

Blessing Hospital: Pressure Ulcer Reduction



Blessing Hospital, Quincy, IL

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1. Reduction of Pressure Ulcers and Baseline Rate

Baseline Rate: 0. Blessing has maintained a rate of 0 for 13 months for hospital-acquired stage III and IV pressure ulcers.

2. Introduction and Background of the Adverse Event: 2.5 million patients per year are affected by pressure ulcers. Among Medicare patients, between 8% and 28% of all documented hospital-acquired conditions are pressure ulcers. More than 17,000 lawsuits are related to pressure ulcers annually. It is the second most common claim after wrongful death.

3. Project AIM Statement / Goal: To maintain a rate of 0 for hospital-acquired stage III and IV pressure ulcers

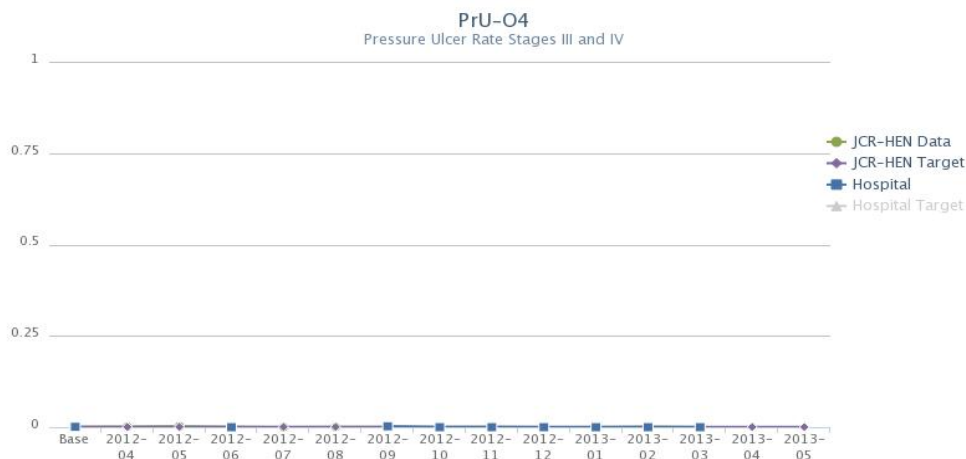
4. Challenges and Barriers Faced:

- a. Properly documenting pressure ulcers that are Present on Admission within the first 24 hours of the patient stay.
- b. Cost of skin care products.
- c. Wound care staff are not available 24/7 to review patients with pressure ulcers.
- d. Staff awareness to use all of the pressure ulcer preventative products.
- e. Staff awareness of what conditions contribute to pressure ulcers.

5. Methods Used to Launch the Effort:

- Developed an interdisciplinary team to address the reduction pressure ulcers.
- Researched and selected new mattresses.
- Researched and selected new skin care products.
- Made significant changes in our Electronic Health Record to trigger automatic orders to nursing, dietary and wound management for appropriate pressure ulcer prevention and interventions based on the Braden score.

6. Results: Copy of the Run Chart: 12 months zero defect



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7. What has been embedded in the system that has sustained the change?
 - Annual mandatory Computer Based Learning Module for clinical staff on Pressure Ulcer Prevention and Intervention.
 - Pressure Ulcer Prevention and Intervention techniques taught in annual Skills Lab.
 - Continue to measure and track performance.
 - Now input an Occurrence Report in the system for any Pressure Ulcer found of stage 2 or greater that was not documented as Present on Admission. Department manager investigates and follows up with staff. Appropriate follow-up/education is completed.
 - Pressure Ulcer Team continues to meet on a regular basis. Less often than in the beginning, but still meet.

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