Please feel free to share my name as a clinical contact to talk with colleagues about more details specific to client outcomes with AMS.

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**Subject:** Australian Sheepskin productx

## Hi Jacki

I understand that AADL is considering adding Australian medical Sheepskin product to the APL. I wish to share with you some of my client outcomes with the use of this product.

I have been using this product for over 14 years across the continuum of care. The outcomes for clients for prevention of wounds and the treatment of wounds has been outstanding. The literature supports the use of Australian medical grade sheepskin as a resource to prevent wounds in both the acute care, long term care and home care settings. My client stories have given me the personal experience on the value of this product to support client engagement in their homes. When wounds are prevented client remain more active and mobile thus being able to continue to live successfully at home. There are too many clients stories where it was the cause of a wound that lead to client admission to hospital (sepsis and other secondary complications) when these can be prevented by this product.

I have had clients purchase this product or I have had to find creative ways to try to find funding. I have used this product with clients with a wide range of physical and cognitive health compromise including dementia, Parkinson's disease, spinal cord injuries, post fractures, post stroke, MS, ALS, etc. all with outcomes of wound prevention. Having this product as a client choice on the AADL program will increase access to clients in need.

Through the prevention of wounds clients can remain in their homes longer.

I strongly support AADL consideration of this product as another valuable way to help clients remain in their homes longer. The evidence is in the literature as well in client outcomes. Please contact me if you need more specific examples or wish to discuss this product further.

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