



GNEAUPP

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en Úlceras por
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Spanish Pressure
Ulcers and
Chronic Wounds
Advisory Panel



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In 1994, in order to highlight the importance of the problem of chronic wounds, and specially pressure ulcers, the *Grupo Nacional para el Estudio y Asesoramiento en Úlceras por Presión y Heridas Crónicas* **GNEAUPP** (Spanish Pressure Ulcers and Chronic Wounds Advisory Panel) was created. This is an interdisciplinary society with more than 1500 health care professionals. The aim of the GNEAUPP is to focus on the promotion of evidence-based comprehensive approaches for the prevention and treatment of chronic wounds involving different types of disciplines.

Every two years the GNEAUPP organizes a national meeting about pressure ulcers and chronic wounds and is involved in other European organisations like the European Pressure Ulcers Advisory Panel (EPUAP) and the European Wound Management Association (EWMA).

The GNEAUPP has published several guidelines:

- The prevention of pressure ulcers
- The staging of pressure ulcers
- The treatment of pressure ulcers
- Obtaining samples from chronic wounds
- Epidemiological indicators

GNEAUPP has funded several research projects about pressure ulcers and is developing a white report about pressure ulcers in Spain.

The GNEAUPP has its own website: www.gneaupp.org, it produces a newsletter and publishes a scientific journal, *Gerokomos-Helcos*, in conjunction with the *Sociedad Española de Enfermería Geriátrica y Gerontológica* (Spanish Geriatric and Gerontologic Nursing Society).

The evolution of Wound Care in Spain has produced an increase of research activities in fields like clinical, epidemiological and basic sciences.

Previous meetings and conferences:

1. Meeting 1996 Logroño 700 Delegates
 2. Meeting 1997 Barcelona 1200 Delegates
 3. Meeting 1998 Logroño 1300 Delegates
- First Summer school 2000 La Rioja
Second Summer school 2001 La Rioja

The videos and the PowerPoint presentations of the lectures and panel debates regarding infections and Chronic Wounds which were presented at the IV meeting on Moist Wound Care and Treatment of Chronic Wounds on the 29th of October at the Hospital de Terrassa in co-operation between the Unidad Interdisciplinar de Heridas Crónicas del Consorci Sanitari de Terrassa (UIFC-CST) and the Grupo Nacional para el estudio y asesoramiento en Úlceras por presión y Heridas crónicas (GNEAUPP) are now available on the GNEAUPP homepage, www.gneaupp.org

In GNEAUPP and UIFC-CST we are convinced that the distribution of scientific activities via the internet opens a new way of sharing knowledge and can be a great help in the day to day work in the treatment centres.

If you wish to participate in the first national prevalence study on Leg Ulcers in Spain, please go to our website and fill in the questionnaire.

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