

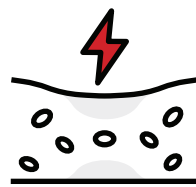
PRESSURE ULCERS

CASE FOR CHANGE

Pressure ulcers cost

\$9.1-\$11.6 BILLION

per year in the United States. Individual patient care ranges from \$20,900 to \$151,000 per pressure ulcer.¹



Although pressure ulcers are preventable in most every case, the prevalence of pressure ulcers in health care facilities is increasing. 2.5 million Patients per year are affected by pressure ulcers. About 60,000 patients die as a direct result of a pressure ulcer each year.¹

Reduce harm from hospital acquired conditions by

20
PERCENT
by 2019.

BOLD AIM & KEY DRIVERS

- ◀ Intervention Priorities
- ◀ Monitoring and Surveillance
- ◀ Patient Centered

KEY LEARNING

- Engage multidisciplinary teams in the process by creating awareness, training, and education around current evidence-based practice and guidelines
- Engage and educate patients and families
- Measure performance by setting baselines, collecting performance data, reviewing data with staff and adapting systems to improve performance and outcomes

RAPID CYCLE INNOVATIONS

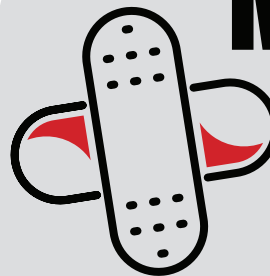
Intervention Priorities

- Inspect skin daily
- Manage moisture on skin
- Conduct a pressure ulcer admission assessment for all patients
- Minimize pressure
- Optimize nutrition and hydration
- Reassess risk for all patients daily

Monitoring and Surveillance

- Assemble an interdisciplinary team and develop an aim statement that reflects your organization's Pressure Ulcer goals
- Educate and ensure that Pressure Ulcer education is provided at new employee orientation and ongoing education throughout the year (Ex. Monthly staff meetings and competency/skill fairs)
- Include discussion of patients with pressure ulcers at your daily huddles and ensure they are receiving the full pressure ulcer preventative care
- Ensure that your providers and nurses are consistent with documentation of pressure ulcers

MEASURES



Process:

- Number of at-risk inpatients receiving full pressure ulcer preventative care

Outcome:

- Pressure ulcer rate, stage 3+

Patient Centered

- Address any possible social determinants of health (SDH) barriers
- Educate patients and family members regarding prevention

Source:

1. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality: Preventing Pressure Ulcers in Hospitals. <https://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/systems/hospital/pressureulcertoolkit/putool1.html>

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