

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### PROF. DR. DIMITRI BEECKMAN



#### PERSONAL INFORMATION

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**Date of birth:** 16-Feb-1982; **Nationality:** Belgian

**H- index:** 40, **number of publications:** 233 (Scopus)

**Secured funding:** 6.420.328,65 EURO

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#### ACADEMIC PROFILE

Dimitri Beeckman is a Professor of Nursing Science at Örebro University in Sweden and Ghent University in Belgium. At Örebro University, he serves as the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Internationalisation, overseeing the university's international engagement strategy and chairing the steering committee of the NEOLAia European University Alliance.

At Ghent University, he leads the Master of Science in Nursing and Midwifery programme, one of four master's programmes in nursing and midwifery in Flanders, Belgium. This forward-thinking programme offers specializations in clinical nursing, implementation science, and research, preparing graduates for advanced roles in healthcare.

He also holds visiting professorships at the University of São Paulo in Brazil, the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland, Monash University in Australia, and the University of Southern Denmark. His expertise spans skin and wound research, clinical trials, psychometrics, healthcare education, and implementation science.

Dimitri Beeckman leads two major research groups: the Swedish Centre for Skin and Wound Research (SCENTR) at Örebro University and the Skin Integrity Research Group (SKINT) at Ghent University. He has played a key role in advancing wound care research, previously serving as president of both the European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (EPUAP) and the International Skin Tear Advisory Panel (ISTAP). He is currently the president of the European Wound Management Association (EWMA), the largest European organisation focused on wound care.

With over 230 scientific publications in high-impact international journals, he has shared his research in more than 80 countries. He is an associate editor of the International Journal of Nursing Studies, the highest-impact nursing journal worldwide. He also serves on the editorial boards of several leading journals, including the Journal of Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing, the Journal of Tissue Viability, the EWMA Journal of Wound Management, and the Australian Journal of Wound Practice and Research.

His contributions to nursing science have been recognised with international fellowships from the Sigma

Theta Tau International Honour Society of Nursing, the European Academy of Nursing Science, and the American Academy of Nursing.

## EDUCATION

**(2011)** PhD in Health Sciences (Ghent University); **(2007)** Master of Science in Education (Ghent University); **(2006)** Master of Science in Nursing and Midwifery (Ghent University); **(2003)** Bachelor of Science in Nursing (KaHo Sint- Lieven University of Applied Sciences)

## CURRENT ROLES

**(2025)** Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Internationalisation (Örebro University, Sweden), **(2021)** Full Professor of Nursing Science (Örebro University, Sweden) **(2013)** Professor of Nursing Science (Ghent University, Belgium)

## PREVIOUS ROLES

**(2013 – 2018)** Tenure Track Professor (Ghent University); **(2011 – 2013)** Assistant Professor (Ghent University); **(2010 – 2011)** Lecturer (King's College London, UK), **(2007 – 2011)** PhD candidate (Ghent University, Belgium); **(2003 – 2006)** Coronary Care Unit Nurse (Cardiovascular Centre, OLV Hospital Aalst, Belgium)

## GRADUATE AND POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH SUPERVISION

**Post- docs:** 7; **PhD students:** 15 completed, 10 ongoing; **MSc students:** 74 completed

## RESEARCH LEADERSHIP AND GLOBAL IMPACT IN SKIN INTEGRITY AND WOUND CARE

Dimitri Beeckman is an internationally recognized nursing science professor and researcher specializing in skin integrity and wound care. He has secured substantial research funding, including €2.75 million from the Belgian Knowledge Centre for Healthcare (KCE) for a multicenter trial on medical devices for pressure ulcer prevention in hospitalized patients. This study, conducted in eight Belgian hospitals, involved collaboration with 20 research associates. In 2019, he further obtained €2.1 million in industry funding for another multicenter study on pressure ulcer prevention.

Beeckman leads international research projects, including the first Core Outcome Set in nursing and epidemiological studies on pressure ulcers in Australia and New Zealand. His supervisory roles extend to PhD students at the University of Oslo and the University of Southern Denmark.

At Örebro University (Sweden), he played a pivotal role in establishing the Swedish Centre for Skin and Wound Research (SCENTR) in collaboration with Ghent University. His contributions extend to policy development, having led the Belgian National Guidelines for Pressure Ulcer Prevention and Treatment (2013) in partnership with the UK National Clinical Guideline Centre.

Beeckman is a leading figure in incontinence-associated dermatitis (IAD) research, chairing the IAD International Research Group and publishing a Cochrane review on IAD prevention and treatment in 2016. His team developed the Ghent Global IAD Severity Categorization Tool (GLOBIAD) (2018), now integrated into clinical guidelines and electronic health records across 17 countries.

His research on skin tears includes the international validation of the ISTAP classification tool, published in the *British Journal of Dermatology* (2019). He has also authored global expert documents on IAD and skin tears (2018, 2021), translated into 15 languages.

Beeckman's expertise is widely recognized, with invitations from prestigious organizations such as the International Continence Society (ICS) to contribute to global initiatives like the 5th International Consultation on Incontinence. With over 250 international presentations in 30+ countries, he remains a highly sought-after speaker and thought leader in his field.

## EDITORIAL ROLES

**(2024)** Editorial Board Member, Australian Journal of Wound Practice and Research, **(2023)** Associate Editor, International Journal of Nursing Studies (IJNS); **(2023)** Editorial Board Member, EWMA Journal of Wound Management **(2016)** Associate Editor, BMC Geriatrics; **(2015)** Editorial Board Member, Journal of Tissue Viability; **(2013)** Consulting Editor, Journal of Wound, Ostomy and Continence Nursing.

## EXECUTIVE ROLES IN SCIENTIFIC SOCIETIES

2025 – 2027	<b>President</b> , European Wound Management Association (EWMA, <a href="http://www.ewma.org">www.ewma.org</a> )
2024 – 2025	<b>President Elect</b> , European Wound Management Association (EWMA, <a href="http://www.ewma.org">www.ewma.org</a> )
2023 – ...	<b>Fellow</b> , American Academy of Nursing (FAAN)
2022 – 2024	<b>Chair of the Research Committee</b> , European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel
2022 – 2025	<b>Honorary Treasurer</b> , European Wound Management Association (EWMA)
2020 – 2022	<b>President</b> , International Skin Tear Advisory Panel (ISTAP, <a href="http://www.skintears.org">www.skintears.org</a> )
2019 – 2021	<b>President</b> , European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (EPUAP, <a href="http://www.epuap.org">www.epuap.org</a> )
2019 – 2022	<b>Council Member</b> , European Wound Management Association (EWMA, <a href="http://www.ewma.org">www.ewma.org</a> )
2016 – ...	<b>Fellow</b> , European Academy of Nursing Science (EANS)
2016 – ...	<b>Fellow</b> , Sigma Theta Tau, the International Honor Society of Nursing
2013 – 2018	<b>Chair of the Scientific Committee</b> , European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (EPUAP, <a href="http://www.epuap.org">www.epuap.org</a> )
2012 - ...	<b>Board Member</b> , Ghent University Association Platform for Woundcare (EduWond)