

Pressure Injury Protocol

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Abstract

Pressure injury is a patient safety issue and is costly to healthcare organizations. The main objective of this DNP project was to implement a pressure injury protocol, evaluate staff adherence to the protocol, and to decrease the number of hospital-acquired pressure injuries. The Donabedian framework was used as a guide for the project. Protocol implementation included education of staff about the protocol and prevention of pressure injury. A chart audit of patients pre and post protocol implementation was conducted. The findings include staff participation and adherence to the protocol with a 100% shift assessment documentation, and every two hours turning documentation at 98.3%. Limitations include the 100% achievement of the post-test after the CBL education that required the nurses to re-take the test to achieve a 100%. Another limitation is the relationship of the documentation of IPOC as it relates to the Braden score where only half of the IPOC was documented during analysis. The limitation showed that even with proper documentation of the Braden score, the IPOC documentation is dependent on the Braden score so if the Braden score is less than 18, an IPOC will be documented and if the score is 20, no IPOC is documented.

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