

# Anderson Regional Medical Center Pressure Ulcer Reduction

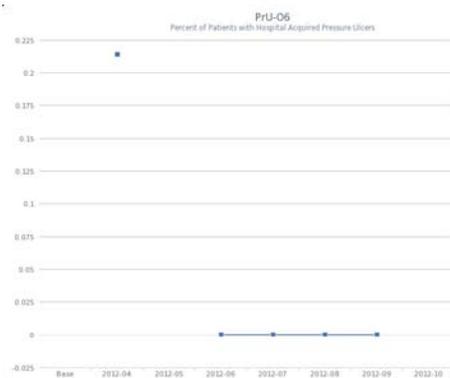


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When Anderson Regional Medical Center began our Partnership for Patients initiative April 2012, we were experiencing 1-2 patients with hospital acquired pressure ulcers each month. Our goal is to reduce hospital acquired pressure ulcers to zero. Barriers we faced included lack of documentation of whether a pressure ulcer was present on admission, inconsistent risk assessment, and inconsistent documentation of skin assessment.

Strategies put in place included:

- A Certified Wound Care Nurse was added to the staff.
- A Wound Nurse Consult Form was developed and implemented. The form was initially computerized and printed for the doctors to see and read. This form was updated and made into a flowsheet form for ease for the wound nurse to complete at the bedside. The form was placed in the progress notes for the physician to review and sign providing documentation of present on admission status, if the physician agreed with the wound care nurse assessment.
- The Braden Scale was added to the nursing flow sheet for risk assessment every shift.
- The Pressure Ulcer Prevention Policy was revised and staff education was provided. The Wound Photography Policy was initiated to help with documentation of present on admission.
- A Staging and Pressure Ulcer Prevention class is held monthly for new employees.
- Processes for ordering pressure ulcer reduction beds were developed and implemented.
- Skin IQ Overlays for beds in combination with egg crate mattresses to address microclimate control were obtained and implemented.
- Pressure Ulcer Prevention Projects in progress: 1. Pressure Ulcer Prevention Protocol/Algorithm for patients at risk. 2. Incident reports to be filled out for all patients who develop hospital acquired pressure ulcers stage 2 or greater for better tracking purposes. 3. More education and staging classes for employees.
- We are also working with our hospital association to streamline advanced wound care products.



Hospital acquired pressure ulcers are reported to the Patient Safety Committee, Board Quality Committee and the Board of Directors.

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