 the attendance, please **stop by at the registration desk to sign in the attendance sheet for each day you are participating the conference.**

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

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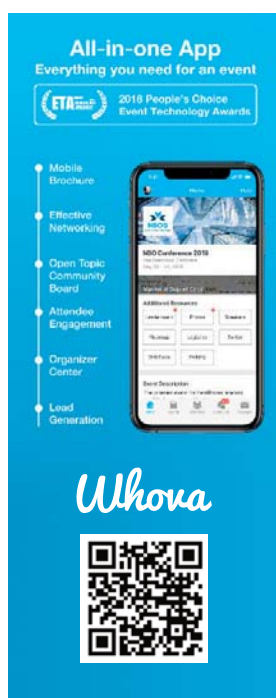
EPUAP 2025 has been determined as compliant with MedTech Europe Code of Ethical Business Practice and EFPIA Code of Practice. MedTech Europe's mission is to make innovative medical technology available to more people, while helping healthcare systems move towards a sustainable path.



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Download **Whova**, the official EPUAP 2025 app to:

- **Invitation code: StopPUHelsinki**
- Access the event agenda, abstracts of all talks, maps, and other documents.
- Explore the professional profiles of event 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, company looking for a local distributor, or add other interests yourself! **The Restaurant Hall 2 is meant as a networking space where you can organize your B2B meetings.**



Abstract book

The easiest way to access all abstracts is through the interactive conference programme **Conftool**, scan the QR code on the right!



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 programme.**

Restaurant Hall 2

Restaurant Hall 2 area is there for your private meetings and networking.

Do not hesitate to reach out to other delegates through the Whova app and schedule meetings in the Restaurant Hall 2.

Internet and Wi-Fi

Free Wi-Fi is available at the Conference venue.

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Password: Finlandia25

Presentations upload

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

For a last minute update please go directly to the meeting room where your session will take place and update the presentation at least 2 hours prior to your session.

Poster guidelines

All posters are located in the Exhibition area. Posters should be set up either on Tuesday 23 September, 15.00-19.00 during the pre-registration or on Wednesday 24 September between 08.00-09.00 before the opening of the conference. Each poster has a specific number. Posters must be removed on Friday 27 September at 14.00 at the latest. Please note that all posters not dismantled by 14.00 will be removed and disposed by the conference staff. The conference secretariat takes no responsibility for left or damaged posters.

Transportation

Finlandia Hall is conveniently located in the heart of Helsinki—just a 10-minute walk or a short tram ride (line 4) from the Central Railway Station, which offers direct train connections to Helsinki Vantaa Airport in only 35 minutes.

Tickets can be purchased directly on the trams - simply select the zones and show your debit/credit card to the reader. The ticket will be stored on your card, and you can board. Alternatively, you may download and use the HSL app to purchase tickets.

EPUAP 2025 PROGRAMME OVERVIEW




Wednesday 24 September 2025		
	Plenary Hall / Hall A	Hall B
08:00–09:00	REGISTRATION + MORNING COFFEE	
09:00–09:25	EPUAP 2025 OPENING <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ANDREA POKORNÁ, EPUAP PRESIDENT MAARIT AHTIALA, EPUAP 2025 CONFERENCE CHAIR PÄIVI SILLANAUKEE, SPECIAL ENVOY FOR HEALTH & WELL-BEING OF THE MINISTRY FOR SOCIAL AFFAIRS AND HEALTH, FINLAND 	
09:25–10:40	PLENARY KEY SESSION 1: THE NEW INTERNATIONAL EPUAP/NPIAP/PPPIA 2025 PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION AND TREATMENT GUIDELINE: ROAD MAP FOR THE FUTURE;  <p><i>Chairs: Jan Kottner, Katrin Balzer</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> INTERNATIONAL CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES TO IMPROVE PRESSURE ULCER/INJURY CARE: A SUCCESS STORY; <i>J. Kottner, DE</i> DEVELOPMENT OF THE 2025 INTERNATIONAL PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF PRESSURE INJURIES CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINE; <i>E. Haesler, AU</i> 2025 INTERNATIONAL PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF PRESSURE ULCERS/INJURIES CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES: FOCUSSESS ON PREVENTION - WHAT IS NEW?; <i>Z. Moore, IE</i> 	
10:40–10:50	SHORT BREAK	
10:50–12:05	KEY SESSION 2: INTERNATIONAL CLIENT AND PATIENT SAFETY STRATEGIES: EFFECT ON NATIONAL ACTIONS IN PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION;  <p><i>Chairs: Tom O'Connor, Emily Haesler</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> TRACING HARM, DRIVING CHANGE: HOW FRONTLINE RISKS INFORM SYSTEMIC QUALITY AND SAFETY POLICIES; <i>V.R. Fonseca, WHO</i> STRATEGIC COMPETENCES OF CLIENT AND PATIENT SAFETY - FINNISH STRATEGY TO BECOME A MODEL COUNTRY; <i>T. Ikonen, FI</i> EXPERIENCES AND RESULTS OF TEN-YEAR NATIONWIDE PRESSURE ULCER SURVEYS IN SWEDEN – AND WHAT HAPPENS THERAFTER?; <i>U. Kallman, SE</i> 	KEY SESSION 3: INTERACTIVE SESSION FOR CLINICIANS WITH ENGINEERS: DIGITAL TWINS AND AI IN HEALTHCARE;  <p><i>Chairs: Pierre-Yves Rohan; Daphne Weihs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> INTRODUCTION: FAMILIARITY WITH AI AND DIGITAL TWINS (10 MIN) USING WOOLCLAP TO ASSESS FAMILIARITY WITH AI AND DIGITAL TWINS AND SET THE CONTEXT. DAPHNE WEIHS (15 MIN): CORE AI CONCEPTS AND APPLICATIONS IN WOUND MANAGEMENT WITH REAL-WORLD EXAMPLES. PIERRE-YVES ROHAN (5 MIN): WHAT ARE DIGITAL TWINS AND THEIR VALUE FOR THE EPUAP COMMUNITY. ANTOINE PERRIER (10 MIN): CLINICAL INSIGHTS – WHY MANY AI/DIGITAL TWIN PROJECTS FAIL TO REACH ROUTINE CARE AND KEY TAKEAWAYS. STEVEN SMET (10 MIN): USING AI TO SUPPORT CLINICAL DECISION-MAKING IN WOUND CARE, WITH A FOCUS ON SENSOR INTEGRATION CHALLENGES. COLLECTIVE DISCUSSION (15 MIN): USING WOOLCLAP TO GATHER EXPERT INSIGHTS FROM THE AUDIENCE ON DATA NEEDS AND PRIORITIES. WRAP-UP & Q&A (10 MIN): TAKE-HOME MESSAGE ON DEFINING DATA, OUTCOMES, AND SHARED RESPONSIBILITY.
12:05–13:15	LUNCH BREAK, EXHIBITION VIEWING, POSTER PRESENTATIONS A (12:40–13:15), MEET THE EXPERT LUNCH DISCUSSION, 12:15–13:15 - RESTAURANT HALL 2	
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13:15–14:45	KEY SESSION 4: THE IMPACT OF PRESSURE ULCERS ON BODY IMAGE AND SOCIAL INTERACTION + DISCUSSION ON PATIENT EXPERIENCES;  <p><i>Chairs: Knærke Soegaard, Maarit Ahtiala</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BODYIMAGE, SEXUALITY AND PRESSURE ULCERS; <i>B.S. Laursen, DK</i> BEYOND THE BODY: NEEDS AND CHALLENGES IN PRESSURE ULCERS' MANAGEMENT FOR ADOLESCENTS; <i>V. Vanzi, IT</i> THE POWER OF PATIENT-REPORTED OUTCOME MEASURES IN ASSESSING BODY IMAGE: INSIGHTS FROM BARIATRIC AND BODY CONTOURING SURGERY; <i>F. Daloei, DK</i> Discussion with Mrs. Iitu Poikela 	FREE PAPER SESSION 2: SPECIALIST CARE SETTINGS - ICU;  <p><i>Chairs: Helen Strapp, Ingebjørg Irgens</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> COMPARATIVE EVALUATION OF FIVE PRESSURE INJURY RISK ASSESSMENT TOOLS IN ADULT ICU PATIENTS: A PROSPECTIVE COHORT STUDY; <i>A. Budri, BR</i> A NEW PRESSURE ULCER RISK SCALE FOR INTENSIVE CARE; <i>E. Soppi, FI</i> DEVELOPMENT AND IMPLEMENTATION OF PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION OPERATING MODEL IN ADULT INTENSIVE CARE; <i>M. Juopari, FI</i> PRESSURE ULCER RISK ASSESSMENT IN EMERGENCY ROOM: THE FIRST STEP FOR PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION; <i>P. Sardo, PT</i> PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION IN NEONATES: MAXIMISING OUTCOMES WHILE MITIGATING RISKS; <i>A. A. Abdi, UAE</i> SAFETY IN NUMBERS: REDUCING PRESSURE ULCERS IN A THORACIC INTENSIVE CARE UNIT; <i>U. Grenholm, SE</i> INCIDENCE AND PREDICTORS OF INTENSIVE CARE UNIT ACQUIRED SKIN INJURY IN INTENSIVE CARE UNIT PATIENTS OF A GREEK UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL; <i>B. Panagiotis, GR</i>
14:45–14:55	SHORT BREAK	
14:55–16:10	KEY SESSION 5: EARLY PRESSURE ULCER DETECTION, IDENTIFICATION AND DIFFERENTIAL DIAGNOSIS;  <p><i>Chairs: Dominique Sigaud-Roussel, Susanne Coleman</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IMPROVING EARLY DETECTION OF PRESSURE ULCERS IN MELANIN-RICH SKIN THROUGH STANDARDIZED EDUCATION FOR ASSISTANT NURSES IN MALMÖ MUNICIPALITY; <i>Z. Jones, SE</i> MECHANISMS LEADING TO FRAGILE SKIN MORE LIKELY TO DEVELOP PRESSURE ULCERS; <i>B. Fromy, FR</i> A TRANSLATIONAL BIOMECHANICAL APPROACH IN CLINICAL PRACTICE FOR EARLY DETECTION AND PREVENTION OF PRESSURE ULCER: THE DIABETIC FOOT EXAMPLE; <i>A. Perrier, FR</i> 	FREE PAPER SESSION 3: PRESSURE ULCERS: PATIENT SAFETY, QUALITY OF CARE AND POLICY;  <p><i>Chairs: Carina Bååth, Lucie Charbonneau</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> HEAD NURSES' VIEWS ON IMPLEMENTATION OF PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION; <i>M. H. Ahtiala, FI</i> BRIDGING THE GAP: ICU NURSES' EXPERIENCES IN DETECTING PRESSURE INJURIES ACROSS DIVERSE SKIN TONES; <i>H. I. Lo, IE</i> A METHODOLOGICAL APPROACH TO ESTABLISHING A PATIENT AND PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT PANEL FOR PRESSURE ULCER RESEARCH; <i>H. J. Wilson, IE</i> A STRUCTURED PU DIAGNOSTIC & DISCOVERY PROGRAMME, UNDERPINNED BY QUALITY IMPROVEMENT METHODOLOGY, USING A CO-DESIGN AND APPRECIATIVE ENQUIRY APPROACH; <i>J. Flecher, UK</i> DELIVERING MULTIDISCIPLINARY WOUND CARE: THE SPECIALIZED OUTPATIENT WOUND CLINIC AT ODENSE UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL; <i>J. N. E. S. Benckendorff, DK</i> REAPER ORAL MUCOSA PRESSURE INJURY SCALE (ROMPIS): TURKISH VALIDITY AND RELIABILITY STUDY; <i>E. Ozdemir, TR</i>
16:10–16:50	COFFEE BREAK, EXHIBITION AND POSTER VIEWING	
16:50–17:55	PANEL DISCUSSION: ETHICAL STRESS AND MISSED CARE  <p><i>Moderator: Dimitri Beeckman, Professor of Nursing at Ghent University and Örebro University</i></p> <p><i>Panelists:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Andrea Pokorná, Professor of Nursing Science at the Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic Leena Berg, Plastic surgeon, University of Oulu, Finland Britt Hansen, Registered Nurse at University Centre for Wound healing at the Odense University, Denmark Steven Smet, Registered Nurse at the Wound Care Centre at the Ghent University Hospital, Belgium 	FREE PAPER SESSION 4: BASIC SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGIES, EXPERIMENTAL;  <p><i>Chairs: Dominique Sigaud-Roussel, Daphne Weihs</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> INFLUENCE OF TEMPERATURE ON VASCULAR DENSITY AT THE SACRUM AND HEEL; <i>R. Gordon, UK</i> MICROVASCULAR OVER-DILATION AND HYPOXIA: A POTENTIAL MECHANISM FOR PRESSURE ULCER PATHOGENESIS; <i>P. Korpiola, FI</i> EXPERIMENTAL AND NUMERICAL EVALUATION OF INTERFACE PRESSURE IN A TRANSTIBIAL AMPUTEE SOCKET DURING WALK; <i>P.-Y. Rohan, FR</i> DOES APPLICATION OF SKIN CARE PRODUCTS STRENGTHEN THE DERMEOEPIDERMAL ADHESION? RESULTS OF TWO EXPLORATORY RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED TRIALS; <i>J. Kottner, DE</i> IMPLEMENTATION OF PRESSURE MONITORING AND A RISK ALGORITHM TO EVALUATE PRE- AND POST-INTERVENTIONS IN THE COMMUNITY; <i>Silvia Caggiari, UK</i> STRAIN-RATE DEPENDENT BEHAVIOR IN SKELETAL MUSCLE: INSIGHTS ON DAMAGE MECHANISMS; <i>P.-Y. Rohan, FR</i>
18:00	STOP PU WALK (FROM THE FINLANDIA HALL TO THE HELSINKI CITY HALL)	
19:00	WELCOME RECEPTION HOSTED BY THE HELSINKI CITY HALL (POHJOISEPLANADI 11-13, HELSINKI)	



Industry sessions overview is available on pages 20–21
(company names and logos are not allowed in the scientific
programme overview due to the EACCME/CME regulations).

Conference language: English 
Key sessions with simultaneous translation / Workshops with a Finnish co-speaker 

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FREE PAPER SESSION 1: HOME CARE SETTINGS; <i>Chairs: Kirsti Ahmajarvi, Camilla Leerskov Sørensen</i>  <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ EVALUATING POST-DISCHARGE RECOVERY OF PATIENTS WITH HOSPITAL-ACQUIRED PRESSURE ULCER (HAPU): PROSPECTIVE COHORT STUDY; <i>A. Budri, BR</i>■ A REALIST EVALUATION OF PATIENTS LIVING IN THE COMMUNITY AT HIGH RISK OF DEVELOPING PRESSURE ULCERS USING 'CPM'; <i>N. Aylward-Wotton, UK</i>■ PRESSURE INJURIES IN LONG-TERM AND COMMUNITY HEALTH SERVICES AS INDICATORS OF PATIENT SAFETY AND QUALITY; <i>J. Kalliokoski, FI</i>■ NURSES' KNOWLEDGE OF PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION IN OLDER PEOPLE CARE SETTINGS – A CROSS-SECTIONAL STUDY; <i>M. Stolt, FI</i>	EPUP WORKSHOP 1: DEVELOPING PEDAGOGICAL APPROACH IN PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION; <i>S. Seppänen, FI</i>   <p><i>The aim of the workshop is to get familiarized with students practice oriented learning process of pressure ulcer prevention.</i></p>
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Restaurant Hall 3 INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM 1 	Restaurant Hall 1 EPUP WORKSHOP 2: PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION IN CLINICAL PRACTICE; <i>B. Hansen, DK; S. Smet, BE</i>  <p><i>Interactive workshop on pressure ulcer prevention. Learn how to use care bundles in pressure ulcer prevention at the right time using the best materials.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Discover practical examples■ Work in small groups on real-life cases■ Engage in a group discussion to share insights
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INDUSTRY WORKSHOP 2 	EPUP WORKSHOP 3: PLAIN LANGUAGE RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE PRODUCTION OF PLAIN LANGUAGE EDUCATIONAL LEAFLETS FOR PATIENTS; <i>A. Pokorná, N. Behárková, CZ</i>  <p><i>Attendees will explore the principles of plain language, focusing on clarity, brevity, and appropriateness of content for diverse patient populations. Participants will learn how to identify their audience's health literacy levels and craft messages that resonate with them.</i></p>
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Abstracts and
session details
available here:



Thursday | 25 September 2025

	Helsinki Hall	Hall B
08:00	REGISTRATION	
08:30–09:45	KEY SESSION 6: HEALTH ECONOMICS IN PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT; <i>Chairs: Tom O'Connor, Peter Worsley</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BUILDING A STRONG HEALTH ECONOMIC CASE FOR PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION: DATA RELEVANCE, RELIABILITY, AND CONTEXT AS KEY INGREDIENTS; <i>D. Beekman, BE</i> TOWARDS STANDARDIZED PERFORMANCE TESTING OF PROPHYLACTIC DRESSINGS: ENABLING BETTER CLINICAL AND COST-EFFECTIVE DECISION-MAKING; <i>D. Brienza, US and A. Gefen, IL</i> HEALTH ECONOMICS AND VALUE-BASED HEALTHCARE APPROACHES TO PREVENTING A 'NEVER EVENT'; <i>Juha Laine, FI</i> 	FREE PAPER SESSION 5: EDUCATION 1 + EPUAP EXCELLENCE IN EDUCATION AWARD <i>Chairs: Steven Smet, Beáta Greš Halász</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> UNLOCKING EXCELLENCE: IMPROVING NURSING STUDENTS' KNOWLEDGE OF PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION THROUGH AN ESCAPE ROOM EXPERIENCE; <i>T. Sengul, TR (Excellence in Education Award 2025)</i> THE IMPACT OF FORMAL AND LIFELONG EDUCATIONAL PROGRAMS ON THE KNOWLEDGE OF CROATIAN NURSES ABOUT PRESSURE ULCERS; <i>A. Ž. Puzić, HR</i> TIME(RS) TO PLAY IN PAEDIATRICS: EDUCATIONAL COURSE; <i>J. Guedes, PT</i> IMPLEMENTING SUBEPIDERMAL MOISTURE SCANNING TECHNOLOGY IN NURSING HOMES: A QUALITATIVE ANALYSIS OF ADOPTION FACTORS AND HEALTH EQUITY IMPLICATIONS FOR PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION; <i>T. L. Yap, US</i> TABLETOP EXERCISES FOR TEACHING PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT; <i>E. Tetik, AU</i> THE EFFECT OF USING CLINICAL DECISION SUPPORT SYSTEM IN PRESSURE INJURY RISK MANAGEMENT TEACHING TO NURSING STUDENTS: A RANDOMIZED CONTROLLED STUDY; <i>O. Ariburnu, TR</i>
09:45–10:30	COFFEE BREAK, EXHIBITION AND POSTER VIEWING	
10:30–11:45	KEY SESSION 7: EPUAP-EWMA JOINT SESSION; <i>Chairs: Andrea Pokorná, Dimitri Beekman</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A TOOLBOX FOR PRESSURE INJURY RECURRENCE IN SPINAL CORD INJURED PERSONS – OUTCOMES OF AN INTERDISCIPLINARY, PERSON-CENTERED EWMA PROJECT; <i>D. Beekman, BE</i> THE PROBLEM OF THE PUS RECURRENCE – PREVALENCE OF PUS IN SPINAL CORD INJURED PERSON; <i>A. Pokorná, CZ</i> NOTEPAD FOR THE TREATMENT OF PROCEDURAL PAIN IN CHILDREN WITH CHRONIC WOUNDS: A NO DRUG THERAPY (NDT) MISSION; <i>G. Ciprandi, IT</i> 	KEY SESSION 8: PRESSURE ULCER CARE AND PREVENTION IN POPULATIONS WITH SPECIFIC NEEDS; <i>Chairs: Rosemarie Derwin, Ulrika Källmann</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PRESSURE ULCER CARE AND PREVENTION FOR INDIVIDUALS RECEIVING PALLIATIVE AND HOSPICE CARE; <i>S. Latimer, AU</i> PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION IN PEOPLE WITH SPINAL CORD INJURY; <i>K. Søgaard, DK</i> PRESSURE ULCER CARE AND PREVENTION FROM BIRTH TO CHILDHOOD; <i>V. Vanzì, IT</i>
11:45–13:00	LUNCH BREAK, EXHIBITION VIEWING, POSTERS; POSTER PRESENTATIONS B (12:20–13:00)	12:15–12:45 EPUAP GENERAL ASSEMBLY
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14:30–14:40	SHORT BREAK	
14:40–15:55	KEY SESSION 9: HEALTH CARE PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION FOR PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION AND PRACTICE; <i>Chairs: Andrea Pokorná, Salla Seppänen</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> IMPLEMENTING VIRTUAL REALITY (VR) IN WOUND MANAGEMENT ENHANCES COMMUNICATION AND DECREASES MORAL DISTRESS; <i>A. Pokorná, CZ</i> PRESSURE ULCERS IN NURSING EDUCATION: LEARNING GOALS, CONTENT AND TEACHING METHODS; <i>E. Kiela-Viljamaa, FI</i> DEVELOPMENT OF EPUAP PU E-LEARNING IMPROVING KNOWLEDGE IN PRESSURE ULCER MANAGEMENT; <i>B.G. Halasz, SK</i> 	KEY SESSION 10: MANAGEMENT AND PREVENTION OF PRESSURE ULCERS IN THE COMMUNITY; <i>Chairs: Kirsti Ahmajarvi, Sharon Latimer</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> THE IMPACT OF EDUCATION ON HEALTH CARE ASSISTANT'S KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND ATTITUDES AND PRESSURE ULCER PREVALENCE IN A COMMUNITY OLDER PERSON SETTING; <i>T. O'Connor, IE</i> PREVENTION AND MANAGEMENT OF PUS AMONG FRAILTY ELDERLY PEOPLE; <i>K. Ahmajarvi, FI</i> WOUND CARE ACROSS SECTORS: A COLLABORATION BETWEEN COMMUNITY AND HOSPITAL WOUND SPECIALIST NURSES; <i>B. Hansen, DK</i>
15:55–16:30	COFFEE BREAK, EXHIBITION AND POSTER VIEWING	
16:30–17:55	KEY SESSION 11: PRESSURE ULCER RISKS AND PREVENTION IN CRITICAL CARE PATIENTS; <i>Chairs: Maarit Ahtiala, Pedro Sardo</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PRESSURE ULCER RISKS AND RISK ASSESSMENT IN ADULT INTENSIVE CARE UNITS; <i>M. Ahtiala, FI</i> 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> MEDICAL DEVICE-RELATED PRESSURE ULCERS IN CRITICAL CARE; <i>L. Krupová, CZ</i> 	EPUAP EXPERIENCED AND EARLY CAREER INVESTIGATOR AWARD PRESENTATION <i>Chairs: Dominique Sigaudou Roussel, Pierre Yves Rohan</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> BUILDING A RESEARCH CAREER GROUNDED IN INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION AND CLINICAL RELEVANCE: REFLECTIONS ON 20 YEARS IN THE PRESSURE ULCER COMMUNITY; <i>D. Beekman, EPUAP Experienced Investigator 2025</i> DEVELOPING A CAREER AS A CLINICAL ACADEMIC NURSE SPECIALIST; WHERE PRACTICE INFORMS RESEARCH AND RESEARCH INFORMS PRACTICE; <i>C. Greenwood, EPUAP Early Career Investigator Award 2025</i> <p>EPUAP FUNDED PROJECTS PRESENTATIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> EFFECTS OF PATIENT-CENTRED SKIN CARE ON BARRIER FUNCTIONS OF SKIN IN INTENSIVE CARE; <i>T. Yeni, TR</i> A NETWORK OF RESEARCHERS AND PRACTITIONERS TO PREVENT AND MANAGE PRESSURE ULCERS IN PRE-FRAIL OLDER ADULTS; <i>D. Sezgin, IE</i> THE IMPACT OF THE DIGITAL PI-GAME ON NURSING STUDENTS' SKILLS TO CATEGORIZE AND STAGE PRESSURE INJURIES; <i>Ayşe Silanur Demir-Üçtepe, TR</i>
19:30	CONFERENCE DINNER, SIPULI RESTAURANT (KANAVARANTA 7, 00170 HELSINKI)	

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EPUAP WORKSHOP 5: THE IMPACT ON TISSUE ASSOCIATED WITH POSITIONING AND REPOSITIONING. HOW TO REDUCE THE RISK OF TISSUE DAMAGE?  <i>C.L. Sørensen, P. Beck, DK</i> <i>We will explore, both theoretically and through practical exercises, how we impact the tissue during repositioning. You will have the opportunity to test this on your own body to gain a better understanding of the tissue damage.</i>	STUDENT FREE PAPER SESSION 7: BASIC SCIENCE; Chair: P. Y. Rohan, S. Caggiari  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PARAMETERS CONTRIBUTING TO TRANSCUTANEOUS GAS TENSIONS AS A SURROGATE MEASURE OF PRESSURE-ULCER RISK; <i>M. Spiteri, UK</i> SMART PREVENTION: TOWARD A PERSONALIZED PRESSURE INJURY RISK DETECTION SYSTEM USING SOFT SENSORS AND NIRS; <i>J. K. M. Wyss, CA</i> RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SEATING PRESSURE AND ISCHEMIA AT ISCHIUM: PRELIMINARY STUDY USING LASER DOPPLER FLOWMETRY; <i>L. Sadat, FR</i> THE EFFECT OF LATERAL PRESSURE ON THE TRANSCUTANEOUS GAS TENSIONS AT THE ISCHIAL TUBEROSITY; <i>M. Spiteri, UK</i> TISSUE VULNERABILITY TO MECHANICAL STRESS: COMPUTATIONAL MODELING DEMONSTRATES GENDER EFFECTS; <i>A. Simonova, IL</i> ROLE OF SUBCUTANEOUS ADIPOSE TISSUE IN PRESSURE ULCER RISK: VISCOELASTIC PROPERTIES UNDER UNIAXIAL COMPRESSION; <i>M. Lamant, FR</i>
INDUSTRY SYMPOSIUM 4 	
INDUSTRY WORKSHOP 5 	FREE PAPER SESSION 8: ADVANCES IN CLINICAL PRACTICE; Chairs: Ingebjørg Irgens, Silvia Caggiari  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> REDUCING PRESSURE INJURY INCIDENCE RATES THROUGH STRATEGIC FOCUS ON DEVICE-RELATED PRESSURE INJURIES; <i>M. Kim, KR</i> NAVIGATING SKIN DIVERSITY AND REAL-WORLD FACTORS IN THERMAL IMAGING FOR EARLY PRESSURE INJURY DETECTION; <i>S. E. Sonenblum, US</i> THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN SUB EPIDERMAL MOISTURE AND PAIN MEASUREMENTS IN PREDICTING PRESSURE ULCER DEVELOPMENT IN AT-RISK ADULTS; <i>S. Rocha, IE</i> A NEW ABSORBENCY CONCEPT TO MANAGE EXUDATE AND CELLULAR AND BACTERIAL DEBRIS: PRELIMINARY DATA; <i>R. Cassino, IT</i> EVALUATING THE IMPLEMENTATION OF SMART TECHNOLOGIES INTO CLINICAL PRACTICE; <i>S. Norman, UK</i> INNOVATIVE AI-BASED APPROACHES TO PRESSURE ULCER RISK ASSESSMENT; <i>L. Yang, CN</i>
FREE PAPER SESSION 9: ADVANCED AGE & CROSS SECTIONAL STUDIES;  <i>Chairs: Kirsti Ahmajärvi, Ulrika Källmann</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> PATIENT PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION EDUCATION ON HOSPITALISATION: A CROSS-SECTIONAL STUDY AGED OVER 65YRS; <i>J. L. Deakin, AU</i> A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW OF THE IMPACT OF CARE BUNDLES ON THE INCIDENCE OF PRESSURE ULCER AMONG AT RISK OLDER ADULTS; <i>Q. Edele, IE</i> "I FEEL LIKE A BABY WEARING A NAPPY. IT'S EMBARRASSING": A QUALITATIVE STUDY OF PATIENTS' EXPERIENCE OF INCONTINENCE AND INCONTINENCE-ASSOCIATED DERMATITIS; <i>M. Barakat-Johnson, AU</i> TERMINAL ULCERS IN END-OF-LIFE CARE: A SCOPING REVIEW; <i>I. Saguatti, IT</i> RELIABILITY, ACCEPTABILITY AND FEASIBILITY OF AN END-OF-LIFE WOUND ASSESSMENT TOOL: A STUDY PROTOCOL; <i>S. Latimer, AU</i> OLDER PATIENTS' PERCEPTIONS 'OF PARTICIPATION IN PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION: A CROSS-SECTIONAL STUDY; <i>J. L. Deakin, AU</i> NATIONAL MULTICENTER STUDY ON PRESSURE ULCERS IN SOCIAL AND HEALTH CARE IN FINLAND; <i>L. Puikko, FI</i> 	EPUAP WORKSHOP 6: COOPERATION BETWEEN MEDICAL DOCTOR AND REGISTERED NURSE IN THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF PRESSURE ULCERS – PATIENT CASES;   <i>L. Berg; V. Koljonen, FI</i> <i>The goal is to bring together varied clinical perspectives—nurses, physicians, wound care specialists, physical therapists, and others—to explore the complexities of real-world pressure ulcer cases.</i>

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	Helsinki Hall	Hall B
09:00–10:15	KEY SESSION 12: PATIENT JOURNEYS BEFORE AND AFTER RECONSTRUCTIVE SURGERY FOR PRESSURE ULCERS; <i>Chair: Zena Elizabeth Moore</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ FROM HOME TO HOME VIA OR-A MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH; <i>L. Berg, FI</i>■ MORE THAN JUST THE HEALING: PERSONAL STORIES OF CARE AND RECOVERY IN NORWAY; <i>I. Irgens, NO</i>■ PLASTIC SURGERY PATHWAY FOR PAEDIATRIC PRESSURE ULCERS: GUIDING PATIENT'S SELECTION, AVOIDING UNDUE OVERTREATMENT, COMPLICATIONS, RELAPSE; <i>G. Ciprandi, IT</i>	FINNISH STREAM; <i>Anne Pauna, Arja Korhonen</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ HAAVAHOIDON ASIAANTUNTIJA ERIKOISTUMISKOULUTUS; <i>S. Seppänen</i>■ UUSI KANSAINVÄLINEN EPUAP/NPIAP/PPPIA PAINEHAAVOJEN EHKÄISYSUOSITUS; <i>M. Ahtiala</i>■ TAVOITTEENA EHUJÄ IHO: IHONHOITO, PAINEHAAVAN EHKÄISYSSÄ JA HOIDOSSA; <i>J. Niemi</i>
10:15–10:50	COFFEE BREAK, EXHIBITION AND POSTER VIEWING	
10:50–12:05	KEY SESSION 13: MEDICAL DEVICE REGULATION RELATED TO PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION AND TREATMENT; <i>Chairs: Peter Worsley, Amit Gefen</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ WORKING WITH REGULATORS IN ACHIEVING MEDICAL DEVICE RESEARCH IN WOUND CARE; <i>D. Patton, IE</i>■ INNOVATING DEVICE DESIGN AND APPLICATION TO PREVENT PRESSURE ULCERS; <i>P. Worsley, UK</i>■ PRESSURE ULCERS IN THE DIGITAL ERA – HOW TO ACT AGILE IN A HIGHLY REGULATED INDUSTRY?; <i>P. Tryykillä, FI</i>	FINNISH STREAM (10:50–12:15); <i>Kirsti Ahmajärvi</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ PAINEHAAVA VAI EI – HAAVOJEN EROTUSDIAGNOSTIIKKAA; <i>Kirsti Ahmajärvi</i>■ PAINEHAAVAN REVISIOPÄÄTÖS: KOSKA TEHDÄÄN, MISSÄ TEHDÄÄN JA KUKA TEKEE?; <i>T. Niemi</i>■ LÄÄKÄREIDEN HAAVANHOIDON ERITYISPÄTEVYYS; <i>J. Viljamaa</i>
12:15–12:45	CLOSING OF THE CONFERENCE + CONFERENCE AWARDS; <i>Tom O'Connor, EPUAP President and Maarit Ahtiala, EPUAP 2025 Annual Meeting Chair</i> EPUAP 2026 IRELAND PRESENTATION; <i>Tom O'Connor</i>	



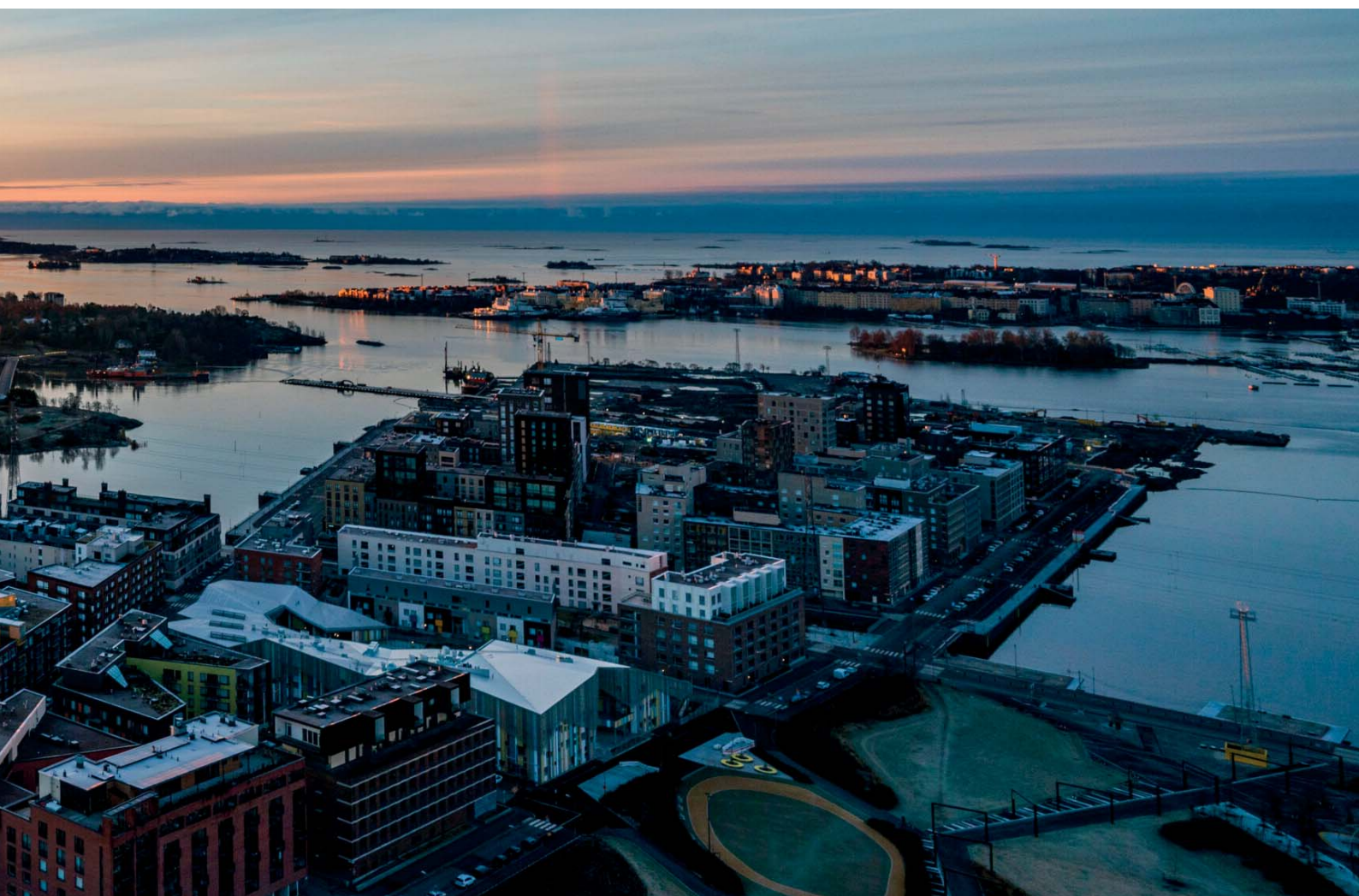


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<p>FREE PAPER SESSION 10: PRESSURE ULCERS: IMPLEMENTATION OF SCIENCE AND EDUCATION; <i>Chairs: Helen Strapp; Emilia Kiela-Viljamaa</i> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ WHAT IS THE IMPACT OF CARE BUNDLES ON THE PREVALENCE OR INCIDENCE OF PRESSURE ULCERS AMONG AT-RISK ADULTS IN THE ACUTE CARE SETTING? A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW.; <i>Á. Curtis, IE</i>■ A STUDY ON THE USABILITY AND EFFECTIVENESS OF THE PITA QUICK GUIDE FOR MANAGING PRESSURE INJURIES ACROSS AUSTRALIAN HEALTHCARE SETTINGS; <i>M. Barakat-Johnson, AU</i>■ SYSTEMATIC REVIEW; <i>K.-A. O'Callaghan, IE</i>■ NURSES' KNOWLEDGE ON PRESSURE ULCERS AND THEIR PREVENTION - A CROSS-SECTIONAL STUDY AT A UNIVERSITY HOSPITAL; <i>H. M. Valgarðsdóttir, IS</i>■ PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION AT THE CLEVELAND CLINIC IN ABU DHABI: KEEPING AHEAD OF THE CURVE; <i>J. Lowell, UK</i>■ THE IMPACT OF EDUCATION ON PREVENTING HOSPITAL ACQUIRED PRESSURE INJURIES; <i>A. Albrahim, SA</i>	<p>FREE PAPER SESSION 11: INNOVATIVE APPROACHES IN CLINICAL RESEARCH, PREVENTION AND TREATMENT + EPUAP INNOVATION IN CARE AWARD; <i>Chairs: Rosemarie Derwin, Dominique Sigaud-Roussel</i> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ EARLY MOBILISATION AFTER SURGERY: DECREASE OF PRESSURE ULCERS AFTER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 30-30-3 RULE; <i>A. de Graaf, BG (EPUAP Innovation in Care Award 2025)</i>■ MULTIMODAL SPECTRAL ANALYSIS OF SLOUGH IN CHRONIC WOUNDS; <i>A. Nurlybayeva, FR</i>■ COMPARISON OF NATIONAL SYSTEMATIC PRESSURE ULCER PREVALENCE DATA VERSUS RESEARCH DATA IN FINLAND; <i>T. A. Tervo-Heikkinen, FI</i>■ IMPACT OF A TISSUE VIABILITY WARD ROUND IN CRITICALLY ILL PATIENTS; <i>I. Pukiova, UK</i>■ PRESSURE INJURIES IN INTER-HOSPITAL TRANSPORT - RISK ASSESSMENT AND INFORMATION TRANSFER BETWEEN HOSPITALS; <i>M. Vaara, FI</i>■ VIRTUAL TECHNOLOGIES IN PRESSURE ULCER/INJURY ASSESSMENT; <i>A. Binkanan, SA</i>
<p>EPUAP WORKSHOP 7: DIVERSITY OF DEBRIDEMENT;  <i>L. Charbonneau, CH; A. Korhonen, FI</i></p> <p><i>This interactive workshop explores the diverse methods of debridement, highlighting the importance of tailoring approaches to individual patient needs and wound types.</i></p>	<p>STUDENT FREE PAPER SESSION 12: CLINICAL SCIENCE; <i>Chairs: Beáta Greš Halász, Carina Bååth</i> </p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ AN INTERVENTION TO PREVENT PRESSURE ULCERS IN SUSCEPTIBLE PATIENTS: REVIEW OF THE EVIDENCE AND A PROOF OF CONCEPT; <i>S. D. Uche, UK</i>■ FROM DATA TO DIAGNOSIS: FEASIBILITY OF FORECASTING PRESSURE INJURY RISK; <i>L. Stern, CA</i>■ GLOBAL PREVALENCE AND INCIDENCE OF INCONTINENCE-ASSOCIATED DERMATITIS (IAD) IN ADULTS WITH INCONTINENCE; <i>N. Ohde, DE</i>■ PATIENTS' EXPERIENCES WITH THE APPLICATION OF MEDICAL ADHESIVES TO THE SKIN: A QUALITATIVE SYSTEMATIC REVIEW; <i>H. Hofman, BG</i>

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SPECIAL SESSIONS AT EPUAP 2025

PRE-CONFERENCE GUIDELINE WORKSHOP

Tuesday 23 September, 15:00, Restaurant Hall 3 (special registration for the workshop required)

Speakers: *Andrea Pokorná, Tom O'Connor, Zena Moore, Jan Kottner, Katrin Balzer, Pinar Avsar*

Prevention and Treatment of Pressure Ulcers/Injuries: Clinical Practice Guideline has been produced since 2009 by the European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel, National Pressure Injury Advisory Panel and Pan Pacific Pressure Injury Alliance, in conjunction with Associate Organizations. The Clinical Practice Guideline (CPG) includes the evidence-based recommendations and good practice statements, together with implementation considerations, evidence summaries and evidence discussion. Attend this pre-conference workshop focusing on the 2025 CPG edition!

INTERACTIVE SESSION FOR CLINICIANS WITH ENGINEERS: DIGITAL TWINS AND AI IN HEALTHCARE

Wednesday 24 September, 10:50, Hall B

Organizer: *Pierre Yves Rohan, France*

Digital twins and artificial intelligence are emerging as transformative tools for personalized prediction and prevention of pressure ulcers and deep tissue injuries. This session will bring together engineers and clinicians to critically examine the current state of the field and co-design priorities for clinically meaningful applications.

The session will open with an interactive audience engagement segment using live polling to assess familiarity with AI and digital twins in wound care and to set the context for discussion. Presentations will cover complementary perspectives: an overview of core AI methodologies and their translation to wound management; the principles of digital twin development with recent advances; and lessons learned from clinical practice on why promising AI and digital twin solutions often fail to transition into routine care, including challenges of representative data and outcome relevance. The session will also address the integration of multimodal sensing and computational models to support clinical decision-making, highlighting regulatory and practical considerations.



MENTORING EVENT: MEET THE EXPERT LUNCH DISCUSSION

Wednesday 24 September, 12:15, Restaurant Hall 2

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.

Unique opportunity to sit down in small groups and engage directly with leading experts on a variety of pressing and practical topics, including:

- Working with Industry: Building Partnerships & Getting Practical Advice
- Barriers to Implementation: Why Don't We Succeed With New Treatment Options?
- Health Economics & Epidemiology in Pressure Ulcer Care
- Clinical Implementation of Pressure Ulcer Prevention Strategies
- The Role of Biomechanics and Computational Modelling
- Designing Clinical Research and Trials in Wound Care
- Translational Science and Innovation Pathways
- Career Development and International Collaboration: Writing Your First Grant
- Biological Approaches and Emerging Research

PANEL DEBATE ON MORAL DISTRESS AND MISSED CARE

Wednesday 24 September, 16:50, Helsinki Hall

Moderator:

Dimitri Beeckman, Professor of Nursing Science at Örebro University, Sweden and Ghent University, Belgium

Panelists:

Andrea Pokorná, Professor of Nursing Science at the Masaryk University, Brno, Czech Republic

Leena Berg, Plastic surgeon, University of Oulu, Finland

Britt Hansen, Registered Nurse at University Centre for Wound healing at the Odense University, Denmark

Steven Smet, Registered Nurse at the Wound Care Centre at the Ghent University Hospital, Belgium

In today's healthcare systems, professionals are increasingly confronted with the ethical and emotional burden of moral distress—especially when care is missed due to a lack of staff or essential materials. This panel debate will examine how these challenges impact the prevention of pressure ulcers, a critical yet resource-intensive aspect of patient safety. Drawing on diverse perspectives from policy, clinical practice, and frontline care, panellists will explore how healthcare systems can adapt, support staff well-being, and maintain quality standards in low-resource environments.



WORKSHOPS OVERVIEW

EPUAP Workshop 1: DEVELOPING PEDAGOGICAL APPROACH IN PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION

Organizer: *Salla Seppänen, Finland*
Wednesday 24 September, 10:50, Restaurant Hall 1

The aim of the workshop is to get familiarized with students' practice oriented learning process of pressure ulcer prevention. The session includes theory of Learning by Developing pedagogical approach highlighting student's, teacher's and professional's role in planning, implementing and assessing of learning.

EPUAP Workshop 2: PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION IN CLINICAL PRACTICE

Organizers: *Britt Hansen, Denmark and Steven Smet, Belgium*
Wednesday 24 September, 13:15, Restaurant Hall 1

Join us for an interactive workshop on pressure ulcer prevention! Learn how to use care bundles in pressure ulcer prevention at the right time using the best materials.

- Discover practical examples
- Work in small groups on real-life cases
- Engage in a group discussion to share insights

EPUAP Workshop 3: PLAIN LANGUAGE RECOMMENDATIONS AND THE PRODUCTION OF PLAIN LANGUAGE EDUCATIONAL LEAFLETS FOR PATIENTS

Organizers: *Andrea Pokorná and Natália Beharková, Czech Republic*
Wednesday 24 September, 14:55, Restaurant Hall 1

In an era where patient-centered care is paramount, effective communication between healthcare providers and patients is essential. This workshop aims to demystify complex medical jargon and empower participants to create accessible educational materials.

Attendees will explore the principles of plain language, focusing on clarity, brevity, and appropriateness of content for diverse patient populations. Through interactive discussions and hands-on activities, participants will learn how to identify their audience's health literacy levels and craft messages that resonate with them.

The workshop will cover practical strategies for designing educational leaflets, including structure, layout, and the use of visuals to enhance understanding.

By the end of the workshop, attendees will not only recognize the importance of clear communication in improving patient outcomes but also gain the skills necessary to produce effective educational materials. The goal is to equip healthcare professionals with the tools to foster an environment where patients feel informed, empowered, and confident in their healthcare journey.

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EPUAP Workshop 4: SKIN AND TISSUE ASSESSMENT

Organizers: *Jan Kottner, Germany and Jenna Niemi, Finland*
Thursday 25 September, 8:30, Restaurant Hall 1

The workshop focuses on the essential skills for accurately assessing different common skin conditions encountered in clinical settings. Participants will learn how to perform thorough skin assessments to identify the key characteristics of pressure ulcers/injuries, incontinence-associated dermatitis (IAD), and skin tears. The workshop emphasizes the importance of recognizing early signs, understanding the distinct features of each condition, and using proper assessment techniques to ensure accurate diagnosis.

EPUAP Workshop 5: The impact on tissue associated with positioning and repositioning. How to reduce the risk of tissue damage?

Organizers: *Camilla Leerskov Sorensen and Pia Beck, Denmark*
Thursday 25 September, 10:30, Restaurant Hall 3

Are you aware of the impact you have on body tissue when repositioning patients?

Often, the focus is on the positioning itself rather than on how we move the patient from one position to another and the amount of tension and load we place on the tissue during repositioning. For instance, we need to consider the load we put

on the tissue just by raising the head of the bed and how we can relieve this load again. In this workshop, we will explore, both theoretically and through practical exercises, how we impact the tissue during repositioning.



You will have the opportunity to test this on your own body to gain a better understanding of the tissue damage that can occur during repositioning, and we will provide some tips on how to prevent this impact.

EPUAP Workshop 6: COOPERATION BETWEEN MEDICAL DOCTOR AND REGISTERED NURSE IN THE PREVENTION AND TREATMENT OF PRESSURE ULCERS – PATIENT CASES

Organizers: *Leena Berg and Virve Koljonen, Finland*
Thursday 25 September, 16:30, Restaurant Hall 1

Collaborative Case-Based Learning in Pressure Ulcer Management

This interactive workshop is designed for professionals from a range of disciplines involved in the prevention and treatment of pressure ulcers.

The goal is to bring together varied clinical perspectives—nurses, physicians, wound care specialists, physical therapists, and others—to explore the complexities of real-world pressure ulcer cases. Participants will be divided into three groups, each assigned one detailed patient scenario. These cases are designed to spark discussion, challenge assumptions, and draw on the diverse expertise in the room.

To guide the case analysis, participants will be provided with supporting materials. These cases reflect the nuanced decision-making required in multidisciplinary care, and in many situations, more than one clinical approach may be valid.

This workshop emphasizes active participation and dialogue between participants and different disciplines approach the same problem. Rather than lectures, the format encourages

dialogue, questions, and the exploration of multiple solution paths. By working through complex scenarios together, participants will leave with a broader understanding of both the clinical and collaborative aspects of pressure ulcer care.

If you're ready to contribute your expertise—and learn from others—this workshop offers a unique and valuable opportunity.

EPUAP Workshop 7: Diversity of Debridement

Organizers: *Lucie Charbonneau, Switzerland and Arja Korhonen, Finland*

Friday 26 September, 10:50, Restaurant Hall 3



Effective wound care hinges on timely and appropriate debridement. This interactive workshop explores the diverse methods of debridement, highlighting the importance of tailoring approaches to individual patient needs and wound types. Participants will gain a comprehensive understanding of the theoretical foundations behind debridement, including the rationale, wound bed preparation principles, and selection criteria for different techniques.

Through some case-based discussions, attendees will examine a range of clinical scenarios, analysing the outcomes of various debridement methods. Cases will cover, among others autolytic, mechanical, sharp, and biological debridement, focusing on indications, contraindications, and best practice recommendations.

Under expert guidance, the workshop also includes a hands-on component, offering participants the opportunity to practice methods such as sharp debridement, and the use of mechanical tools, enhancing confidence and skill in clinical decision-making and technique execution.

Ideal for wound care professionals across disciplines, this workshop aims to deepen understanding, improve practice, and foster interdisciplinary collaboration in wound management. By the end of the session, participants will be better equipped to assess, select, and perform appropriate debridement strategies tailored to complex clinical contexts.

EPUAP 2025 AWARDS

EPUAP Experienced Investigator Award



Prof. Dimitri Beeckman

The EPUAP Experienced Investigator Award is bestowed for a significant, internationally recognized contribution to pressure ulcer research in the basic sciences or clinical investigation.

In 2025, the EPUAP Scientific Committee has decided to award **Prof. Dimitri Beeckman** in recognition of his outstanding contributions to pressure ulcer research, prevention and treatment. Prof. Beeckman's work has significantly shaped both basic and clinical science, driving forward the field of pressure ulcer prevention through scientific excellence, international collaboration, and organisational leadership as, among others, Past EPUAP President and current President of EWMA.

Prof. Beeckman will be presenting his talk **BUILDING A RESEARCH CAREER GROUNDED IN INTERNATIONAL COLLABORATION AND CLINICAL RELEVANCE: REFLECTIONS ON 20 YEARS IN THE PRESSURE ULCER COMMUNITY** on 25 September 2025 at 16:30 in Hall B.

EPUAP Early Career Investigator Award



Dr. Clare Greenwood

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 2025, the EPUAP Research Committee has selected **Dr. Clare Greenwood** as the nominee of this award. Dr. Greenwood is a Post-Doctoral Clinical Academic Researcher Leeds Teaching Hospitals (LHT), working in Tissue Viability for over 15 years. She completed her Doctorate in 2020, and also has an MSc in Nursing and a PGCert in Tissue Viability. Her PhD research focused on the use devices for the prevention of heel pressure ulcers.

Dr. Greenwood will be presenting her talk **DEVELOPING A CAREER AS A CLINICAL ACADEMIC NURSE SPECIALIST; WHERE PRACTICE INFORMS RESEARCH AND RESEARCH INFORMS PRACTICE** on 25 September 2025 at 16:30 in Hall B.

EPUAP Innovation in Care Award

This award presented for the first time at EPUAP 2024 aims to recognize and acknowledge innovative quality improvement projects relating to the prevention of skin breakdown.

In 2025, the EPUAP Scientific Committee has decided to award the following project: **EARLY MOBILISATION AFTER SURGERY: DECREASE OF PRESSURE ULCERS AFTER IMPLEMENTATION OF THE 30-30-3 RULE**; Annelies de Graaf, Belgium.

The project will be presented on 26 September at 9:00 in Restaurant Hall 1.

EPUAP Excellence in Education Award

This award aims to recognize and acknowledge excellent education strategies and projects relating to all domains of pressure ulcer prevention and treatment.

In 2025, the EPUAP Education Committee has decided to award the following project: **UNLOCKING EXCELLENCE: IMPROVING NURSING STUDENTS' KNOWLEDGE OF PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION THROUGH AN ESCAPE ROOM EXPERIENCE**; Tugba Sengul, Turkey.

The project will be presented on 25 September at 8:30 in Hall B.

POSTER PRESENTATIONS OVERVIEW

Poster session A

Wednesday 24th September, 12:40

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| <p>A.01 THE IMPACT OF CONFORMABILITY AND ANISOTROPY ON DRESSINGS FOR PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION: A BIOMECHANICAL SIMULATION STUDY
<i>Anna Grou, Sweden</i></p> <p>A.02 SENSITIVITY AND SPECIFICITY OF SUB-EPIDERMAL (SEM) MOISTURE ASSESSMENTS IN DETECTING LOCALIZED EDEMA IN AN EX VIVO PORCINE MODEL
<i>Hannah Wilson, Ireland</i></p> <p>A.03 FACTORS INFLUENCING THE SEVERITY OF MEDICAL DEVICE-RELATED PRESSURE INJURIES
<i>Hee Joung Kim, South Korea</i></p> <p>A.04 DEVELOPMENT AND APPLICATION OF PRESSURE INJURY EDUCATION USING QR-CODE-BASED SHOOTS FOR NURSES
<i>Hee Joung Kim, South Korea</i></p> <p>A.05 WOUND ASSESSMENT IN COMPARISON BETWEEN NOVICES, WOUND SPECIALISTS, WOUND EXPERTS AND ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE (AI): WHICH IS THE ERROR RATE?
<i>Roberto Cassino, Italy</i></p> <p>A.06 TRANSFORMING PRESSURE INJURY MANAGEMENT THROUGH CO-DESIGN AND DIGITAL INNOVATION: INSIGHTS FROM THE ICAREWOUNDS PROJECT
<i>Rini Bhatnagar, Ireland</i></p> <p>A.07 INTEREST IN SUCROSE OCTASULFATE IMPREGNATED DRESSINGS IN YOUNG NEUROLOGICAL PATIENTS;
<i>Pauline Pavard, France</i></p> <p>A.08 USE OF HIGHLY ABSORBENT WOUND DRESSINGS¹ IN THE TREATMENT OF CHRONIC WOUNDS
<i>Petra Andonovski Fužir, Slovenia</i></p> <p>A.09 EVALUATION OF THE EFFICACY OF HONEY-IMPREGNATED DRESSINGS WITH ADDED HYALURONIC ACID IN THE LOCAL MANAGEMENT OF PRESSURE ULCERS
<i>Pierre-Yves Rohan, France</i></p> <p>A.10 EFFECTIVENESS OF NEGATIVE PRESSURE WOUND THERAPY AFTER PUNCH SKIN GRAFTING FOR SCALP WOUNDS: EXPERIENCE WITH 6 CASES
<i>Kyoung Ae Nam, South Korea</i></p> <p>A.11 CLINICAL STUDY: TREATMENT OF STAGE 3 AND 4 PRESSURE ULCERS WITH A PURE CALCIUM ALGINATE DRESSING
<i>Rodrigue Teumawe, France</i></p> <p>A.12 A UNIQUE WAY TO DESTROY THE INFECTION OF PRESSURE ULCERS WOUNDS IN 1 MINUTE
<i>Violeta Vaidotiene, Lithuania</i></p> <p>A.13 PRESSURE REDISTRIBUTION EFFECTIVENESS AND DURABILITY OF FOAM VS. HYDROGEL PROPHYLACTIC SACRAL DRESSINGS
<i>Matthew Robert Henry, United States of America</i></p> | <p>A.14 CATEGORY 4 PRESSURE ULCERS TREATED WITH AUTOLOGOUS CYTOKINE-RICH SERUM. A STUDY CASE
<i>Cristina Jimenez-de-la-Rosa, Spain</i></p> <p>A.15 PREVENTION OF MOISTURE SKIN DAMAGE IN PATIENT AT HIGH RISK OF PU: A TECHNOLOGY FOR A GLOBAL MANAGEMENT
<i>Fabrizia Papa, Italy</i></p> <p>A.16 THE BENEFITS OF USING TLC-NOSF DRESSINGS AS FIRST-LINE TREATMENT IN CHRONIC WOUNDS : A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW
<i>Marion Delannoy, France</i></p> <p>A.17 IMPROVING OUTCOMES THROUGH SUPPORTED SELF-MANAGEMENT: A CASE SERIES OF 10 PATIENTS WITH COMPLEX WOUNDS
<i>Luxmi Dhoonmoon, United Kingdom</i></p> <p>A.18 SELF-MANAGED DIGITAL TECHNOLOGIES FOR PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION IN INDIVIDUALS WITH SPINAL CORD INJURY: A SYSTEMATIC SCOPING REVIEW
<i>Knærke Søgaard, Denmark</i></p> <p>A.19 AUTOLOGOUS BLOOD CLOT TECHNOLOGY TO HEAL COMPLEX AND CHRONIC WOUNDS
<i>Thierry Coppin, France</i></p> <p>A.20 INVESTIGATING WHETHER ROUTINELY COLLECTED BIOMARKERS COULD IMPROVE THE PREDICTION OF HOSPITAL-ACQUIRED PRESSURE INJURY: A RETROSPECTIVE COHORT STUDY
<i>Ria Betteridge, United Kingdom</i></p> <p>A.21 'ISO20342-5: RAISING THE STANDARD' - MATTRESS COVER DURABILITY IN THE POST PANDEMIC WORLD
<i>Estelle Johnson, United Kingdom</i></p> <p>A.22 RESEARCH PROTOCOL: THE SEM SCANNER AS A PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION TOOL IN CRITICALLY ILL PATIENTS
<i>Sofia Vieira, Portugal</i></p> <p>A.23 TRANSLATION, CULTURAL ADAPTATION AND CONTENT VALIDITY OF THE DECUBICUS-TEST: PRELIMINARY RESULTS
<i>Sofia Vieira, Portugal</i></p> <p>A.24 TRANSLATING EVIDENCE TO EVERYDAY PRACTICE: SEM-DRIVEN PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION FOR PATIENTS WITH DARK SKIN
<i>Kate Hancock, United States of America</i></p> <p>A.25 EVIDENCE-BASED PRACTICE ENHANCES PATIENT OUTCOMES: EARLY PRESSURE ULCER DETECTION WITH BIOCAPACITANCE TECHNOLOGY AMONG CRITICALLY ILL PATIENTS
<i>Kate Hancock, United States of America</i></p> <p>A.26 THE LOCAL PROPERTIES OF SACRAL REGION WITH PRESSURE ULCER IN HEART FAILURE PATIENTS: CASE SERIES
<i>Tuğba Yeni, Turkey</i></p> |
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- A.27 SEQUENTIAL MANAGEMENT OF PRESSURE ULCERS (PU) WOUNDS WITH POLYABSORBENT TLC-AG FIBRE DRESSING AND TLC-NOSF TREATMENT RANGE
Emilio Galea, France
- A.28 MANAGEMENT PROTOCOL FOR MUCOSAL PRESSURE ULCERS IN THE CRITICAL CARE UNIT: CLINICAL SUCCESSES WITH HYPOCHLOROUS ACID 330PPM AND PH 5.5
Emilio Galea, France
- A.29 ADVANCED WOUND CARE IN A COMPLEX PRESSURE ULCER IN A CRITICALLY ILL NEWBORN: CASE REPORT
Emilio Galea, France
- A.30 THE FAMILY'S ROLE IN CONTINUING PRESSURE ULCER CARE AT HOME AFTER HOSPITAL DISCHARGE
Ali Alibrahim, Saudi Arabia
- A.31 ROLE OF SELF ADHERENT POLYURETHANE FOAM 5 LAYERS SILICONE BORDERED DRESSING IN PREVENTING HOSPITAL ACQUIRED PRESSURE ULCER IN THE CRITICAL CARE UNITS
Ali Alibrahim, Saudi Arabia
- A.32 PATIENT AND CAREGIVERS SATISFACTION ON VIRTUAL WOUND CARE SERVICES IN SAUDI ARABIA
Abdulaziz Binkanan, Saudi Arabia
- A.33 INNOVATIVE APPROACH IN PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION IN SPINAL CORD INJURED PATIENTS
Abdulaziz Binkanan, Saudi Arabia
- B.06 STANDARDISING BEST PRACTICE FOR PRESSURE INJURY PREVENTION: RESULTS OF A LARGE-SCALE AUDIT IN ABU DHABI
Salvacion Cruz, United Arab Emirates
- B.07 PRESSURE RELIEF: THE EFFECTS OF THERAPEUTIC SURFACES AND BED INCLINE ANGLES ON BODY PRESSURE DISTRIBUTION
Lindsay Stern, Canada
- B.08 PREDICTIVE PREVENTION OF PRESSURE ULCERS IN SURGICAL PATIENTS: A RETROSPECTIVE STUDY AND TECHNICAL OUTLOOK
Lenka Veverková, Czech Republic
- B.09 ACTIVITIES OF THE PATIENT ORGANISATION ZAHOJÍME, Z.S. IN THE PROCESS OF WOUND HEALING IN THE CZECH REPUBLIC
Adéla Holubová, Czech Republic
- B.10 DYNAMIC BIOMARKER MONITORING DURING MULTISTAGE SURGICAL MANAGEMENT OF PRESSURE ULCERS IN A PARAPLEGIC PATIENT
Alica Hokynková, Czech Republic
- B.11 INTERDISCIPLINARY COLLABORATION IN THE TREATMENT OF PRESSURE INJURIES IN A 64-YEAR-OLD ONCOLOGY PATIENT
Martina Golcnik, Slovenia
- B.12 'MICROCLIMATE DOES MATTER' - ANALYSIS OF RCT-BASED RESULTS FOR AT-RISK PATIENTS
Dave Newton, United States of America
- B.13 'DOES MICROCLIMATE MATTER?' - LESSONS LEARNED FROM A SECONDARY ANALYSIS OF A RCT
Dave Newton, United States of America
- B.14 JOURNAL CLUBS SUPPORT PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION
Sanna Rautiala, Finland
- B.15 MEASURING MORE THAN PRESSURE ULCER PREVALENCE: TOWARDS TARGETED WARD IMPROVEMENT PLANS
Lara Rikje Bos, the Netherlands
- B.16 THE USE OF CASE-BASED LEARNING AS AN ACTIVE TEACHING AND LEARNING METHODOLOGY ON PRESSURE ULCERS MANAGEMENT
Pedro Sardo, Portugal
- B.17 ASSESSING PRESSURE ULCER ATTITUDES, PILOT STUDY
Tarja Anita Tervo-Heikkinen, Finland
- B.18 IMPROVING PRESSURE ULCER CARE IN A COMPLEX INTENSIVE CARE SETTING BY TRANSLATING EVIDENCE
Ulrika Grenholm, Sweden
- B.19 REDUCE THE PRESSURE AND DON'T SWEAT IT - VERTICALISATION THERAPY
Sharon Maris, United Kingdom
- B.20 PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION IN A CANCER CARE ESTABLISHMENT
Susy Pramod, United Kingdom

Poster session B

Thursday 25th September, 12:20

- B.01 SYSTEMATIC REGISTRATION AND ANALYSIS OF PRESSURE ULCER TREATMENT AT A HOSPITAL: CHALLENGES AND COMPLEXITY
Britt Hansen, Denmark
- B.02 INCREASING COMPETENCE IN WOUND CARE WITH WOUND MAPPING
Leena Jalonen, Finland
- B.03 EMPOWERING FAMILIES THROUGH TELEMEDICINE: SUPPORTING PREVENTION OF PRESSURE INJURY RECURRENCE AFTER FLAP SURGERY
Anne Selsjord, Norway
- B.04 ARE PRESSURE ULCER CATEGORISATION SYSTEMS A DISTRACTOR FROM THE REAL WORK OF PREVENTION AND TREATMENT?
Jacqui Fletcher, United Kingdom
- B.05 REDUCING PRESSURE ULCER INCIDENCE AND ENHANCING PREVENTION ACTIVITIES IN HOSPITALIZED PATIENTS: A QUALITY IMPROVEMENT APPROACH
Hyunsuk Park, South Korea

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| <p>B.21 IMPACT OF IMPLEMENTING A PREVENTIVE FOAM DRESSING PROTOCOL ON PRESSURE INJURY INCIDENCE AND SEVERITY
<i>Adam Tompkin, United States of America</i></p> <p>B.22 EARLY CLINICAL EVALUATION OF A NEW NEGATIVE PRESSURE WOUND THERAPY PUMP IN LONG-TERM CARE
<i>Adam Tompkin, United States of America</i></p> <p>B.23 THE CORRELATION OF VISUAL SKIN ASSESSMENT AND ELPO SCALE EVALUATION IN IDENTIFYING SURGICAL PRESSURE ULCERS
<i>Aglecia Moda Vitoriano Budri, Brazil</i></p> <p>B.24 GLOBAL INTERTRIGO PREVALENCE AND INCIDENCE: A SYSTEMATIC REVIEW AND META-ANALYSIS
<i>Ahmed Tafesh, Germany</i></p> <p>B.25 EFFECTS OF SEATING POSTURE AND WHEELCHAIR CONFIGURATION ON PRESSURE DISTRIBUTION AND SHEAR FORCE: A CASE STUDY
<i>Nienke Francisca Lydia Conijn, the Netherlands</i></p> <p>B.26 PRESSURE INJURIES IN INTER-HOSPITAL TRANSPORT - LONG-DURATION TRANSPORTS TO OTHER HOSPITAL DISTRICTS
<i>Miska Vaara, Finland</i></p> | <p>B.27 PRESSURE INJURIES IN INTER-HOSPITAL TRANSPORT - ATTITUDES AND KNOWLEDGE OF AMBULANCE CREW (PRELIMINARY RESULTS)
<i>Miska Vaara, Finland</i></p> <p>B.28 A CONTINUOUS, SIDE TO SIDE MOVING, CURVED MATTRESS-CASE STUDIES
<i>Menno van Etten, Norway</i></p> <p>B.29 THE AGING POPULATION, INCREASING PRESSURE ULCERS, AND THE OVERWORKED HOME HEALTH CARE NURSES
<i>MaDolor "Lani" King, United States of America</i></p> <p>B.30 PRESSURE OFFLOADING IN PRONE POSITION BY INDIVIDUAL CELL DEFLATION OF 3-CELL ALTERNATING PRESSURE AIR MATTRESS
<i>Lucie Rehorova, Czech Republic</i></p> <p>B.31 HOMECARE CLIENT'S WOUND CARE PATH.
<i>Grette Vingal, Finland</i></p> |
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INDUSTRY SYMPOSIA AND WORKSHOPS

Industry symposium 1: Smith+Nephew

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Pressure ulcer busters. Breaking down barriers and myths.

When: 24 September 2025, 13:15–14:45

Where: Restaurant Hall 3

Speakers: *Zena Moore; Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, University of Medicine and Health Sciences, Nursing & Midwifery Ireland*
Lee Ruotsi; Medical Director of The Center for Wound Healing and Ostomy Care at Holland Hospital in Holland, Michigan, USA
Leena Berg; University of Oulu, Finland

Join us for a dynamic and practical symposium designed to empower frontline caregivers in the fight against pressure ulcers. Together, we'll break down the myths, overcome the barriers, and reinforce the vital role all of you play in prevention and care.

Industry workshop 2: Care of Sweden

Preventing Pressure Injuries – Why Shear Deserves More Attention



When: 24 September 2025, 15:10–16:10

Where: Restaurant Hall 3

Speakers: *Fares Al Khaliliy, Clinical Manager*

Pressure injuries remain one of the most common and costly preventable care-related injuries. For patients, they can result in pain, complications and longer recovery. For healthcare professionals, they represent increased workload, ethical stress, and time taken from other essential care tasks. In this workshop, we take a closer look at one of the less visible but highly influential factors behind pressure injuries: shear. Together, we explore how a better understanding – and management – of shear can reduce injury risk, support clinical routines, and make preventive work more effective and sustainable. Join us for a shift in perspective: from reacting to injuries, to building everyday care that actively prevents them.

Industry symposium 3: Mölnlycke

Personalising Prevention – putting the International Guidelines into action



When: 25 September 2025, 13:00–14:30

Where: Helsinki Hall; **symposium simultaneously translated in Finnish.**

Chair: *Dimitri Beeckman; Ghent University (Belgium) and Örebro University (Sweden)*

Speakers: *Amit Gefen; Tel Aviv University, Biomedical Engineering; Israel*

Jan Kottner; Charité Berlin, Germany

Michelle Barakat-Johnson; Sydney Local Health District, Australia

Paulo Alves; Universidade Católica Portuguesa, CIIS; Portugal

In this session you will learn why the 2025 International Guidelines advocates personalised prevention strategies. What you should consider for a prevention program that treats the patient as an individual using tailored solutions. And why this will generate both clinically and economically better outcomes for your care setting.



Industry symposium 4: Solventum

Addressing moisture, enabling prevention, delivering treatment: solving the pressure ulcer puzzle with easy to use solutions.



When: 25 September 2025, 13:00–14:30

Where: Restaurant Hall 3

Speakers: *Maarit Ahtiala; Turku University Hospital, Department of Plastic and General Surgery, Finland*
Ayush Kapila; Plastic Surgery, Belgium
Bart Maene; Solventum

Take the opportunity to solve the challenges of pressure ulcer management with insights from leading experts. Explore the innovative solutions Solventum offers that are designed to make a real impact in patient care.

Industry workshop 5: URGO Medical

Continuous debridement for better healing: discover the magnet fibers technology



When: 25 September 2025, 14:40- 15:55

Where: Restaurant Hall 3

Speakers: *Dominique Sigaud-Roussel; CNRS Université Claude Bernard Lyon 1, France:*
The Science and Strategy of Integral Debridement
Emilio Galea; Medical education manager, Urgo Medical, Global:
From Concept to Action : How Magnet Fibres Technology supports continuous debridement
Hands-on workshop, All participants
Marion Delannoye; Hôpital Pitié-Salpêtrière, France:
Tips from Real life Cases on Pressure Ulcers & other types of wounds
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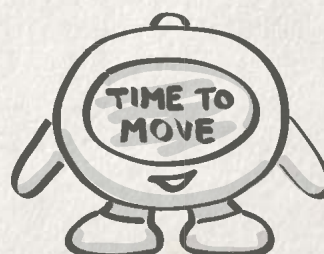
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SOCIAL EVENTS

STOP Pressure Ulcers Awareness Walk

When: 24 September 2025, 18:00–19:00

Meeting point: Finlandia Hall

Join us for the STOP Pressure Ulcers Walk, a symbolic and spirited event aimed at raising awareness about the global impact of pressure ulcers and the importance of prevention and education. After Rome, Lyon and Prague it will be the 4th EPUAP STOP PU walk!

We'll gather at the Finlandia Hall and take a scenic walk through the heart of Helsinki, stopping at the Finnish Parliament and concluding at the Helsinki City Hall, where the official Welcome Reception will take place.

Everyone is welcome to participate – bring your colleagues, flags, or signs, and help us spread the message! Let's walk together for awareness, prevention, and change.



Welcome Reception

When: September 24, 19:00–20:00

Where: Helsinki City Hall, Pohjoisesplanadi 11-13, 00170 Helsinki

Free of charge, however prior registration through the website of the Helsinki City Hall is required!

The EPUAP 2025 Welcome reception will be kindly hosted by the Helsinki City Hall.

Helsinki Partners



Conference Dinner

When: 25 September 2025, 19:30–22:30

Where: Restaurant Sipuli, Kanavaranta 7, 00170 Helsinki

Please bring your dinner tickets at the venue, they will be collected at the entrance.

How to get there: 25 minutes walk from the Finlandia Hall through the very center of Helsinki or tram no 4 (get off at Riddarhuset station 230 metres from the restaurant).

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EXHIBITORS



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Convatec

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ewma.org/ewma2026/ | Stand 21

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Finnish Nurses Association (FNA)

sairaanhoitajat.fi | Stand 9c

The Finnish Nurses Association (FNA) is a professional community for nurses in Finland. It was founded on 25. 1. 1925. FNA provides professional support from study to work, influence education and boldly promote nurses' role in the workplace and society. We support nurses in developing their professional skills and well-being at work.



Finnish Wound Care Society (FWCS)

www.shhy.fi | info@shhy.fi | Stand 9b

The Finnish Wound Care Society (FWCS), founded in 1995, promotes multidisciplinary wound care through education, research, and international collaboration. It organizes national conferences and training events, authorizes wound care nurses, publishes the Wound Journal in Finnish, and supports prevention initiatives such as Stop Pressure Ulcer Day in Finland.



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International Skin Tear Advisory Panel (ISTAP)

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The Journal of Wound Care is the only international, Medline-listed, peer-reviewed journal with an Impact Factor focused on wound management and tissue viability. Published monthly, it provides leading research and clinical insights for nurses, doctors, researchers, and practitioners worldwide.



Laurea University of Applied Sciences

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As Finland's largest educator of registered nurses, Laurea University of Applied Sciences offers continuing and specialization education in areas such as wound care, acute nursing, digital health, mental health, cancer care, and palliative care. In addition to education, Laurea conducts practice-oriented, multidisciplinary RDI projects funded by external sources. The most attractive universities of applied sciences in Finland, Laurea is also a member of the ten-university European University alliance, PIONEER.



Levabo

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Levabo supplies innovative and user-friendly positioning and automatic re-positioning 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 easy handling and efficient function.



Mölnlycke

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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.



National Pressure Injury Advisory Panel (NPIAP)

www.npiap.com | Stand 18b

The National Pressure Injury Advisory Panel's (NPIAP) mission is to be the authoritative voice for prevention of pressure injury, promotion of pressure injury healing, and to increase awareness of pressure injury through education, research, public policy, clinical guidelines, and product standards.



PolyNovo UK Limited

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NovoSorb BTM (Biodegradable Temporising Matrix) is a unique synthetic dermal scaffold that provides an effective reconstructive option for a range of complex wounds, including full thickness wounds, pressure ulcers, venous and diabetic ulcers, surgical wounds, trauma wounds, burns, and reconstruction. BTM enables the generation of a vascularised neodermis which provides a more robust foundation for wound reconstruction than grafting alone, limiting wound scarring and contracture.



Rehaco Oy

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Rehaco provides assistive devices and individually tailored solutions across Finland. Our aim is to ensure customer satisfaction by providing the highest quality services to all our clients.



Service Med Srl

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Service Med, founded in 1992 and acquired by the MedicAir group in 2021, specializes in the rental and management of anti-decubitus systems and is currently the leading Italian company in the prevention and treatment of pressure injuries.

Service Med continues to design and develop industry-leading products and services, firmly believing in a culture of prevention and in the importance of applying and promoting best treatment practices.



Smith+Nephew

www.smith-nephew.com | Stand 8

At Smith+Nephew, we're pioneering new technologies so that more wounds can now heal. Providing innovative systems to drive efficiencies, minimise wastage and build digital tools to help train and educate more caregivers. Together, we are shaping what's possible in wound care.



Society of Tissue Viability

societyoftissueviability.org | hello@societyoftissueviability.org | Stand 19b

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 2026 annual conference, funded place opportunities, online educational events and more!



Solventum

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Solventum, a leader in healthcare innovation, offers advanced wound care solutions that help care providers restore lives. Our innovative products accelerate healing, prevent complications, and reduce healthcare costs globally. With over 70 years of experience, 7,300+ patents, and 22,000 employees, we are dedicated to improving lives through smarter, safer healthcare.



Steripolar Oy

www.steripolar.fi | Stand 1

We are a 100% Finnish-owned health technology company. We offer innovative and high-quality products and new treatment methods at the forefront of product development to both public and private healthcare. Our goal is to improve patient care and facilitate faster patient recovery in our daily work Taking care further.



Vikta

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INNOVATIVE – EFFECTIVE -TRANSFORMATIVE products for patient care. Clinically proven to prevent and heal pressure sores. Vikta products are recommended by tissue viability clinicians, nurses and carers to improve life quality for vulnerable patients with immobility issues. KomfiTilt, PosiPerle & FloForm for pressure care and postural support. Start 'making a turn for the better'.



XSENSOR Technology Corporation

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Get access to precise pressure data and the predictive insight needed to make evidence-based decisions about improving the condition of patients at risk of pressure injuries. XSENSOR's ForeSite® technology maps body surface pressures and aids Healthcare Practitioners in preventing or better managing and reducing pressure injuries in their patients.



Wellell Inc.

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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".

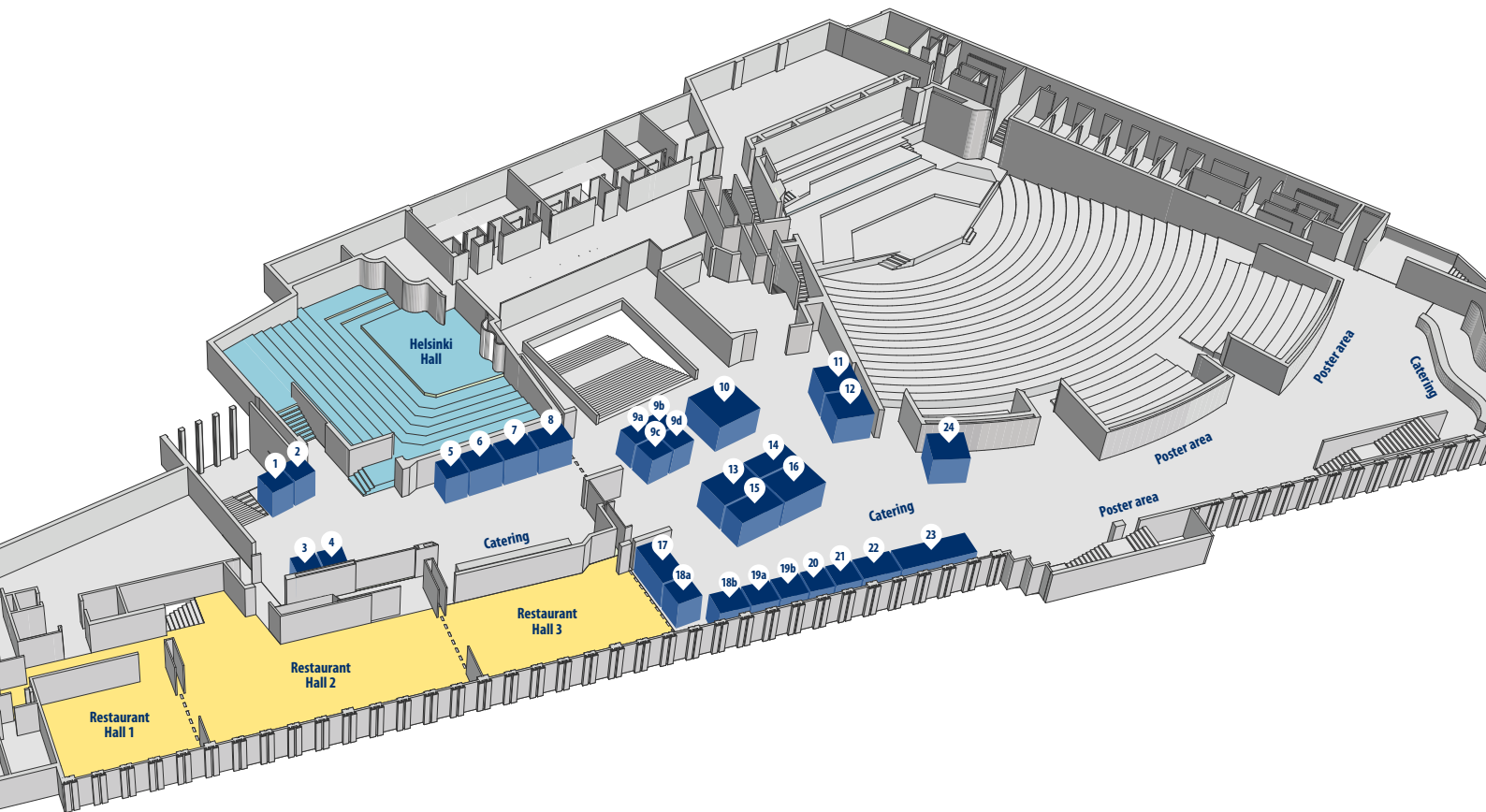


Wounds International

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Wounds International is a global leader in wound care education, providing free, open access resources to practitioners worldwide. Our independent, evidence-based content – delivered online, in print, and in person – turns the latest research into clear, practical guidance for everyday care. Through collaboration with clinicians and industry, we work to close gaps in healthcare, strengthen professional skills, and improve patient outcomes everywhere.

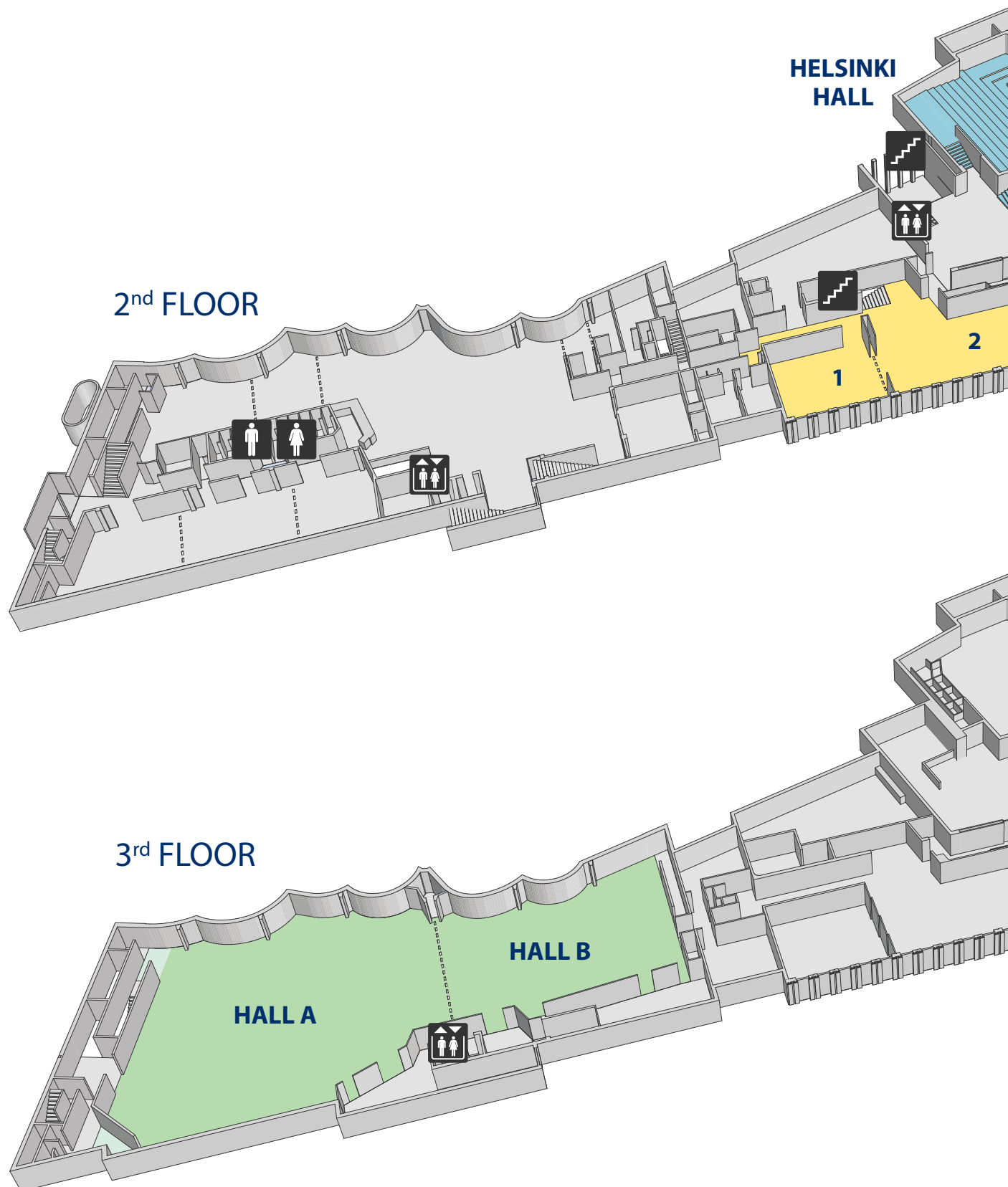
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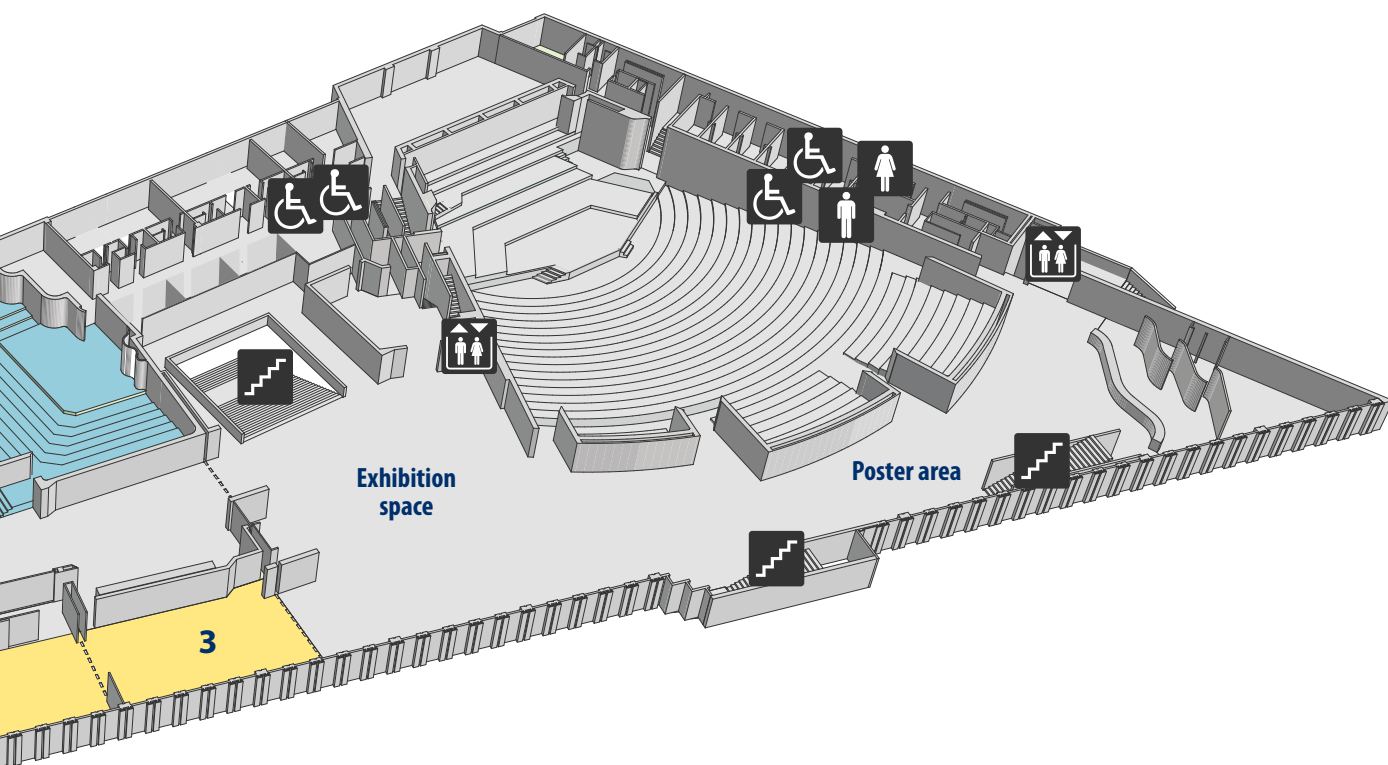


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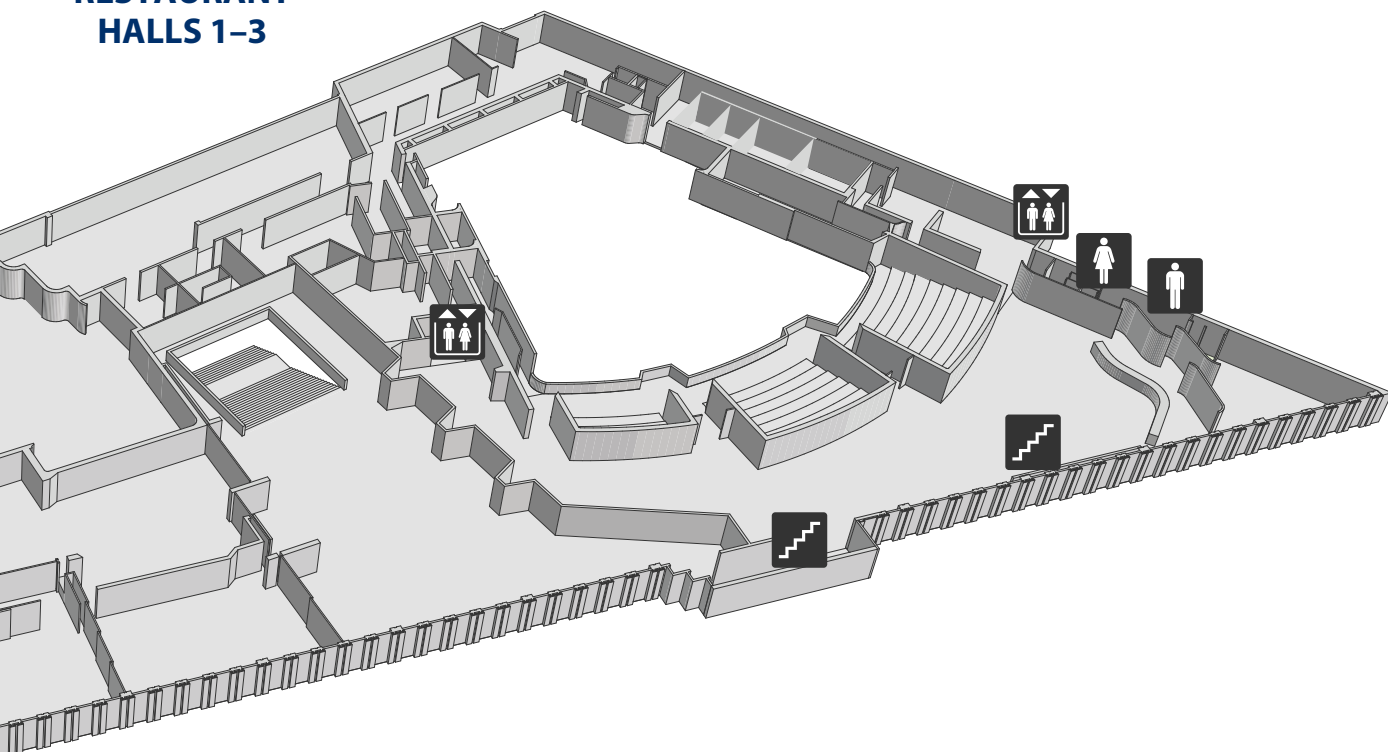


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