



**AIUC**  
Italian  
Association  
for the study of  
Cutaneous  
Ulcers

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# AIUC – Italy

A.I.U.C. (Associazione Italiana Ulcere Cutanee, Skin Ulcers Italian Association) was founded in 1999 in Rome, on the initiative of a group of surgeons and dermatologists. After a short time other professionals also became involved in the association (Nurses, Social Sanitary Operators, Pharmacists, Rehabilitation Therapists, Prosthetists, Podiatrists, Stomatherapists etc), and representatives of patient organisations. Currently the Board consists of 18 professionals, including 11 doctors of different specialties, six nurses and one patient representative. AIUC currently has more than 2800 members.

AIUC's activities are essentially training and information. The training includes:

- scientific events at the regional and national levels, such as training courses on specific vulnological topics;
- collaboration with Italian Universities in the organisation of training courses and masters qualifications;
- organising an annual national conference with plenty of scope for technological innovation and dedicated courses.

The information is provided through:

- the official AIUC scientific organ of information, "Acta Vulnologica", a magazine published by Minerva Medica (Torino) in a bilingual edition (Italian-English), waiting for indexing;
- national initiatives dedicated to patients (Ulcer Day) to explain to them what Wound Care is and who are the reference figures;
- organising study groups on specific topics with the intention of producing position documents.

AIUC has recently become providers for the ECM (Educazione Continua in Medicina – Continuous Medical Education) events and also organises events that assign credits to associates and has a website where you can download the Statute, Rules and how to subscribe to the association; the portal is being expanded to deliver better information to associates and patients about Italian vulnological centers.

During 2012 AIUC will present a document that will explain the pathways that patients will have to follow to solve their problems.

AIUC is working to provide more assistance to patients with chronic skin lesions, particularly on how to devise a good system of reimbursement by the National Health System; reimbursement systems currently exist only in some regions and not throughout Italy.

In September 2011 we hosted the 10th National Congress in Ancona, with over 2000 participating delegates. In 2012 AIUC sees the start of the second decade of AIUC conference activity with the 11th National Congress. The 11th National Congress will take place at the end of September in Rimini on the theme: *"The difficult wound made easy – The patient, the professionals and the research community all together"*.