European Pressure Ulcers Advisory Panel

13th Stop Pressure Ulcer Day

21th November 2024

STOP Pressure Ulcers Day aims to raise awareness of the prevalence and importance of prevention of pressure ulcers (bedsores, decubitus ulcers) and to support evidence-based pressure ulcer prevention and treatment. Pressure ulcers are skin and tissue lesions that can occur at any age.

- According to the OECD 2022 report, pressure ulcers are a major adverse event in healthcare
- The costs of pressure ulcer treatment are estimated to be between 2% to 4% of the total healthcare expenditure
- Most of the pressure ulcers are preventable

By strategic leadership and coherent policies, we can strive to a shared understanding and commitment regarding the measures to be taken to effectively prevent pressure ulcer development. Let us achieve together the World Health Organization's patient safety action plan: "Towards Eliminating Avoidable Harm in Health Care".

Please contact the EPUAP Office to get more information or contact your local EPUAP Trustee to support the STOP Pressure Ulcer Day Campaign in your country.

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