



## INVITATION TO COLLABORATE

### **Re: Prevention and Treatment of Pressure Ulcers: Clinical Practice Guideline (International PU Guideline, third edition, 2019)**

The National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (NPUAP), European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (EPUAP) and Pan Pacific Pressure Injury Alliance (PPPIA) are commencing development of a third edition of the International Pressure Ulcer Guideline. Development of the Guideline will be conducted under the guidance and direction of a Guideline Governance Group (GGG) comprised of representatives of the three member organizations.

For this edition of the Guideline, the GGG of member organizations is seeking to expand international contribution and collaboration. Other international not-for-profit pressure injury/ulcer organizations that share the mission, values and purposes of the GGG are invited to apply to join the Guideline development process through designation as “Associate Organizations”. The purpose of Associate Organization membership is to involve participation and international sharing of expertise from countries not currently represented by the EPUAP, PPPIA or NPUAP. The following points outline the expected contribution and acknowledgement of Associate Organizations:

- Associate Organizations will be acknowledged by name and logo in the 2019 Guideline.
- Associate Organizations are expected to nominate 3 to 10 English-speaking members for participation in Small Working Groups (SWGs) according to their interest and expertise.



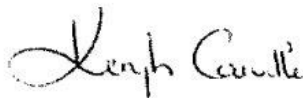
- Associate Organization SWG members will be required to complete the confidentiality and conflict of interest process and engage in the SWG work of appraising research and drafting guideline recommendations and content.
- Associate Organization SWG members will be eligible to participate in the voting process for Strength of Recommendation ratings.
- Associate Organization SWG members who contribute to an acceptable level to the guideline development will be recognized by name in the 2019 Guideline.
- No royalty fee for Associate Organizations who lead translation of the guideline into non-English languages using the approved methods.
- Associate Organizations will not have voting representatives on the GGG, nor will they share in guideline sales or profits.
- Associate Organizations will hold no ownership interests in the 2019 Guideline. Associate Organizations must enter into an agreement whereby they agree to assign to EPUAP, NPUAP and PPPIA any ownership interest in their contributions to the 2019 Guideline.

The GGG invite applications of like-minded not-for-profit organizations for engagement in the 2019 Guideline as an Associate Organization. To make an application, please register your interest to [admin@internationalguideline.com](mailto:admin@internationalguideline.com) using the *Application to Collaborate form* available from the website.

Associate Organizations will be accepted by majority vote of the GGG.



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