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Pressure Ulcer Awareness Day is November 16, 2012

The National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel has declared that November 16 is Pressure Ulcer Awareness Day. Health Care Professionals in the US and other countries worldwide are working to increase the awareness of pressure ulcer risk, methods to prevent pressure ulcers and the cost in treating these wounds.

NPUAP is asking all health care professionals and health care organizations to declare November 16th as a day to increase awareness through flyers, posters and messages in public media. "Over 2.5 million US residents develop pressure ulcers every year" says Dr. Aimée Garcia, NPUAP President. She adds "There are more patients who develop pressure ulcers than who develop cancer every year. The impact of pressure ulcers on the patient, the providers who try to prevent these wounds and the payers for health care has been underestimated for years."

The National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (NPUAP) is an independent not-for-profit professional organization dedicated to the prevention and management of pressure ulcers. Formed in 1987, the NPUAP Board of Directors is composed of leading experts from different health care disciplines--- all of whom share a commitment to the prevention and management of pressure ulcers. The NPUAP serves as a resource to health care professionals, government, the public, and health care agencies; and welcomes and encourages the participation of those interested in pressure ulcer issues through utilization of NPUAP educational materials, participation at national conferences, and support of efforts in public policy, education and research.

Find more information on NPUAP's goals and activities on our website at www.npuap.org or contact us at npuap@npuap.org

The National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel provides multidisciplinary leadership for improved patient outcomes in pressure ulcer prevention and management through education, public policy and research.