

# The Forgotten Organ: Evidence Based Strategies of Pressure Injury Prevention in Acutely Ill Patients



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# Objectives



- 🔗 Compare and contrast narrow and expanded views of nurse patient advocacy and identify key basics nursing care practices that prevent harm
- 🔗 Outline evidence-based prevention strategies for incontinence-associated dermatitis, shear reduction, and addressing pressure injury risk factors
- 🔗 Describe key care process changes that lead to a successful reduction of skin injury and address healthcare worker injury



## Notes on Hospitals: 1859

“It may seem a strange principle to enunciate as the very first requirement in a hospital that it should do the sick no harm.”

- Florence Nightingale

Advocacy = Safety



Protect The Patient From Bad Things  
Happening on Your Watch



Implement  
Interventional Patient Hygiene



**Hand Hygiene**

# INTERVENTIONAL PATIENT HYGIENE

- ▲ Hygiene...the science and practice of the establishment and maintenance of health
- ▲ Interventional Patient Hygiene....nursing action plan directly focused on fortifying the patients host defense through proactive use of evidence-based hygiene care strategies

**Comprehensive  
Oral Care Plan**

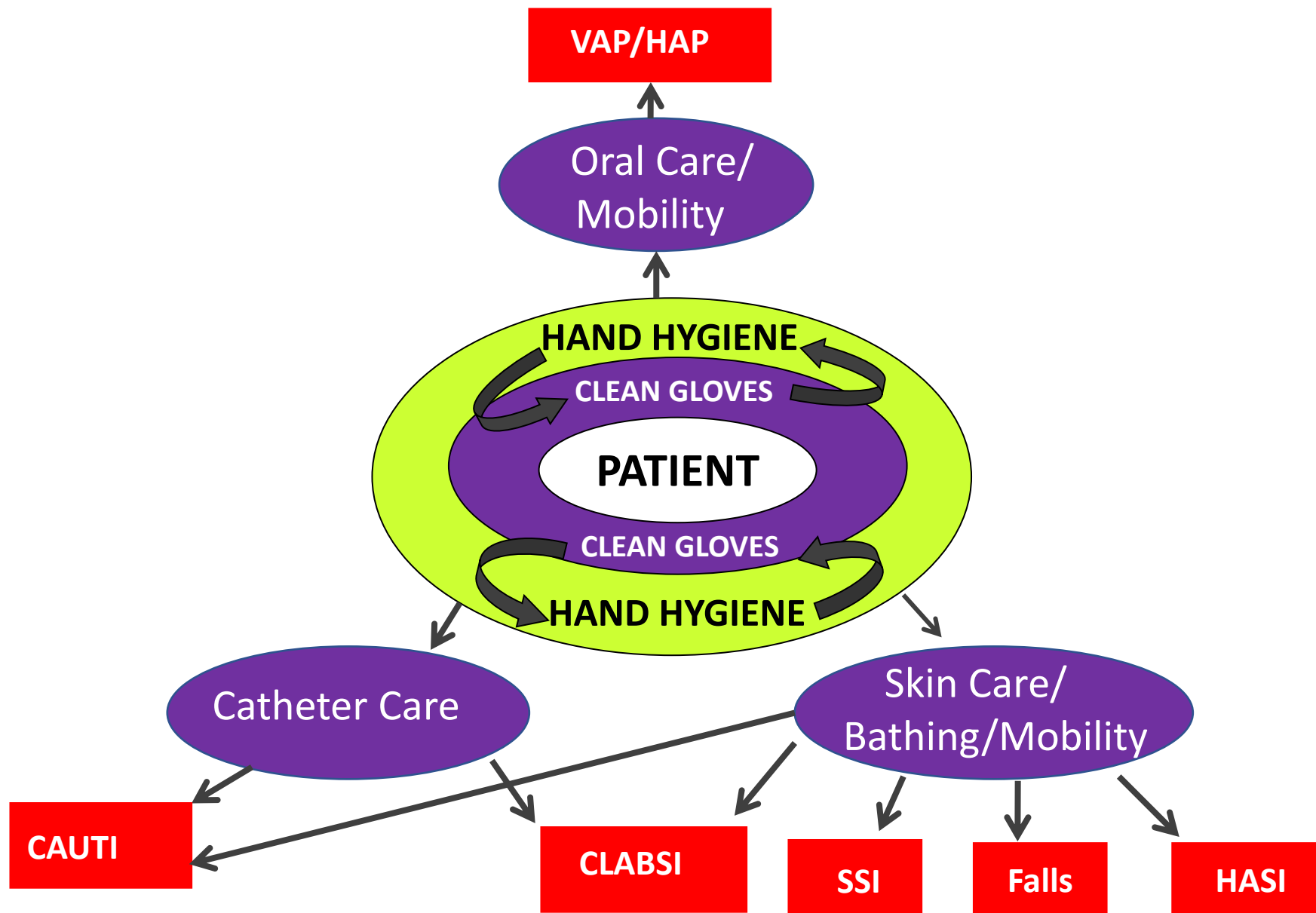
**Incontinence Associated  
Dermatitis Prevention  
Program**

**Pressure  
Ulcer  
Prevention**

**Catheter  
Care**

**Bathing &  
Assessment**

# INTERVENTIONAL PATIENT HYGIENE(IPH)



Do the staff you work with  
see pressure injury harm  
the same way they view  
CAUTI/CLABSI harm?





# Immediate Huddle Learn from a Defect

## Learning from Defect: Pressure Injury Facility Acquired

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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Attendees: \_\_\_\_\_

Instructions:

When HAPI is identified, staff nurse to notify unit manager. Manager will notify team of super huddle time. Super huddle to include any staff nurses and PSTs available, wound care nurse, CNS, CL, and NEC if available, and respiratory if applicable. If this occurs on nights, huddle can be done at night with any staff available, and then info passed on to manager to follow up with wound care, CL, CNS, NEC.

Manager to complete the form AT the BEDSIDE with input from everyone present. Once Section I has been completed, clinical leader (or manager designee) will complete Section II. Return completed form to Quality Department. Manager to keep a copy and have available for review at Pressure Injury Task force.

\*if manager is off, contact whomever is covering, i.e. other manager or clinical leader.

### Section I:

Location of the Pressure Injury: Unit \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Pressure Injury: \_\_\_\_\_

What happened? (brief description from RN caring for patient)

1. Anatomical location of the HAPI: \_\_\_\_\_
2. LOS when discovered: \_\_\_\_\_
3. Stage when discovered: \_\_\_\_\_
4. Was the patient transferred prior to discovery? ☐ yes ☐ no
5. Was there an OR procedure within 72 hours of discovery? ☐ yes ☐ no
6. Time in ED from admit order to admission to floor > 8 hours? ☐ yes ☐ no

Why did it happen?

Wound Nurse Comments:

Risk:

7. What risks were identified? ☐ Immobility ☐ Shear ☐ Medical device ☐ HD patient  
☐ Moisture/incontinence ☐ hemodynamic instability with turning ☐ nutrition risk

Skin Assessment:

8. Redness was recognized before the skin broke down. ☐ Yes ☐ no ☐ N/A

Pressure/Shear and Patient Movement: complete on how patient is currently positioned

9. If the patient is in bed, what position are they currently in? ☐ back ☐ Rt side lying  
☐ Lt side lying ☐ prone ☐ N/A
10. Immobile patients are moved using lifting equipment to minimize shear and caregiver injury?  
☐ Yes ☐ no ☐ N/A -not immobile
11. Heels are floated with pillows if temporary (<8hrs)? ☐ Yes ☐ no ☐ N/A
12. Heel floated with a device if >8 hrs of immobility? ☐ Yes ☐ no ☐ N/A
13. Sacral foam dressing in place? ☐ Yes ☐ no
14. HOB greater than 30 degrees? ☐ Yes ☐ no

Incontinence/Moisture

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15. Urine and fecal containment per policy if patient is incontinent? ☐ Yes ☐ no ☐ N/A
16. Was barrier cream in room if patient is incontinent? ☐ Yes ☐ no ☐ N/A

Support Surface:

17. At risk patient is on appropriate surface? ☐ Yes ☐ no ☐ N/A

Medical Devices (check all that apply) (If none check proceed to the questions in a box)

- ☐ Trach ☐ noninvasive mask ☐ oxygen N/C ☐ cervical collar ☐ arterial line  
☐ Endotracheal tube ☐ Endo Tube Holder ☐ orthotics ☐ cooling blanket ☐ SCD/Stocking  
☐ Immobilizer/splint/arm board

18. Were protective measures taken to prevent injury? (Foam padding, protective dressing, repositioning?) ☐ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

What happened to cause the defect?	What prevented it from being worse?
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What can we do to prevent this from happening to someone else?

Action Plan	Responsible person	Targeted date	Evaluation Plan: How will we know risk is reduced?

With whom shall we share our learning? (communication plan)

Who	When	How	Follow up

### Section II:

Additional Data to be completed when able:

1. Was Braden risk identified? yes ☐ no ☐
2. 4 eyes head to toe assessment performed on admission? ☐ Yes ☐ no
3. 4 eyes head to toe assessment performed per shift (last 24hrs)? ☐ Yes ☐ no
4. 4 eyes assessment of skin underneath device done q 12 hrs by RT.? ☐ Yes ☐ no ☐ N/A
5. Patient pressures redistributed and documented q 2? ☐ Yes ☐ no
6. Was patient placed on a specialty surface in OR (>/4hrs) ☐ Yes ☐ no ☐ N/A
7. Was patient placed on specialty surface in ER? (>/4hrs) ☐ Yes ☐ no ☐ N/A
8. Was a nutritional consult placed/completed in patients at high risk? ☐ Yes ☐ no ☐ N/A
9. Document significant co-morbidities: \_\_\_\_\_
10. Doctor notified of the pressure injury: ☐ yes ☐ No

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# Pressure Ulcer Prevention



# Pressure Injury Impact

- ▲ HAPU are the 4th most common preventable medical error in the United States<sup>1</sup>
- ▲ 2.5 million patients are treated for HAPU annually in acute care<sup>1</sup>
- ▲ Acute care: 0-12%, critical care: 3.3% to 53.4% (International Guidelines)<sup>2</sup>
- ▲ Most severe pressure ulcer: sacrum (44.8%) or the heels (24.2%)<sup>1,2</sup>
- ▲ Cost Stage 1-2 \$2,770.54, Stage 3-4 \$71,000 to \$127,000<sup>3,4</sup>
  - 17,000 lawsuits are related to pressure ulcers annually
  - Targeted pressure injury prevention to patients with low Braden scores < 15 vs standard care does save money and results in better quality per life year (QALYs)
- ▲ 60,000 persons die from pressure ulcer complications each year in US/Pain & Suffering<sup>1</sup>
- ▲ National healthcare cost \$26.8 billion per year in US<sup>3,4</sup>

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# Incidence of Pressure Injuries in Critical Care

- 22 studies, 10 reported cumulative incidence of PI
- Incidence: 10-25.9%
- Prevalence: 16.9-23.8%
- Excluding Stage 1 Incidence: 0.0 to 23.8%
- Location: 5 studies (406 patients)
  - △ Sacrum: 26.9-48%
  - △ Buttock: 4.1-46%
  - △ Heel: 18.5-38.9%
  - △ Hips: 10.9-15.7%
  - △ Ears: 4.3-19.7%
  - △ Shoulders: 0.0-40.2%

1 out of every  
4-5 patients in  
the ICU will  
develop a PI

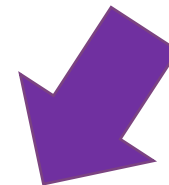
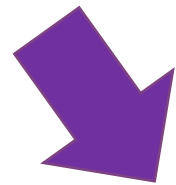


# Clarification of Definitions:

- ▶ Pressure Injury to replace Pressure Ulcer
- ▶ Accurately describes pressure injuries of both intact and ulcerated skin

Stage I and Deep Tissue Injury  
(DTI) describe intact skin

Stage II through IV  
describe open ulcers



**PRESSURE INJURY**

# Top-Down vs Bottom-Up Tissue Damage



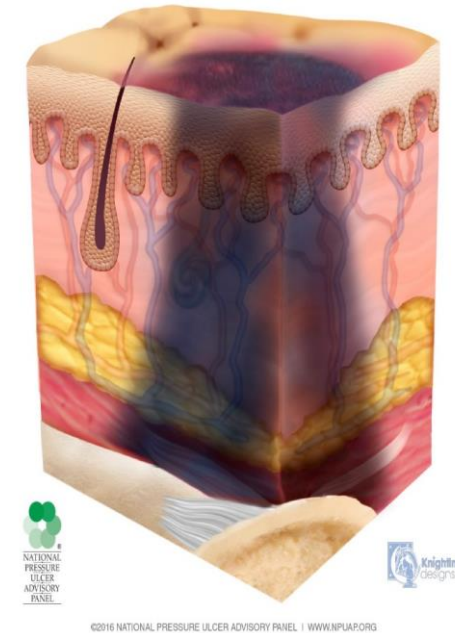
**Top-Down**  
Stage 1, 2



**Bottom-Up**  
• Stage 3, 4, Unstageable, DTI



# Deep Tissue Pressure Injury



**Persistent non-blanchable deep red, maroon or purple discoloration**

Intact or non-intact skin with localized area of persistent non-blanchable deep red, maroon, purple discoloration or epidermal separation revealing a dark wound bed or blood filled blister

# Moisture Injury: Incontinence-Associated Dermatitis

🔗 Inflammatory response to the injury of the water-protein-lipid matrix of the skin<sup>1</sup>

- Caused from prolonged exposure to urinary and fecal incontinence
- Contributing factors of friction and secondary infection<sup>2</sup>

🔗 Top-down injury<sup>1,2</sup>

🔗 Physical signs on the perineum & buttocks<sup>1</sup>

- Erythema, swelling, oozing, vesiculation, crusting, and scaling

🔗 Skin breaks 4x more easily with excess moisture than dry skin<sup>3</sup>



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# IAD: Multistate Epidemiology Study



5,342 patients in 189 acute care facilities in 36 states

## Prevalence study

- To measure the prevalence of IAD, describe clinical characteristics of IAD, and analyze the relationship between IAD and prevalence of sacral/coccygeal pressure ulcers

## Results: 2,492 patients incontinent (46.6%)

- 57% both FI and UI, 27% FI, 15% UI
- 21.3% IAD rate overall/14% also had fungal rash
- 45.7% in incontinent patients
  - 52.3% mild
  - 27.9% moderate
  - 9.2% severe
- 73% was facility-acquired
- ICU a 36% rate
- IAD alone and in combination with immobility statistically associated with FAPI

# GLOBIAD

## The Ghent Global

## Categorization tool

### Category 1: Persistent redness

#### 1A - Persistent redness without clinical signs of infection



##### Critical criterion

- Persistent redness  
*A variety of tones of redness may be present. Patients with darker skin tones, the skin may be paler or darker than normal, or purple in colour.*

##### Additional criteria

- Marked areas or discolouration from a previous (healed) skin defect
- Shiny appearance of the skin
- Macerated skin
- Intact vesicles and/or bullae
- Skin may feel tense or swollen at palpation
- Burning, tingling, itching or pain

1A

### Category 2: Skin loss

#### 2A - Skin loss without clinical signs of infection



##### Critical criterion

- Skin loss  
*Skin loss may present as skin erosion (may result from damaged/eroded vesicles or bullae), denudation or excoriation. The skin damage pattern may be diffuse.*

##### Additional criteria

- Persistent redness  
*A variety of tones of redness may be present. Patients with darker skin tones, the skin may be paler or darker than normal, or purple in colour*
- Marked areas or discolouration from a previous (healed) skin defect
- Shiny appearance of the skin
- Macerated skin
- Intact vesicles and/or bullae
- Skin may feel tense or swollen at palpation
- Burning, tingling, itching or pain

2A

#### 1B - Persistent redness with clinical signs of infection



##### Critical criteria

- Persistent redness  
*A variety of tones of redness may be present. Patients with darker skin tones, the skin may be paler or darker than normal, or purple in colour.*
- Signs of infection  
*Such as white scaling of the skin (suggesting a fungal infection) or satellite lesions (pustules surrounding the lesion, suggesting a Candida albicans fungal infection).*

##### Additional criteria

- Marked areas or discolouration from a previous (healed) skin defect
- Shiny appearance of the skin
- Macerated skin
- Intact vesicles and/or bullae
- The skin may feel tense or swollen at palpation
- Burning, tingling, itching or pain

1B

#### 2B - Skin loss with clinical signs of infection



##### Critical criteria

- Skin loss  
*Skin loss may present as skin erosion (may result from damaged/eroded vesicles or bullae), denudation or excoriation. The skin damage pattern may be diffuse.*
- Signs of infection  
*Such as white scaling of the skin (suggesting a fungal infection) or satellite lesions (pustules surrounding the lesion, suggesting a Candida albicans fungal infection), slough visible in the wound bed (yellow/brown/greyish), green appearance within the wound bed (suggesting a bacterial infection with Pseudomonas aeruginosa), excessive exudate levels, purulent exudate (pus) or a shiny appearance of the wound bed.*

##### Additional criteria

- Persistent redness  
*A variety of tones of redness may be present. Patients with darker skin tones, the skin may be paler or darker than normal, or purple in colour*
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2B

# Identify Patients at High Risk



# Risk Assessment on Admission, Daily, Change in Patient Condition<sup>1,2</sup>

- Use standard EBP risk assessment tool
- Research has shown risk assessment tools are more accurate than RN assessment alone

Epidemiological study risk factors	Braden Scale <sup>146</sup>	Norton Scale <sup>147</sup>	Waterlow Score <sup>148</sup>	Cubbin-Jackson Scale <sup>149</sup> (critically ill individuals)	SCIPUS <sup>150</sup> (individuals with SCI)	Braden Q Scale <sup>151</sup> (children)
Activity and mobility limitations	• Mobility* • Activity* • Friction-shear*	• Mobility* • Activity*	Mobility	• Mobility • Hygiene	• Mobility • Level of activity • Complete SCI • Autonomic dysreflexia/ severe spasticity	• Mobility* • Activity* Friction-shear*
Skin status	Not included	Not included	Skin type (in visual areas, partial measure of skin status)	General skin condition	Not included	Not included
Diabetes	Not included	Not included	Not included	Not included	Blood glucose levels	Not included
Perfusion and oxygenation	Not included	Not included	Special Risk (partial measure of perfusion)	• Oxygen requirements • Respiration • Hemodynamics	• Tobacco use • Cardiac disease	• Tissue perfusion oxygenation
Poor nutritional status	Nutrition	• Food intake • Fluid intake (modified scale)	• Appetite • Build (weight for height)	• Weight/tissue viability • Nutrition	Not included	Nutrition
Increased skin moisture	Moisture*	Incontinence	Continence	Incontinence	Urine incontinence or constant moistness	Moisture*
Increased body temperature	Not included	Not included	Not included	Not included	Not included	Not included
Advanced age	Not included	Not included	Gender/Age	Age	Age	Not included
Sensory perception	Sensory perception*	Not included	Neurological Deficit	Not included	Not included	Sensory perception*
Abnormal laboratory blood results	Not included	Not included	Not included	Not included	• Albumin • Hematocrit	• Not included
General health status	Not included	• Physical condition • Mental condition*	• Major Surgery/Trauma • Medications	• Mental condition • Past medical condition	• Respiratory disease • Renal disease • Impaired cognitive function	• Not included

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# Picking the Right Scale

Scales (cut-off)	Sensitivity Median (range)	Specificity Median (range)	Positive likelihood ratio	Negative likelihood ratio	AUROC Median (range)	Relative Risk (95% CI)
<b>Braden</b> ( $\leq 18$ ) <sup>118,135</sup>	0.74 <sup>a</sup> (0.33 to 1)	0.68 <sup>a</sup> (0.34 to 0.86)	2.31 <sup>a</sup>	0.38 <sup>a</sup>	0.77 <sup>b</sup> (0.55 to 0.88)	4.26 <sup>f</sup> (3.27 to 5.55)
<b>Norton</b> ( $\leq 14$ ) <sup>118,135</sup>	0.75 <sup>c</sup> (0 to 0.89)	0.68 <sup>c</sup> (0.59 to 0.95)	2.34 <sup>c</sup>	0.37 <sup>c</sup>	0.74 <sup>c</sup> (0.56 to 0.75)	3.69 <sup>g</sup> (2.64 to 5.16)
<b>Waterlow</b> ( $\geq 10$ ) <sup>118,135</sup>	1.00, 0.88 <sup>d</sup>	0.13, 0.29 <sup>d</sup>	1.15, 1.24 <sup>d</sup>	0.0, 0.41 <sup>d</sup>	0.61 <sup>e</sup> (0.54 to 0.66)	2.66 <sup>h</sup> (1.76 to 4.01)
<b>Cubbin-Jackson</b> ( $\leq 24$ ) <sup>135,145</sup>	0.72 <sup>i</sup>	0.68 <sup>i</sup>	—	—	0.763 <sup>i</sup>	8.63 <sup>k</sup> (3.02 to 24.66)
<b>SCIPUS</b> ( $\geq 8$ ) <sup>130</sup>	0.85 <sup>m</sup>	0.38 <sup>m</sup>	1.4 <sup>m</sup>	—	0.64 <sup>m</sup> (0.59 to 0.70)	—
<b>Braden Q</b> ( $\leq 13$ ) <sup>152</sup>	0.86 <sup>p</sup> (0.76 to 0.96)	0.59 <sup>p</sup> (0.55 to 0.63)	2.09 <sup>p</sup> (0.95 to 4.58)	—	0.72 <sup>p</sup> (0.76 to 0.78)	—

<sup>a</sup>16 studies, n=5,462      <sup>b</sup>7 studies, n=4,811      <sup>c</sup>5 studies, n=2,809  
<sup>d</sup>2 studies, n=419      <sup>e</sup>4 studies, n=2,559      <sup>f</sup>31 studies, n=7,137  
<sup>g</sup>15 studies, n=4,935      <sup>h</sup>12 studies, n=2,408      <sup>i</sup>1 study, n=829  
<sup>j</sup>2 studies, n=151      <sup>k</sup>1 study (n=759)      <sup>p</sup>1 study, n=625

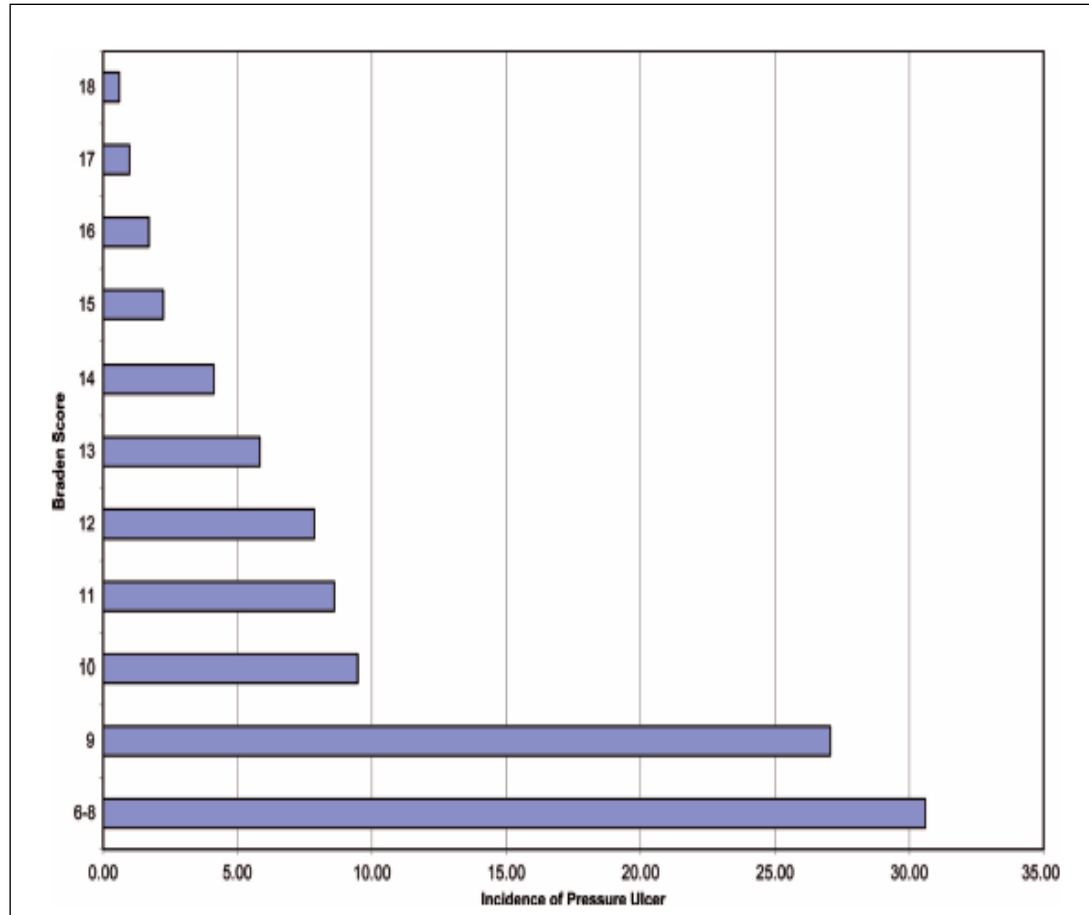


# It's About the Sub-Scales

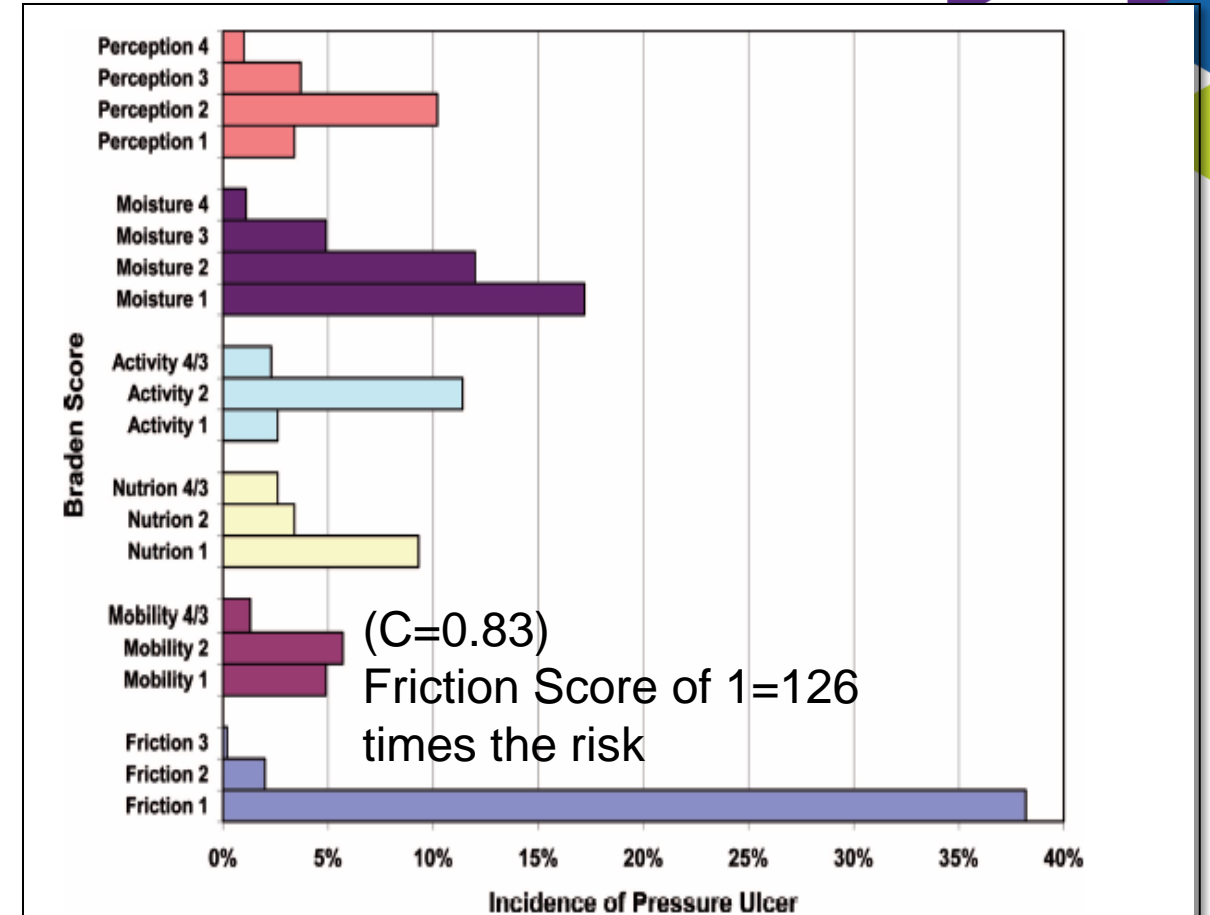


- Retrospective cohort analysis of 12,566 adult patients in progressive & ICU settings for yr. 2007
- Identifying patients with HAPU Stage 2-4
- Data extracted: Demographic, Braden score, Braden subscales on admission, LOS, ICU LOS, presence of Acute respiratory and renal failure
- Calculated time to event, # of HAPU's
- Results:
  - 3.3% developed a HAPU
  - Total Braden score predictive (C=.71)
  - Subscales predictive (C=.83)

# Braden Score



# Braden Sub-Scales



Multivariate model included 5 Braden subscales, surgery and acute respiratory failure  
C=0.91 (Mobility, Activity and sensory perception more predictive when combined with moisture or shear and friction)

# Vasopressors/Pressure Injury

Cox J, et al Am J Crit Care, 2015;24(8):501-510

- Retrospective correlation design
- 306 medical surgical and CV ICU patients who receive vasopressors
- Examine the type, dose and duration of vasopressor agents and PU development

## Results

- 13% PI rate
- MV > 72 hours 23x more likely to develop a PI
- Receiving 2 vasopressor (Norepi & vasopressin) significant

### Significant Predictors of PI Development

Variable	B	SE	Wald	P	Exp (B)	95% CI
Cardiac arrest	1.359	0.605	3.831	.05	3.894	0.998-15.188
Mechanical ventilation >72 hours	3.161	0.664	22.686	<.001	23.604	6.427-86.668
Hours of MAP <60 mm Hg while receiving vasopressors	0.092	0.037	6.199	.01	1.096	1.020-1.178
Use of vasopressin	1.572	0.542	8.423	.004	4.816	1.666-13.925
Cardiac diagnosis at ICU admission	-3.360	1.577	4.539	.03	0.035	0.002-0.764

Abbreviations: ICU, intensive care unit; MAP, mean arterial pressure.  
<sup>a</sup> Nagelkerke  $R^2 = 0.571$ ; Hosmer and Lemeshow test:  $\chi^2 = 5.3$ ;  $df = 8$ ;  $P = .73$ .

← Addition of a second agent



# IAD Assessment Tool

## Hospital Survey on Incontinence & Related Skin Injury

Unit / Work Area		
<b>Instructions:</b> This survey is limited to inpatient care areas and excludes the following: Labor & Delivery, Obstetrics, Nursery, Emergency Department & Operating Room. <i>Note: Complete ONLY ONE form for each unit.</i>		
Date of Survey: ____/____/____		Unit: _____
Please check the unit specialty that best describes the care provided.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Burn <input type="checkbox"/> Cardiac Surgery <input type="checkbox"/> CCU - General <input type="checkbox"/> CCU - Interventional <input type="checkbox"/> ICU - Cardiovascular <input type="checkbox"/> ICU - General <input type="checkbox"/> ICU - Medical <input type="checkbox"/> ICU - Neuro <input type="checkbox"/> ICU - Neonatal <input type="checkbox"/> ICU - Pediatric <input type="checkbox"/> ICU - Surgical	<input type="checkbox"/> LTAC <input type="checkbox"/> LTC <input type="checkbox"/> Medical <input type="checkbox"/> Med/Surg <input type="checkbox"/> Neurology <input type="checkbox"/> Oncology <input type="checkbox"/> Orthopedic <input type="checkbox"/> Other <input type="checkbox"/> PACU <input type="checkbox"/> Pediatrics <input type="checkbox"/> Psychiatric - General	<input type="checkbox"/> Psychiatric - Geriatric <input type="checkbox"/> Rehabilitation <input type="checkbox"/> Renal/Urology <input type="checkbox"/> Respiratory/Pulmonary <input type="checkbox"/> SNF/Transitional Care <input type="checkbox"/> Skilled Care (LTC) <input type="checkbox"/> Stepdown/Transition <input type="checkbox"/> Surgical <input type="checkbox"/> Telemetry - General <input type="checkbox"/> Telemetry - Medicine <input type="checkbox"/> Telemetry - Surgical <input type="checkbox"/> Wound Care
<b>Patient Census of Unit at Time of Survey:</b> _____		
<b>Incontinence Collection Products:</b>		
Check all that apply to a specific unit/work area.		
<input type="checkbox"/> Pad/Chux <input type="checkbox"/> Reusable cloth <input type="checkbox"/> Disposable plastic-backed <input type="checkbox"/> Disposable air flow-backed	<input type="checkbox"/> Diaper/Brief <input type="checkbox"/> Reusable cloth <input type="checkbox"/> Disposable plastic-backed <input type="checkbox"/> Disposable air flow-backed	<input type="checkbox"/> Collection Device
<b>Incontinence Cleanup &amp; Skin Protection:</b>		
Check all product categories that are available in a specific unit/work area.		
<b>Cleansing:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Soap/Water/Basin <input type="checkbox"/> Peri-Wash (spray) <input type="checkbox"/> Cleansing Foam <input type="checkbox"/> Washcloth (circle type) <input type="checkbox"/> reusable / disposable <input type="checkbox"/> Premoistened Wipe (thin, not washcloth)	<b>Barrier Protection (Tubes, Bottles or Sprays):</b> <i>Must contain one of the "Active Ingredients" listed below</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Petroleum <input type="checkbox"/> Zinc Oxide <input type="checkbox"/> Dimethicone <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid Film Barrier <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
<b>Moisturizers:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Lotion <input type="checkbox"/> Cream <input type="checkbox"/> Ointment	<b>All-in-one products:</b> <i>Must combine cleansing, moisturizing &amp; barrier protection</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Barrier cloth with skin protectant	

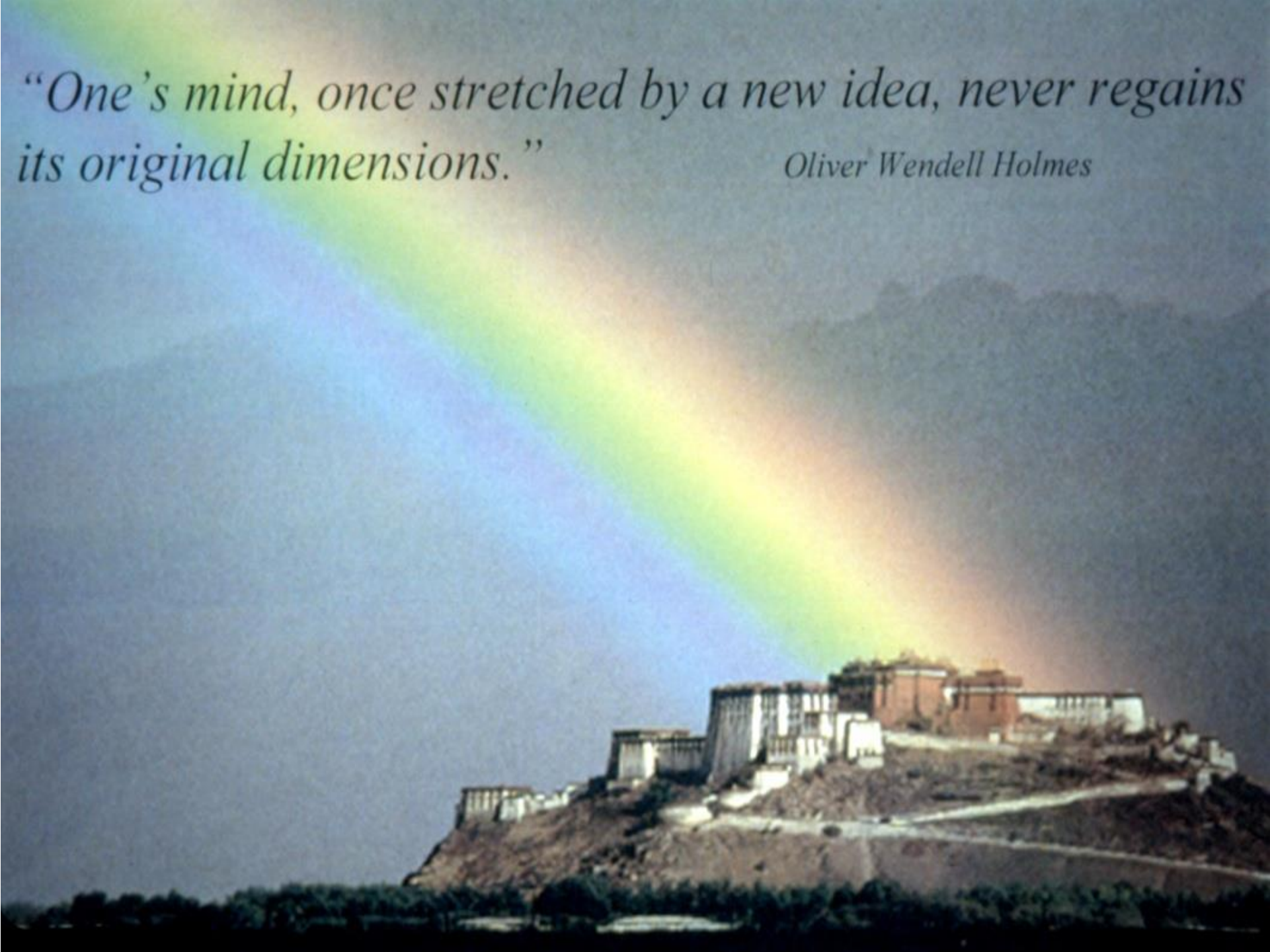
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Patient Information		
Patient Unit: _____ (from Unit/Work Area data collection form)		
<b>Section 1 - Complete for all patients surveyed</b>		
<b>Demographic Information:</b>		
<b>Patient Gender:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Male <input type="checkbox"/> Female	<b>Patient Age Group:</b> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> 0 to 12 months  <input type="checkbox"/> 1 to 3 yrs  <input type="checkbox"/> 4 to 10 yrs  <input type="checkbox"/> 20 to 29 yrs  <input type="checkbox"/> 30 to 39 yrs             </div> <div> <input type="checkbox"/> 40 to 49 yrs  <input type="checkbox"/> 50 to 59 yrs  <input type="checkbox"/> 60 to 69 yrs  <input type="checkbox"/> 70 to 79 yrs  <input type="checkbox"/> 80 + yrs             </div> </div>	
<b>Continence Status:</b>		
Incontinence = inability to control the flow of urine and/or stool in the preceding 24 hours		
Check all that apply:		
<b>Urine:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Continent <i>Note: A patient with a Foley Catheter is deemed "continent."</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Patient has Foley <input type="checkbox"/> Incontinent	<b>Stool:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Continent <i>Note: A patient with an indwelling fecal collection device is deemed "continent."</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Incontinent <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid or semi-liquid stools <input type="checkbox"/> Frequency <input type="checkbox"/> Patient has indwelling fecal collection device <input type="checkbox"/> Patient has external fecal collection device	
<b>Section 2 - Complete only for incontinent patients</b>		
<b>Contributing Factors &amp; Co-Morbidities</b>		
Check all that apply:		
<input type="checkbox"/> Low albumin <input type="checkbox"/> Antibiotics <input type="checkbox"/> Clostridium difficile stool positive <input type="checkbox"/> Tube feeding	<input type="checkbox"/> Braden Score <input type="checkbox"/> Mobility Score <input type="checkbox"/> Friction & Shear Score <input type="checkbox"/> Nutrition Score	<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetic with recent hyperglycemia <input type="checkbox"/> Obesity with deep groin/low abdomen skin folds <input type="checkbox"/> Immunosuppressed <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<b>Incontinence Cleanup &amp; Skin Protection:</b>		
Check products used on patient:		
<b>Cleansing:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Soap/Water/Basin <input type="checkbox"/> Peri-Wash (spray) <input type="checkbox"/> Cleansing Foam <input type="checkbox"/> Washcloth (circle type) <input type="checkbox"/> reusable / disposable <input type="checkbox"/> Premoistened Wipe (thin, not washcloth)	<b>Barrier Protection: (Tubes, Bottles or Sprays)</b> <i>Must contain one of the "Active Ingredients" listed below</i> <input type="checkbox"/> Petroleum <input type="checkbox"/> Zinc Oxide <input type="checkbox"/> Dimethicone <input type="checkbox"/> Liquid Film Barrier <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	
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<b>Section 3</b>		
<b>Complete only for incontinent patients with rash/redness of buttock or perineal skin</b>		
<b>Perineal Skin Injury</b>		
Check all that apply:		
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*“One’s mind, once stretched by a new idea, never regains its original dimensions.”*

*Oliver Wendell Holmes*



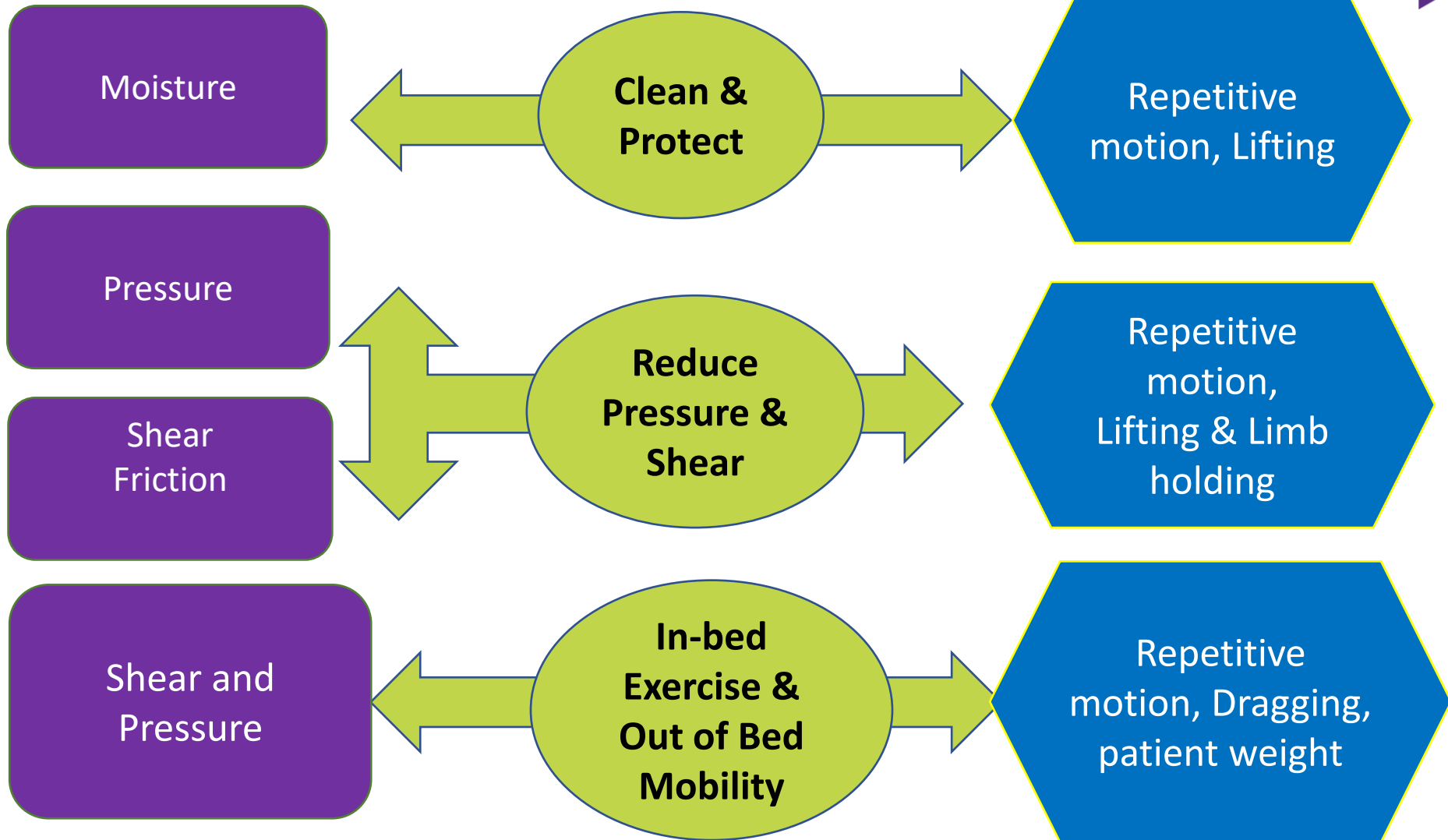
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Immobility Risk  
Skin Risk Factors

Mobility, Skin & Fall  
Prevention Strategies

Care Giver Risk



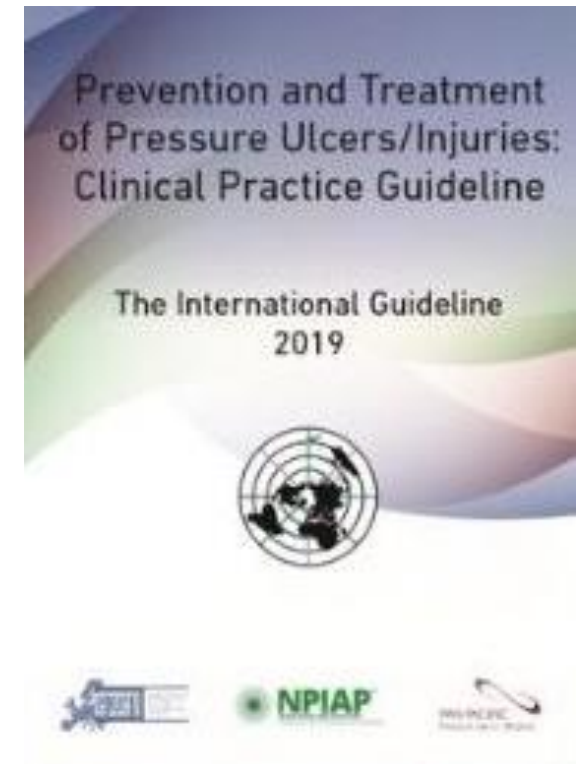
# Pressure & Shear as a Risk Factor





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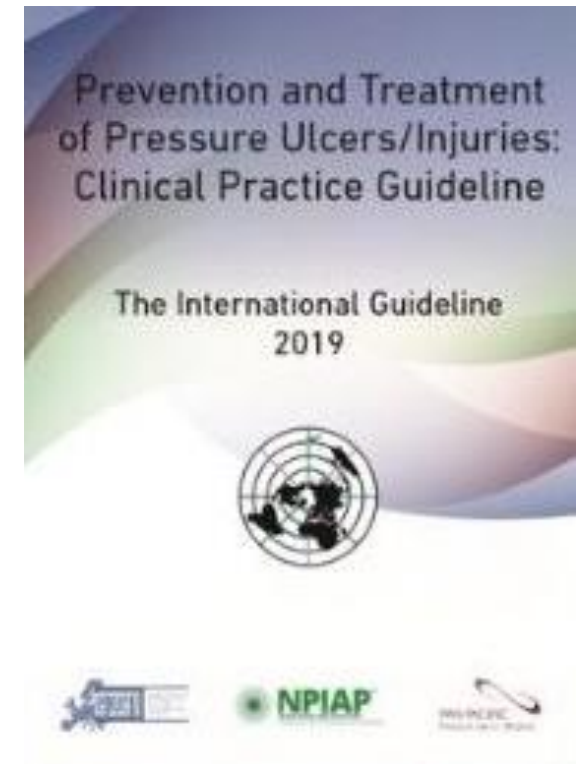
- 🔄 Turn & reposition every (2) hours (avoid positioning patients on a pressure ulcer)
  - △ Repositioning should be undertaken to reduce the duration & magnitude of pressure over vulnerable areas<sup>4</sup>
  - △ Consider right surface with right frequency<sup>1,4</sup>
  - △ Cushioning devices to maintain alignment /30° side-lying & prevent pressure on bony prominences<sup>1,2</sup>
    - Between pillows and wedges, the wedge system was more effective in reducing pressure in the sacral area (healthy subjects)
    - Between pillows and wedges, wedges maintain lateral position better
  - △ Assess whether actual offloading has occurred<sup>4</sup>
  - △ Use lifting device or other aids to reposition & make it easy to achieve the turn<sup>4</sup>



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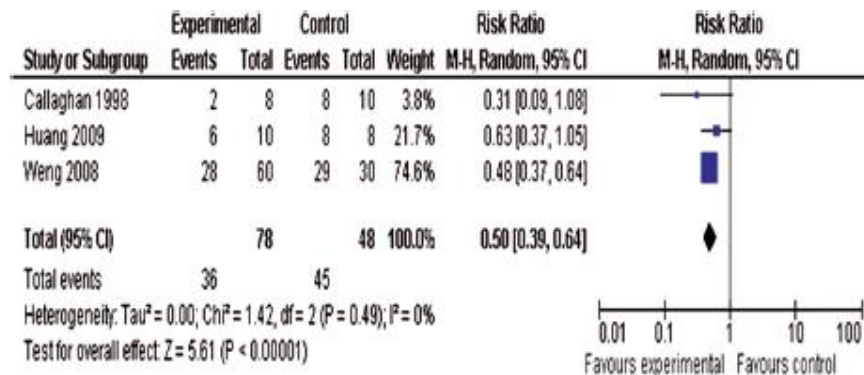
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- 🌊 Prophylactic dressings: emerging science
- 🌊 Reposition the individual to relieve or redistribute pressure using manual handling techniques and equipment that reduce shear & friction.
  - △ Mechanical lifts
  - △ Transfer sheets
  - △ 2-4 person lifts
  - △ Turn & assist features on beds
- 🌊 Do not leave moving and handling equip underneath the patient, unless it is specifically designed for this purpose

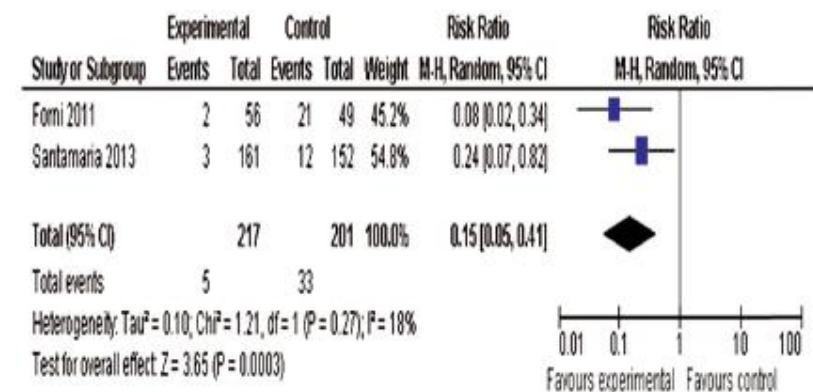


# Systematic Review: Use of Prophylactic Dressing in Pressure Ulcer Prevention

- 21 studies met the criteria for review
- 2 RCTs, 9 had a comparator arm, 5 cohort studies, 1 within-subject design where prophylactic dressings were applied to one trochanter with the other trochanter dressing free



Evaluated nasal bridge device ulcer prevention

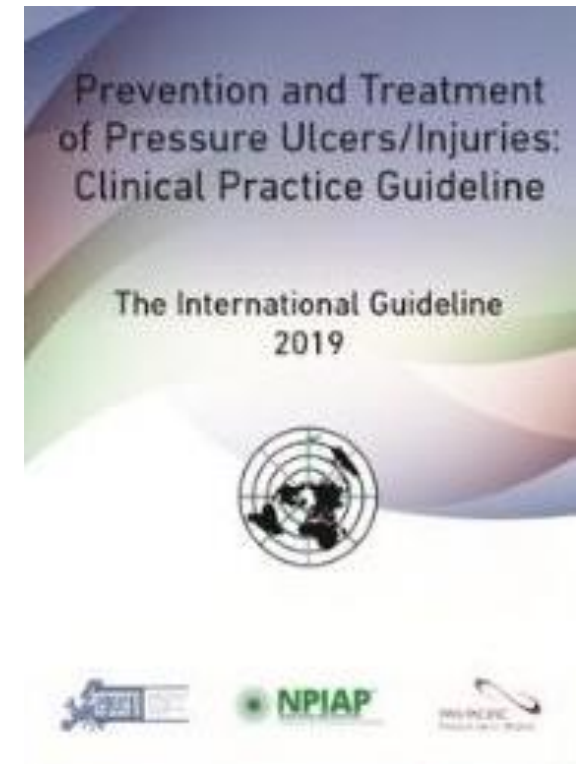


Evaluated sacral pressure ulcer prevention



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**Specialty Bed**



**Disposable Glide  
/Slide Sheets**



**Breathable Shear  
Reduction Glide Sheet**



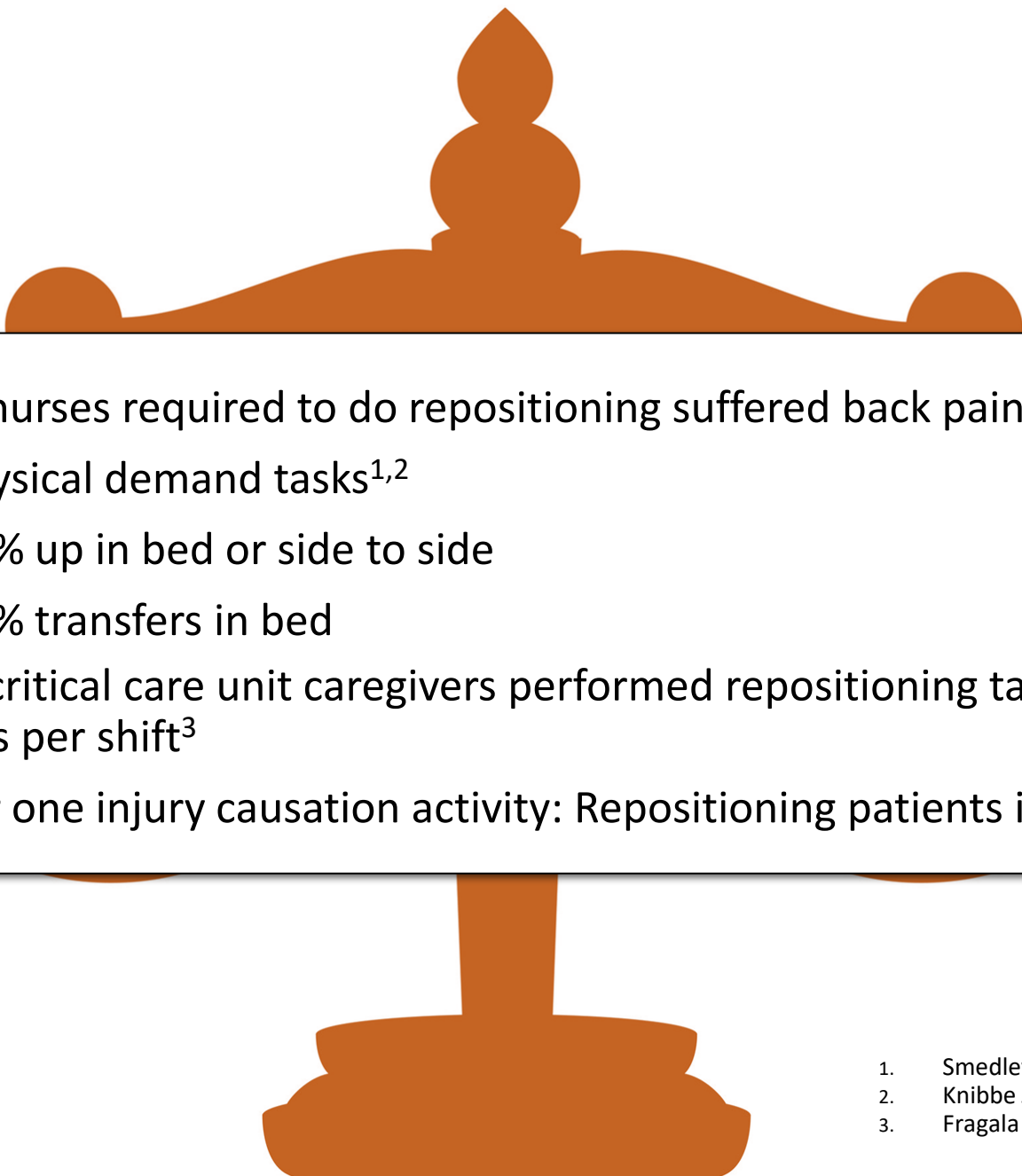

## Current Practice: Turn & Reposition


**Draw Sheet/Pillows/Layers of Linen**



**Lift Device**



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- 50% of nurses required to do repositioning suffered back pain<sup>1</sup>
  - High physical demand tasks<sup>1,2</sup>
    - 31.3% up in bed or side to side
    - 37.7% transfers in bed
  - 40% of critical care unit caregivers performed repositioning tasks more than six times per shift<sup>3</sup>
  - Number one injury causation activity: Repositioning patients in bed<sup>3</sup>

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# Oh, My Aching Back!

## Back Pain Incidence in Nursing:

- 8 out of 10 nurses work despite experiencing musculoskeletal pain<sup>1</sup>
- 62% of nurses report concern regarding developing a disabling musculoskeletal injury<sup>1</sup>
- 56% of nurses report musculoskeletal pain is made worse by their job<sup>1</sup>
- Nursing assistants had the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest and RNs had the 6<sup>th</sup> highest number of musculoskeletal disorders in the U.S.<sup>2</sup>



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# Contributing Factors to Injury

- Healthcare is the only industry that considers 100 pounds to be a “light” weight
- Other professions use assistive equipment when moving heavy items
- On average, nurses and assistants lift 1.8 tons per shift (ANA, n.d.)



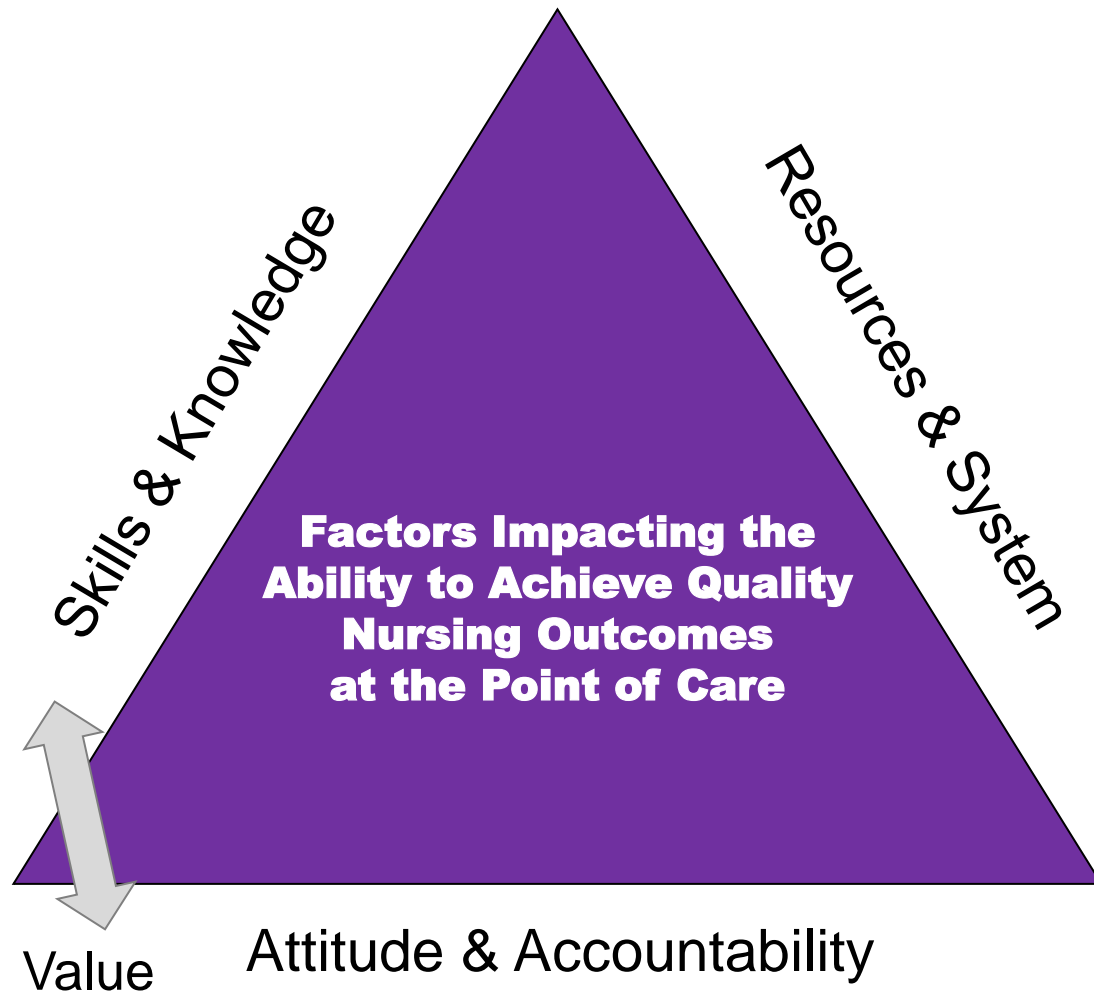
(Kelly, 2015)

# Number, Incidence Rate, & Median Days Away From Work for Occupational Injuries RN's with Musculoskeletal Disorders in US, 2003 – 2014

Year	Ownership	Occupation	Total Cases	Incidence Rate	Median Days Away From Work
2009	private industry	RNs	8,760	51.6	8
2010	Private industry	RN	9,260	53.7	6
2011	Private industry	RN	10,210		8
2012	Private industry	RN	9,900	58.5	8
2013	Private Industry	RN	9,820	56.2	7
2014	Private Industry	RN	9,820	55.3	9
2014	Private Industry	NA	18,510		6

\* Incidence rate per 10,000 FTE

# Achieving the Use of the Evidence for Pressure Injury Reduction



## Resource & System

- △ Breathable glide sheet/stays
- △ Foam wedges
- △ Microclimate control
- △ Reduce layers of linen
- △ Wick away moisture body pad
- △ Protects the caregiver

# Impact of a Turn & Position Device on PI & Staff Time



🔗 Prospective, QI study (1 SICU & 1 MICU)

🔗 2 phases

- SOC: pillows, under pads, standard low air loss bed and additional staff if required
- Interventional: turn and position system, a large wicking pad (part of the product)

△ Inclusion criteria: newly admitted, non-ambulatory, required 2 or more to assist with turning/repositioning

△ Turning procedures were timed/admitting till ICU discharge

## 🔗 Results

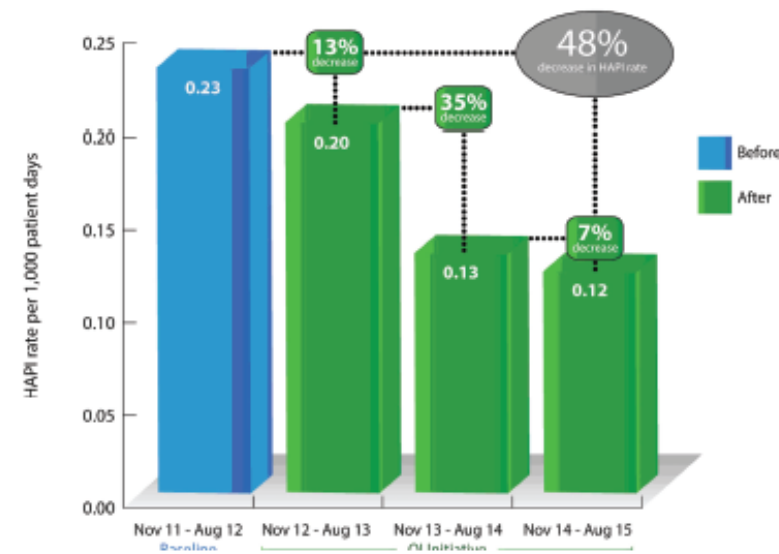
- No difference in sociodemographic and clinical data between the groups
- Phase 1: 14 patients (28%) Stage II sacral PI
- Phase 2: zero sacral PI ( $p < .0001$ )
- Timing:
  - Phase 1: 16.34 mins (range 4-60min) SD= 10.08
  - Phase 2: 3.58 mins (range 1.12-8.48) SD = 2.31 ( $p = 0.0006$ )





# Reducing HAPI & Patient Handling Injuries

- Compared pre-implementation turning practice: pillows/draw sheet vs turn and position system (breathable glide sheet/foam wedges/wick away pad)
- Baseline: November 2011-August 2012
- Implementation period: November 2012 to August 2015
- 3660 patients
- Compared HAPU rates, patient handling injuries, and cost



PATIENT HANDLING INJURY AND COSTS				74% reduction
	January 2012 to October 2012 (Before)	November 2012 to August 2013 (After)	November 2013 to August 2014 (After)	November 2014 to August 2015 (After)
Injuries/Cost	19/\$427,500	8/\$180,000	2/\$45,000	5*/\$112,500
Average cost calculated by estimating \$22,500 per injury. <sup>17</sup>				
*1 PCI in critical care, 4 PCIs in medical. We were unable to determine if the patients were eligible for the repositioning system.				



# Does Use of a Positioning Aid ↑ Compliance

- ▶ Multicenter, clustered, three arm RCT
- ▶ 270 at risk patients from 29 wards in 16 hospitals (39 ICU, 129 geriatrics, 59 rehab)
- ▶ Wards assigned to 2 experimental & 1 control
- ▶ Primary: Examine compliance to repositioning frequencies
- ▶ Secondary: Incidence of PI and IAD, nurses and patient comfort, acceptability of intervention and budget.

- ▶ Exp Group 1: PROTECT (positioning is tailored to individual risk) & turn and reposition system
- ▶ Exp Group 2: Usual positioning protocol & turn and reposition system
- ▶ Control Group: Usual care

# Results

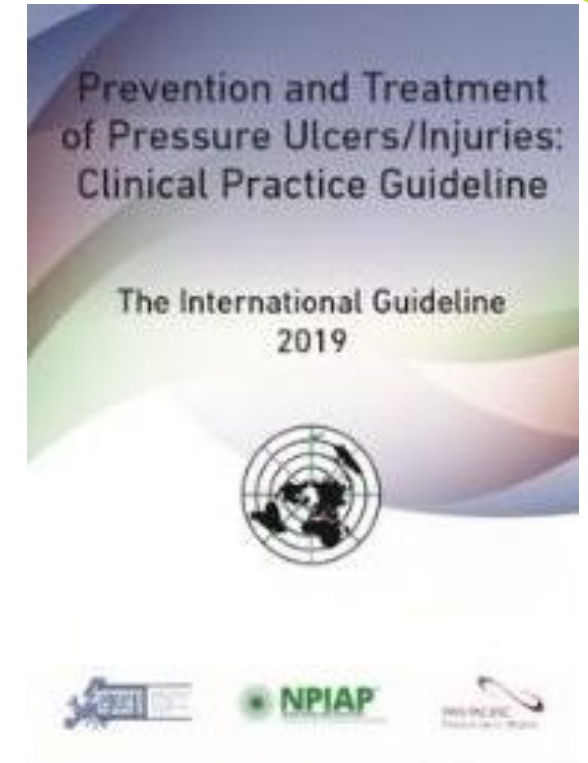
- Body posture in bed
  - 30 degree & use of turn & position system
- Group 1=no PI
- Group 2= 1 suspected DTI
- Control= 3 sacral PI's
- Overall positive response on use of turn and position system by nurses and patients
- Cost higher in control because of median time to turn is longer

## Turning Compliance

	% (n/N)		Adjusted odds ratio (OR) (95% CI)	Adjusted X <sup>2</sup> statistic	p value
	Visit 1	Visit 2			
Compliance bed					
Exp. group 1	65.1 (28/43)	94.6 (35/37)	25.97 (3.65–184.68)	10.59	0.001
Exp. group 2 and control group	63.2 (43/68)	69.0 (40/58)			
Exp. group 1 and 2	62.9 (39/62)	84.9 (45/53)	6.80 (1.41–32.75)	5.71	0.017
Control group	65.3 (32/49)	71.4 (30/42)			
Compliance chair					
Exp. group 1	68.4 (26/38)	58.1 (18/31)	0.04 (0.01–0.27)	10.59	0.001
Exp. group 2 and control group	65.3 (47/72)	83.9 (47/56)			
Exp. group 1 and 2	69.4 (50/72)	69.8 (37/53)	0.15 (0.03–0.71)	5.71	0.017
Control group	60.5 (23/38)	82.4 (28/34)			

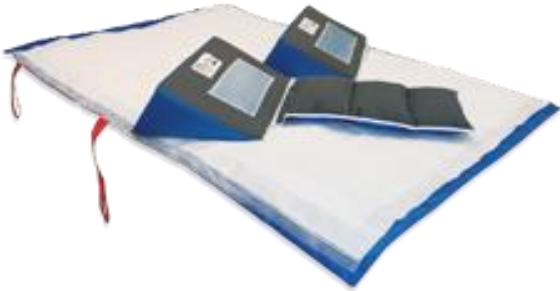
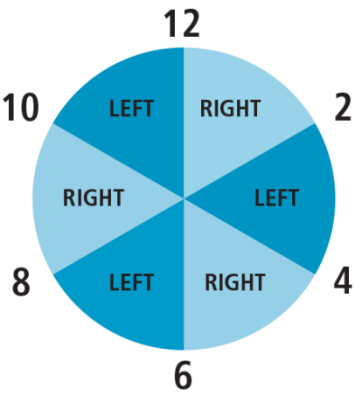
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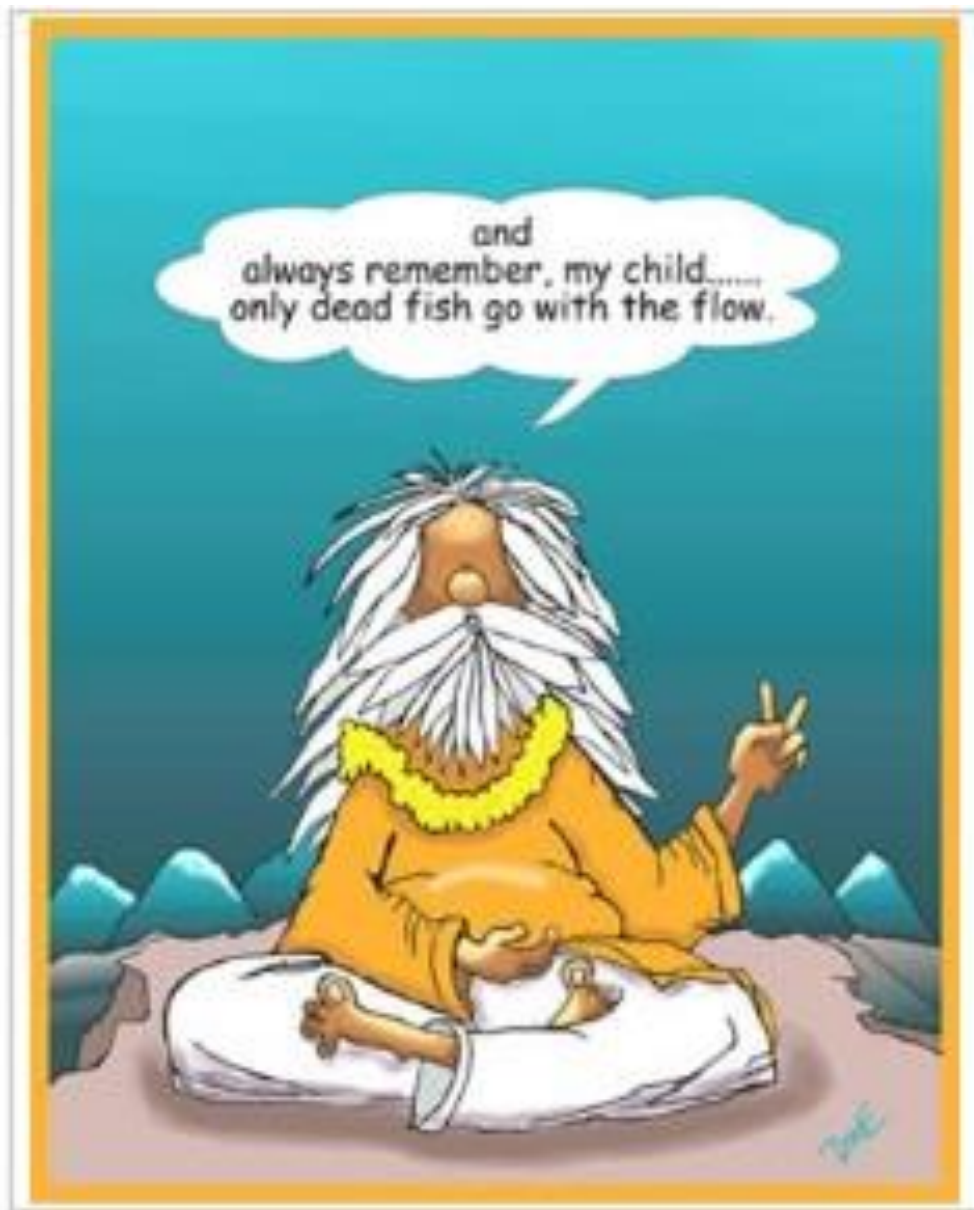
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  - △ Microclimate management<sup>1</sup>
  - △ Heel protection<sup>2</sup>
  - △ Early mobility programs<sup>2</sup>
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# In-Bed Technology

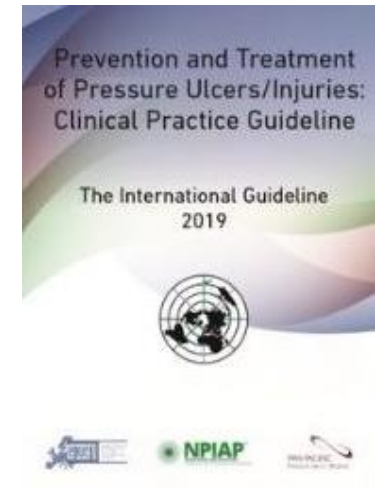
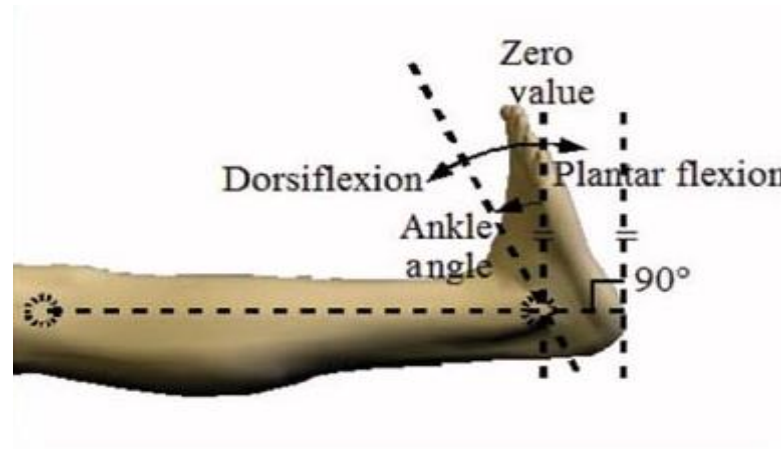






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- Ensure the heels are free of the bed surface
  - △ Heel protection devices should elevate the heel completely (off-load) in such a way as to distribute weight along the calf
  - △ The knee should be in slight flexion
  - △ Remove device periodically to assess the skin



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# RCT: Prevention of Heel Injuries and Plantar Flexion Contractures

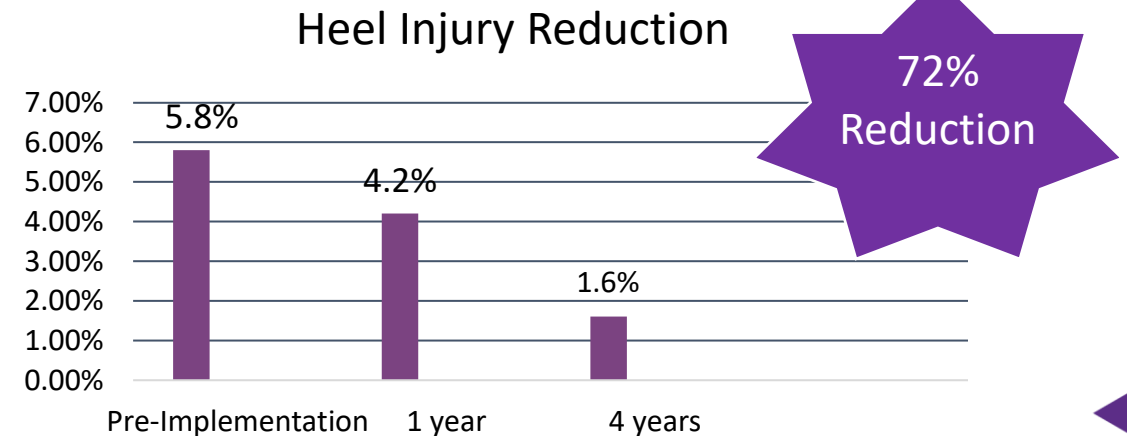
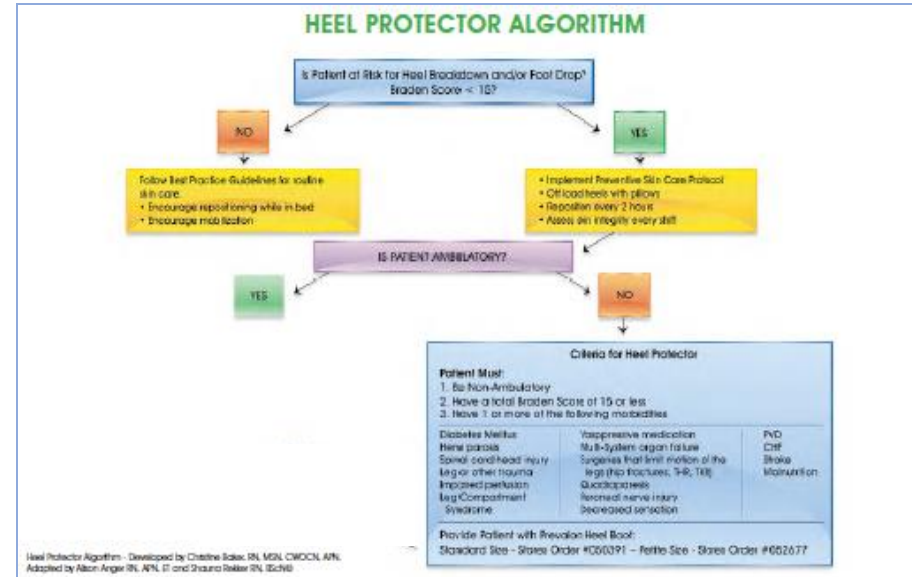


- 🔗 Surgical intensive care unit, medical intensive care unit, and neurotrauma intensive care unit.
- 🔗 Inclusion criteria; 5 days of sedation related to care for a critical illness, immobility for 6 to 8 hours before study initiation. Braden  $\leq 18$ , mobility subscale  $\leq 2$  & pre-existing PI
- 🔗 54 subjects: 37 intervention 19 control
- 🔗 Measured pressure injury and goniometric scores
- 🔗 Intervention: Heel protector    Control: Pillows
- 🔗 Results:
  - △ PI: 0% versus 41% developed by day 2
  - △ Goniometric scores: Significant day 3 lower goniometric score as well as last study day.
    - 10 patients had improved PFC in intervention group
    - 1 patient had improved PFC in control group



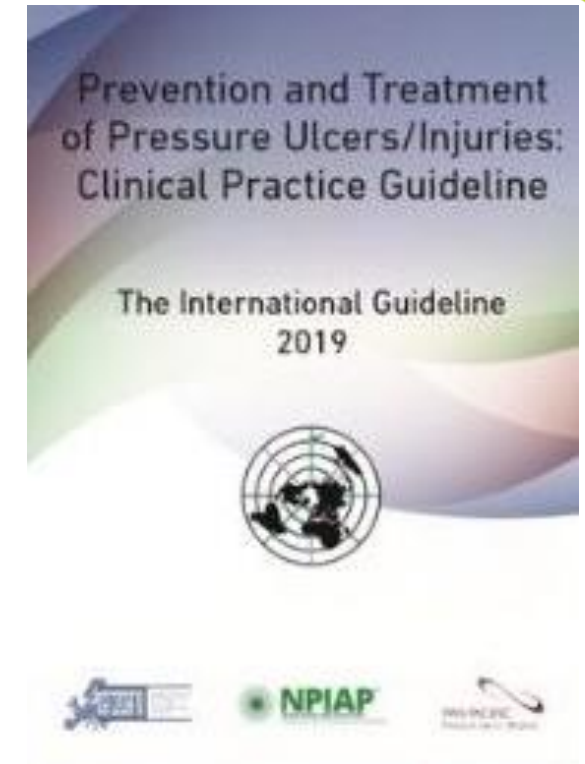
# Sustainability of Heel Injury Reduction: QI Project

- 490 bed facility
- Evidence-based quality improvement initiative
- 4 tier process
  - Partnership
  - Comprehensive product review
  - Education & engagement
  - Support structures & processes

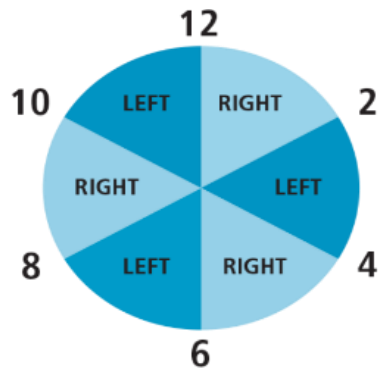


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# Transition: In-Bed to Out-of-Bed & Back



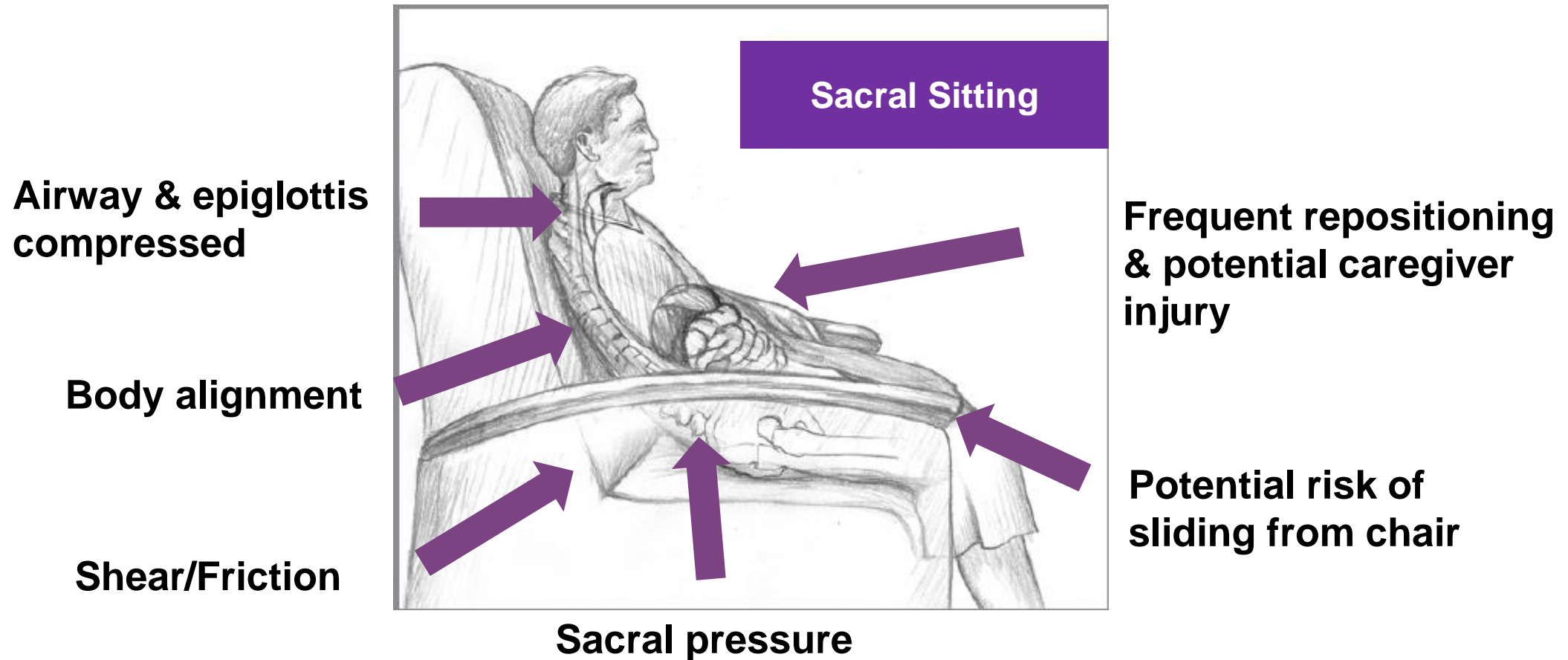


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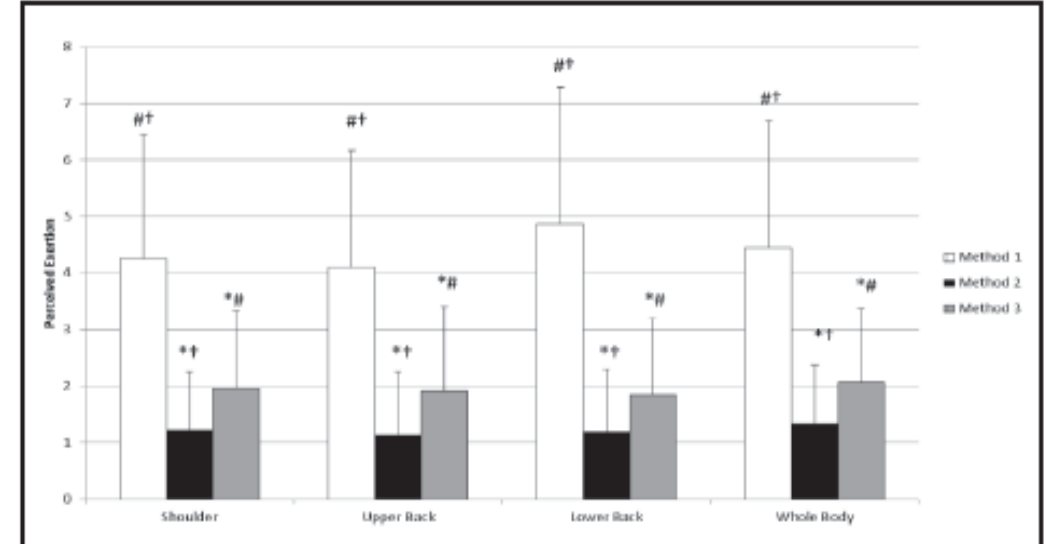


# Current Seating Positioning Challenges



# Repositioning patients in chairs: an improved method (SPS)

- Study the exertion required for 3 methods of repositioning patients in chairs
- 31 caregiver volunteers
- Each one trialed all 3 reposition methods
- Reported perceived exertion using the Borg tool, a validated scale



Method 1: 2 caregivers using old method of repositioning  
246% greater exertion than SPS  
Method 2: 2 caregivers with SPS  
Method 3: 1 caregiver with SPS  
52% greater exertion than method 2

# Ambulation Assist Devices



# Prevention Strategies for IAD



# Evidence-Based Components of an IAD Prevention Program

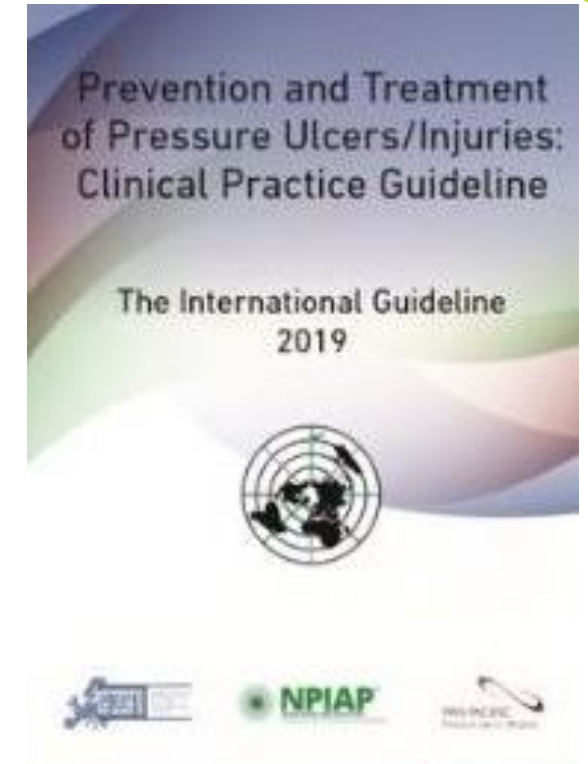


- ▲ Skin care products used for prevention or treatment of IAD should be selected based on consideration of individual ingredients in addition to consideration of broad product categories such as cleanser, moisturizer, or skin protectant. (Grade C)
  - △ A skin protectant or disposable cloth that combines a pH balanced no rinse cleanser, emollient-based moisturizer, and skin protectant is recommended for prevention of IAD in persons with urinary or fecal incontinence and for treatment of IAD, especially when the skin is denuded. (Grade B)
  - △ Commercially available skin protectants vary in their ability to protect the skin from irritants, prevent maceration, and maintain skin health. More research is needed. (Grade B)



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- 🔺 Use a protective cream or ointment<sup>1,2,4</sup>
  - △ Disposable barrier cloth recommended by IHI & IAD consensus group
- 🔺 Ensure an appropriate microclimate & breathability<sup>4</sup>
- 🔺 < 4 layers of linen<sup>3</sup>
- 🔺 Barrier & wick away material under adipose and breast tissue<sup>2,4</sup>
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# Current Practice: Moisture Management



Disposable incontinence pads



Airflow pads for specialty beds



Reusable incontinence pads

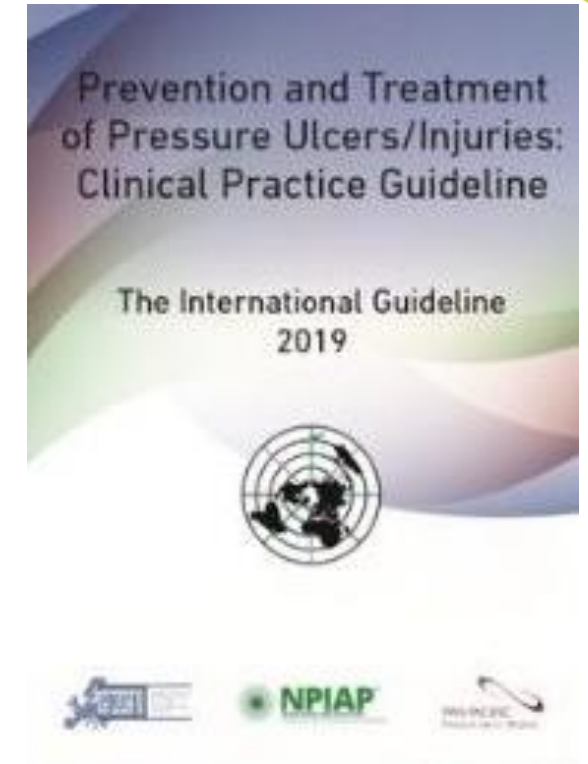


Adult diaper



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# IAD/HAPU Reduction Study



- 🔗 Prospective, descriptive study

- 🔗 2 Neuro units

- 🔗 Phase 1: prevalence of incontinence & incidence of IAD & HAPU

- 🔗 Phase 2: Intervention

  - △ Use of a 1 step cleanser/barrier product

  - △ Education on IAD/HAPU

- 🔗 Results:

  - △ Phase 1: incontinent 42.5%, IAD 29.4%, HAPU 29.4%, LOS 7.3 (2-14 days), Braden 14.4

  - △ Phase 2: incontinent 54.3%, IAD & HAPU 0, LOS 7.4 (2-14), Braden 12.74



# IAD Prevention Practices: Implementation Science Approach



- Identified evidence gaps in previous study (4 hospitals-250 patients)
- Using implementation science approach to introduce evidence based IAD practices
- IAD committee: education about correct pad sizing, washable and disposable pads and plastic sheets removed from the wards. All in one barrier cloth that cleans, protects and moisturizes was introduced
- Nurses from wards ask to participate in 1 of 6 focus groups post implementation



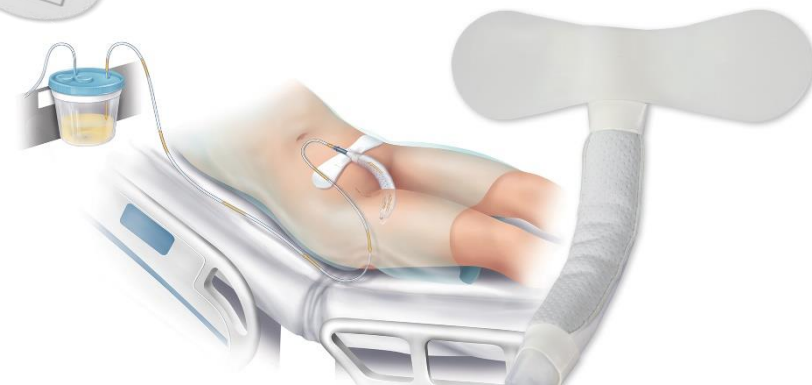
# IAD Prevention Practices: Results

Variable	Pre-Implementation N=250	Post Implementation N=259	P value
IAD	23 (9.2%)	6 (2.3%)	.015
HAPI	9 (3.6%)	2 (0.8%)	.034
Bed protection use	154 (64.7%)	6 (2.3%)	<.01
Continent patients with incontinent products	73 (29.2%)	28 (10.8%)	<.01

## **Nurse Focus Groups: 31 nurses, 4 themes**

- Benefit to patient: improved skin condition, patient comfort
- Usability: fewer steps
- Problems encountered: not seeing barrier in place
- Related factors: confusion between IAD and pressure injury

# Urine and Fecal Containment Device







10% incidence in a recent metanalysis

- 26% nasal oxygen tubing
- 9% airway pressure masks
- 7.7% sequential compression devices
- 5.6% nasal oxygen prongs
- 5.5percent tracheostomy tubes under flange
- 5% nasogastric tube
- 2.4% cervical collar under the rim


Jackson D, et al. International J of Nursing Studies. 2019;92:109-120

Having a medical device you are 2.4 x more likely to develop a HAPU of any kind ( $p=0.0008$ )



# Prevention of MDR's-HAPI<sup>1,2</sup>

- Selected based on their ability to cause the least degree of damage from pressure or shear forces
  - △ use devices made of softer material
- Sized correctly to avoid excessive pressure
  - △ tension on securement device should be checked regularly and adjusted
- Securement devices that splint the tubes (for NG's) allowing them to float
- Remove as soon as clinical possible
- Skin under device assessed minimum q 12 (more freq if fluid shifts or localized edema seen)
- Devices lifted at frequent intervals or rotated
- Use dressings to cushion medical devices



***Best Practices for Prevention of Medical Device-Related Pressure Ulcers in Critical Care***

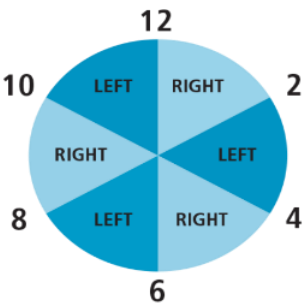
- **Choose** the correct size of medical device(s) to fit the individual
- **Cushion** and protect the skin with dressings in high-risk areas (e.g., nasal bridge)
- **Inspect** the skin in contact with device at least daily (if not medically contraindicated)
- **Avoid** placement of device(s) over sites of prior or existing pressure ulcer
- **Educate** staff on correct use of devices and prevention of skin breakdown
- **Be aware** of edema under device(s) and potential for skin breakdown
- **Confirm** that devices are not placed directly under an individual who is bedridden or immobile

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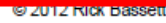
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# Progressive Mobility + Caregiver Safety + Skin Safety



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\*Mobility is the responsibility of the RN, with the assistance from the RT's Unlicensed Assistive Personnel and PT/OT. PT and OT may assist the team with placement to the appropriate mobility level of activity, *always prioritizing patient and provider safety*. Placement is based on clinical judgment.

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# Challenges to Mobilizing Patients

## Potentially Modifiable Barriers

- △ Patient – related barriers (50%)
  - Hemodynamic instability, ICU devices, physical & neuropsych
- △ Structural (18%)
  - Human or technological Resources
- △ ICU culture (18%)
  - Knowledge/ Priority/ Habits
- △ Process related (14%)
  - Service delivery/ lack of coordination
  - Clinician function

# Decision-Making Tree for Patients Who Are Hemodynamically Unstable With Movement<sup>1,2</sup>

Screen for mobility readiness within 8 hrs of admission to ICU & daily initiate in-bed mobility strategies as soon as possible

Is the patient hemodynamically unstable with manual turning?

- O<sub>2</sub> saturation ≤ 90%
- New onset cardiac arrhythmias or ischemia
- HR < 60 > 120
- MAP < 55 > 140
- SPB < 90 > 180
- New or increasing vasopressor infusion

Yes

No

Begin in-bed mobility techniques and progress out-of-bed mobility as the patient tolerates

Is the patient still hemodynamically unstable after allowing 5-10 minutes' adaption post-position change before determining tolerance?

No

Yes

Screen for mobility readiness within 8 hours of admission to ICU & daily initiate in-bed mobility strategies as soon as possible

No

Allow the patient a minimum of 10 minutes of rest between activities, then try again to determine tolerance

Yes

Has the manual position turn or HOB elevation been performed slowly?

No

Try the position turn or HOB maneuver slowly to allow adaption of cardiovascular response to the inner ear position change

Yes

Initiate continuous lateral rotation therapy via a protocol to train the patient to tolerate turning

HOB = Head of Bed  
HR = Heart Rate  
MAP = Mean Arterial Pressure  
SPB = Systolic Blood Pressure





## Clinical Findings Which Prevent Patient Turning

1. Development of life threatening arrhythmia with symptomatic response (VFIB/VTACH/SVT) This does NOT include asymptomatic AFIB.
2. Active Fluid Resuscitation: (i.e. no volume going in= no systemic blood pressure).
3. Active Hemorrhaging:
  - Following Cardiac Surgery/Active Tamponade
  - Massive GI bleeding with use of Blakemore tube.
  - Active hemorrhage following Trauma.
4. Change in baseline hemodynamic parameters (BP, HR, Oxygen Saturation, RR, etc) that does not recover within 10 Minutes of position change and is not an expected result based on diagnosis.

## Recommended Interventions for the Unstable Patient

IF PATIENT IS DEEMED TOO UNSTABLE TO TURN BY ABOVE PARAMETERS:

A TRIAL TURN SHOULD BE ATTEMPTED AT LEAST EVERY 8 HOURS TO DETERMINE ABILITY TO RESUME FREQUENT TURNING AT LEAST EVERY 2 HOURS

1. Provide mini-turns
2. Weight shift patient at least every 30 minutes
3. Elevate heels from surface of bed
4. Reposition patient's head, arms and legs at least every hour, consider passive ROM
5. Consider use of Continuous Lateral Rotation Therapy to prevent development of "gravitational equilibrium". Begin: SLOW AND LOW angles of turning to gauge patient response.
6. When turning patient: GO SLOW! Provide serial small turns from supine to lateral position to achieve linen changes, hygiene checks, and reposition with wedges and pillows.

## UNSTABLE FRACTURES

1. Patient's with unstable pelvis injuries LOG ROLL PATIENT ONLY with approval of Attending MD. Consider wedges or pillows placed between the legs to maintain proper alignment.
2. DO NOT use continuous lateral rotation therapy (CLRT) with unstable spinal fractures: these patients should be positioned with multiple wedges to maintain proper alignment
3. Cervical Fractures / UNSTABLE: Patient must have appropriately fitted cervical collar in place. Ensure security and proper positioning of collar, then log roll patient, and wedge in proper alignment.

# WHEN WOULD NOW BE A GOOD TIME TO DO THIS?

**It is not enough to do your  
best, you have to know what to  
do and then do your best.**

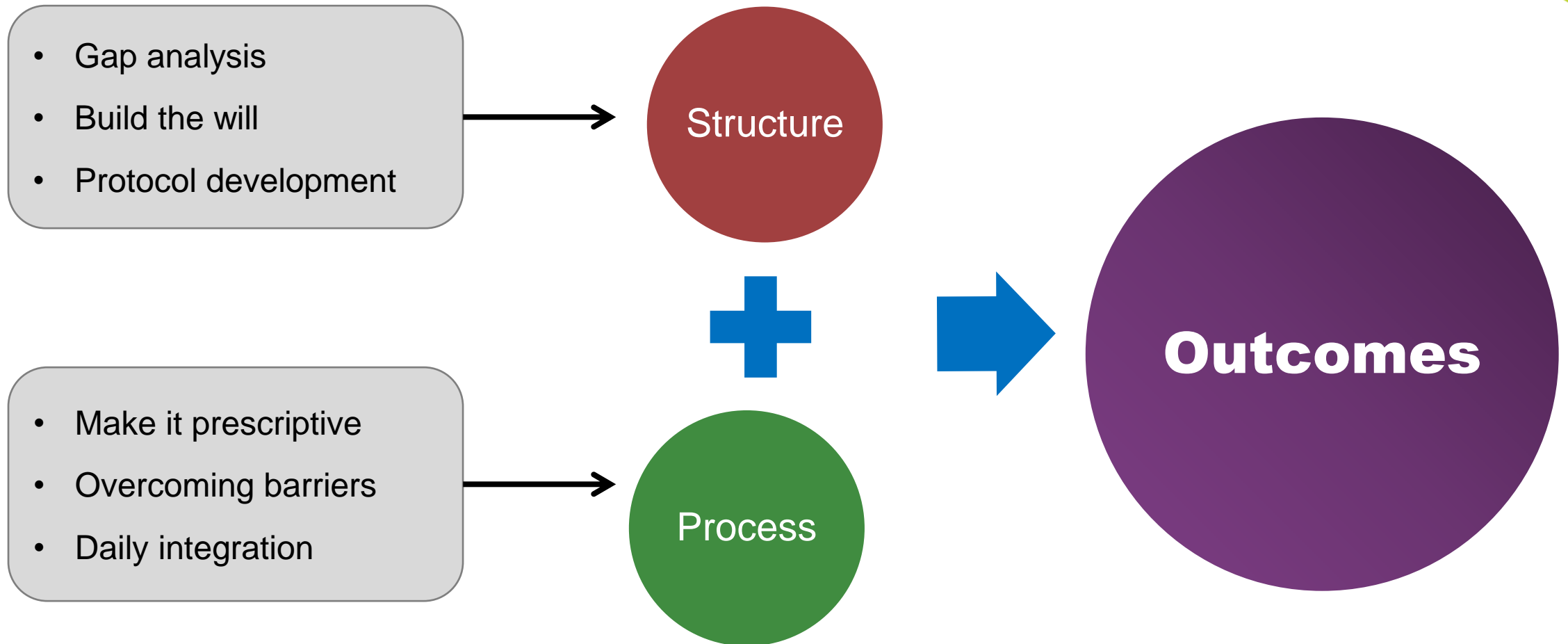
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How do we make it happen?

# Driving Change





# Intact Skin Is In: Making it Happen

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- Advocacy
  - Subscales
  - Skin rounds/time frequency
  - Hand-off communication
  - The right products and processes-pressure/shear/moisture/prevent skin tear and medical adhesive related injuries
  - Quarterly prevalence/incidence of PU & IAD
  - Skin liaison/champion nurses
  - Creative strategies to reinforce protocol use
    - Visual cues in the room or medical record
    - Rewards for increased compliance
  - Yearly competencies on beds or positioning aids to ensure correct and maximum utilization

# The Goal: Patient and Caregiver Safety

Repetitive motion injury  
↓ Musculoskeletal injury  
↓ Days away from work  
↓ Staffing challenges  
Retain experienced staff

↓ Hospital LOS  
↓ ICU LOS  
↓ Skin Injury  
↓ CAUTI  
↓ Delirium  
↓ Time on the vent



↓ Skin Injury  
↓ Costs  
↓ Pain and suffering  
↓ Hospital LOS  
↓ ICU LOS

↓ Falls  
↓ Falls with injury  
↓ Hospital LOS



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