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### **Relevant publications for the last two years (in English only):**

Žepina Puzić, A., Žulec, M., Bušac, V., Bertić, Ž., & Filej, B. (2025). Impact of Formal and Education on Croatian Nurses' Knowledge of Pressure Ulcers: A Cross-Sectional Study. *Reports*, 15(11), 407. <https://doi.org/10.3390/nursrep15110407>

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**Please comment on your involvement with pressure ulcers under the following headings:**

#### **Clinical**

17 years of clinical experience as Head Nurse of the Department of Neurology w Unit, including daily care for immobile and high-risk neurological patients. Active n Pressure Ulcer Prevention and Treatment Team at Šibenik-Knin County Genera the past 7 years, involved in risk assessment, implementation of preventive prot management, multidisciplinary collaboration, staff education, and monitoring outcomes related to pressure injuries.

#### **Scientific research**

As part of doctoral study programme at University of Novo mesto, Slovenia, cond national multicentre study among nurses in 19 general hospitals in Croatia focus knowledge and practices related to pressure injury prevention and management. research included quantitative, qualitative, and experimental components, includi a newly designed

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educational model. The study was conducted in accordance with approvals obtained from relevant ethics committees.

#### **Organisational**

Initiator and organizer of the Pressure Ulcer Prevention and Treatment Team at Šibenik-Knin County General Hospital. Member of organisational, professional, and review committees of the Croatian Nurses Association in Neurology and the Wound Care Association – Croatian Initiative. Initiator of a curriculum development proposal at Šibenik University of Applied Sciences focused on implementing a comprehensive and autonomous approach to chronic wound management in nursing education.

#### **Educational**

Instructor for the Caregiver Training Program at the Adult Education Center- delivering theoretical instruction, mentoring participants, and contributing to the development and implementation of educational content.

More than 10 years of experience as a teacher and mentor of specialized nursing subjects at a secondary medical school- teaching nursing care courses, supervising practical training, and mentoring students during their clinical practice.

Since 2023, Lecturer at a University of Applied Sciences in the undergraduate Nursing study program- participating in teaching activities, mentoring students, and contributing to the development of professional and practical competencies of future nurses and medical technicians.

Curriculum developer for the course Contemporary Approaches to Chronic Wounds within the undergraduate Nursing study program.

#### **Strengths not utilised**

Potential for greater involvement in EU-funded projects, international academic collaboration, and in scientific research and healthcare education initiatives.

#### **Membership of other organisations**

Member of the: Croatian Wound Association - Croatian Initiative (2023 - present); European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel- EPUAP; European Wound Management Association- EWMA, Croatian Nurses Association (2023 - present); Croatian Chamber of Nurses (2008 - present); Croatian Nurses Association in Neurology (2008 - 2023); Croatian Wound Association - Croatian Initiative for Wound Management (2023 - present); Croatian Nurses Association (2023 - present)