Prevalence:

In the U.S., 14.8% of patients suffer from pressure ulcers. That's 2,500,000 patients every year.

In Europe, 20% of patients in acute care settings develop a pressure ulcer. Prof. Nick Santamaria's RCT shows a 76% fall in incidence of hospital acquired pressure ulcers when using dressing in prevention.

Cost of treatment:

In the U.S., pressure ulcers cost the hospital sector an estimated $11,000,000,000 per year; average cost to treat an individual is estimated to be $43,000.

In the Netherlands, annual costs of pressure ulcer care is in the range of €371,000,000 to €1,695,000,000.

In Spain, 53,000 patients with pressure ulcers are being treated at any given point in time, costing €461,000,000 per year.

In Australia, pressure ulcers cost the health care system AUS$285,000,000. Pressure ulcers result in 398,432 bed days lost per year.

Benefit of prevention:

The cost of treating pressure ulcers is 3.6 times the cost of preventing them.

Global expert panel publish recommendations on the use of dressings for prevention.

Reducing hospital stays by just 3 days could result in savings of up to £3600.