

Wednesday, June 28, 2023.

Nurses Specialized in Wound, Ostomy, and Continence (NSWOCC) sends sincere condolences to the family of a nurse leader and researcher Dr. Barbara Braden, PhD, FAAN.

The NSWOCC and nurses across Canada are deeply saddened to learn about the passing of Dr. Barbara Braden, a remarkable nurse leader, researcher, and advocate for improved patient care.

Dr. Braden’s contributions to chronic wound management, particularly the development of the Braden Scale for Predicting Pressure Injury Risk, have had a profound impact on nursing practice worldwide. Her dedication and collaborative nature allowed her to work closely with front line nurses, providing mentorship and support as they implemented the Braden Scale. Her ability to bridge the gap between research and clinical practice was truly extraordinary.

Beyond her significant achievements in the field, Dr. Braden was a fierce advocate for advanced nursing and continuously strived for improved patient care. Her passion for learning and curiosity was evident in her impactful statement, encouraging nurses to question everything and pursue further investigation with researchers. She has undoubtedly inspired countless nurses and healthcare professionals to never stop learning and continually seek knowledge.

The NSWOCC, has witnessed firsthand the positive impact of Dr. Braden's work, as thousands of Canadian nurses and healthcare professionals have integrated the Braden Scale into their clinical practice. Her efforts have undoubtedly improved patient outcomes, enhanced nursing knowledge, and advanced research in the field.

During this difficult time, we extend our thoughts and prayers to the Braden family. Dr. Barbara Braden’s legacy will forever live on in the hearts of those who have benefited from her expertise and compassionate care.

With deepest sympathies,

The NSWOCC Board of Directors

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| **26 June 2023**Dear WCET® members, With great sadness we add our deepest condolences to the global outpouring of mourning for the passing of Dr Barbara J Braden, RN, PhD, FAAN. Dr. Braden touched the lives of patients and nurses around the world with her development and research into the Braden Risk Assessment Score. She has been an icon for nurses and researchers for decades, she has left a footprint that will never fade. Our deepest sympathy goes to Dr. Braden’s family, friends, and colleagues. May she Rest in Peace.Sincerely on behalf of the WCET® Board,Laurent Chabal                                            Denise HibbertWCET® President                                       WCET® President Elect

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| **NPIAP Honors the Legacy of Dr. Barbara Braden** |

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NPIAP is saddened to share the news that Dr. Barbara Braden died last week. The National Pressure Injury Advisory Panel was honored to have Dr. Braden serve as a member of the Board of Directors. She is the 2019 recipient of the NPIAP JoAnn Maklebust Lifetime Achievement Award. We knew her, of course, for her groundbreaking work in the development of a risk assessment tool to determine pressure sore risk. Its success was immediate and indisputable. A unique aspect of the tool is that all six areas of risk were areas that nurses could independently address. The tool does far more than evaluate risk! It provides a practical template for the risk-based prevention strategies needed to prevent pressure sores (injuries) in millions of at-risk patients. Dr. Braden’s pioneering tool – now known the world over as the Braden Scale – has become a key driver of quality care in hospitals and long-term care settings around the world. Validation of the Braden Scale was supported by a grant from the National Institute of Health (NIH). Dr. Braden’s seminal research, conducted in collaboration with Dr. Nancy Bergstrom, has served as a critical foundation for decades of subsequent pressure injury research. Dr. Braden did much more for nurses and others in need. She was a Professor of Nursing at Creighton University and Dean of the Creighton University Graduate School. She developed and directed the Robert Wood Johnson Teaching-Nursing Home Project that nurtured a love for elder care in countless nursing students. She was an advocate for many groups served by Creighton University and the city of Omaha including the Nebraska AIDS Project and Nebraska Appleseed. She was passionately engaged with many national organizations. She had an enormous heart and wonderful, sharp sense of humor, along with an uncanny ability to tell a great story. NPIAP is thankful for her wisdom and wit, passion and perseverance, dignity and grace, and the immeasurable impact she has had on professional colleagues and the patients we serve. Barb, the gift of your life has enriched us all. Thank you!  |

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