

Registered Nurses' Association of Ontario

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Guideline search strategy

1. Structured website search

Two guideline development methodologists searched an established list of websites for guidelines and standards. Guidelines and standards were selected based on the following criteria:

- Guideline or standard published in English
- Available and accessible for retrieval
- Published no earlier than 2016
- Relevant to all health providers
- Applicable to the Canadian context (e.g., studies in countries with similar culture and economic status/developed nations such as OECD countries
<https://www.oecd.org/about/document/ratification-oecd-convention.htm>)
- Focused on the topic areas of:
 - Pressure ulcers/injuries
 - Pressure injury prevention,
 - Pressure injury assessment
 - Pressure injury management
- If the document was a guideline, it was:
 - Developed based on a systematic search of the literature
 - Contained a description of how the recommendations were developed
 - Included the word guideline or recommendation in the title or description

Websites searched:

- PERSE
- Société Française de chirurgie Plastique, Reconstructrice & Esthétique (SoFCPRE)
- OTSeeker
- National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) (UK): Evidence Services
- Canadian Medical Association Infobase: Clinical Practice Guidelines
- Scottish Intercollegiate Guidelines Network (SIGN)
- National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC): Clinical Practice Guidelines
- eGuidelines
- Guidelines International Network (GIN)
- Wounds Canada
- The National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (NPUAP)
- European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (EPUAP)

- Google Scholar
- Health Quality Ontario

2. Hand Search

RNAO expert panel members were asked to review personal libraries to identify and submit potentially relevant guidelines. Guidelines submitted for consideration by RNAO expert panel members were integrated into the retrieved list of guidelines if they had not been identified by the on-line guideline search and met the inclusion criteria.