

Comments can be found at: <http://woundcarestakeholders.org/activities-a-accomplishments/official-comments>

Alliance creates a multidisciplinary expert panel (Panel On Wound Care Evidence-based Research - POWER™) in wound care research from its participating organizations to define a set of principles to provide direction to all stakeholders involved in clinical or comparative effectiveness research in wound healing. The panel's activities included:

- March - November — 11 experts in the field of wound care convened 11 conference calls/meetings and generated a Preliminary Consensus Document (PCD), consisting of 17 principles with supporting background. Fifteen professional organizations with an interest in wound care participated in the process. A modified Delphi approach consisting of 2 web-based surveys was used to reach consensus on the statements and involved 115 multidisciplinary wound experts. All statements were approved with 90% consensus with two Delphi surveys.
- The Alliance POWER™ has written a manuscript from the Preliminary Guidance Document and will be submitting it to a peer reviewed clinical journal as well as a payer journal for publication.
- Marcia Nusgart obtained the consent of two former Surgeon Generals - Dr. Kenneth Moritsugu and Dr. Richard Carmona to write commentaries for the journals on the importance of wound care research.
- The Alliance POWER™ has written and submitted abstracts to many wound care organizations to be included in their 2011 annual meetings.
- Dr. Vickie Driver, Dr. Caroline Fife, Dr. Tom Serena, Dr. Barbara Bates-Jensen and Marcia Nusgart attended the July Center for Medical Technology Policy meeting on wound care research on behalf of the Alliance and distributed a press release about the Alliance POWER™ Principles.

Took action and submitted comments on the following Medicare Administrative Contractor (MAC) Wound Care Draft Local Coverage Determinations (LCD) resulting in positively influencing the final policies.

- February — Submitted comments to NGS on Debridement Services LCD
- April — Submitted comments to NHIC Biologic Products for Wound Treatment and Surgical Interventions LCD
- April — Submitted comments to Trailblazer Bioengineered skin substitutes LCD
- October — Submitted comments to Pinnacle on Skin Substitutes LCD
- December — Submitted comments to Cahaba on Skin Substitutes LCD

Took action and submitted the following comments to the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) on regulations impacting wound care:

- August —Submitted comments to CMS on Medicare Physician Fee Schedule Proposed Rule
- August —Submitted comments to CMS on Hospital Outpatient Prospective Payment Proposed Rule

Submitted comments in October to the National Quality Forum regarding the development of the HHS National Health Care Quality Strategy and Plan.

Worked with the FDA by having staff speak at Alliance meeting on MedSun program and by providing input on survey and sending staff clinicians' names to participate in program.