

Project Summary for EPUAP website

Project Title: The Outcomes for Pressure Ulcer Trials (OUTPUTS) Project.

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Introduction: In the evaluation of health interventions, the choice, measurement and reporting of outcomes affect the quality of evidence in many ways. To prevent respective quality threats, the development of core outcome sets (COS) is endorsed. However, a COS is lacking for the evaluation of pressure ulcer (PU) prevention interventions.

Project Aim: Development of a core outcome set (COS) for trials evaluating the clinical efficacy or effectiveness of pressure ulcer prevention interventions.

Key Milestones: The project follows established COS development methods incorporating the following steps:

(1) *Domain Consensus* – To identify and reach consensus about the most important outcome domains, three successive studies will be conducted: (i) Scoping review of outcomes used in existing PU prevention trials and/or reported by patients, (ii) Guided service-user workshops, (iii) Delphi study. Planned timescale: present-May 2019.

(2) *Instrument/measurement Consensus* – To identify and reach consensus about instruments for the measurement of prioritised outcome domains, three studies will be conducted: (i) Systematic review of existing measurement instruments and their measurement properties, (ii) Guided service-user workshop, (iii) International Nominal group. Planned timescale: June 2019-October 2020.

(3) *Dissemination/Implementation* – A range of activities will be undertaken to promote the dissemination and implementation of the COS and ensure regular monitoring of newly emerging relevant evidence. Planned timescale: From November 2020.