



## HEALTH-RELATED QUALITY OF LIFE OF PERSONS WITH PRESSURE INJURIES AND THEIR INFORMAL CAREGIVERS

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**Área:** Ciências da Vida

**Linhas de Pesquisa:** PhD research line: Wound prevention and treatment: epidemiology; comprehensive care and health care organization

### Breve descrição das atividades de pesquisa

The research activities are centered in the analysis of health-related quality of life of the persons who suffer pressure injuries and the HRQOL of their informal caregivers. One conceptual framework is used for patients with pressure injury in order to integrate all types of study methods and synthesize them. Another conceptual framework is used for informal caregivers.

Currently, research activities can be divided in investigation focused on:

- ¿ The unified form of this thesis is a Scoping Review of HRQOL of persons with pressure injuries and their caregivers. All parallel investigations arise and are incorporated in it.
- ¿ Obtaining and analyzing the opinion of a group of experts about HRQOL in persons with pressure injury and informal caregivers of this persons
- ¿ The analysis of HRQOL of patients alone
- ¿ The use of generic tools for assessing HRQOL of patients with pressure injuries.
- ¿ The analysis of HRQOL of caregivers alone

### Impacto das pesquisas desenvolvidas para a sociedade e ciência

Impact for society:

1. Better care plans will be provided with clear focus on the aspects that matter the most for patients and their caregivers
2. Most efficient design and modification of policies about this populations
3. Better assessment with appropriate tools for both patients and caregivers
4. Provide insight about difficult situations these persons live, thus promote empathy among healthcare professionals
5. Approach real holistic care and enhance HRQOL. The conceptualization of the problem will highlight the importance of taking an integral point of view in the care of all the people involved in this process.

Impact for science:

1. Identify gaps in scientific literature for better routing of future investigations
2. Identify in which areas exists controversy and why, for the purpose of evidencing where the efforts of researchers should be placed to achieve consensus

3. State, clearly, what is the state of the art and its complexity thanks to the comprehensiveness of the research. No filters were applied for publication year, language or methodology in the bibliographic search