

1st Regional Seminar STOP Pressure Ulcers

Košice, Slovakia

On 23.11.2023, the first regional seminar dedicated to the STOP Pressure Ulcers Campaign was held in the premises of the East Slovak Museum in Košice, Slovakia. The seminar was organized by the Košice Self-Governing Region under the leadership of Dr. Ferdinand Mohynánský, Nurse of the Self-governing Region, and Ing. Zuzana Bučeková, Head of the Self-governing Region, under the auspices of SSOOR (Slovak Society for Open Wound Care) and SKSaPA (Slovak Chamber of Nurses and Midwives).



The guarantor of the professional programme was Dr. Beáta Grešš Halász, who is also the President of SSOOR and a member of the European organisations EPUAP and EWMA. The guests of honour were the deputy directors of nursing and directors of hospitals of the Košice Region and approximately 80 nurses from inpatient and community care of the Košice Region gathered in the auditorium.



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The program consisted of presenting and promoting the global STOP Pressure Ulcers' campaign, modern methods of prevention and treatment of pressure ulcers, as well as presentations and demonstrations of the use of current materials and aids for the prevention and treatment of pressure ulcers.



The outcome of the event and fruitful discussions was an interest in closer cooperation between the providers involved, with the Košice Self-Governing Region wishing to actively contribute to policymaking at regional level through assistance and projects or their management. Opportunities exist, so it is necessary to join forces, skills, and knowledge to achieve quality and safe healthcare in the region for our patients. The seminar was the first of its kind and we plan to continue it annually, with the central aim of further informing the professional and lay public about the STOP Pressure Ulcers Campaign, and the activities implemented in the field.