

# PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION IN PAEDIATRIC CARE

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Where pressure ulcers have been counted one common phenomenon has been the general exclusion of paediatric populations. The presentation will initially review available data on pressure ulcer occurrence in people aged under 18 years and then consider the relevance of the EPUAP minimum data set as a means of standardising pressure ulcer data collection from paediatric patients.

Moving from the scale of the problem of pressure ulcers in children the presentation will consider the design of pressure redistributing surfaces for use among paediatric populations and how products designed for adults may not be ideal for younger patients.

Finally the presentation will consider approaches to use pressure ulcer occurrence data as a tool to improve patient safety with the strengths and limitations of these tactics considered in relation to paediatric populations.