Taking the Pressure Off: Impacting the Rate of Hospital-Associated Pressure Ulcers

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Annual Overall Percent of Hospital-Associated Pressure Ulcers at Salem Hospital 2004-2010

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Background

- Pressure ulcers become a priority
  - Change to CMS guidelines (2008)
- Salem Hospital HAPU
  - 2004-2006 > 4% drop in HAPU with initiation of NDNQI surveys
  - 2006-2007 our facility experienced a persistent HAPU rate of 6%
Bedside Significance

- Minimize
  - Length of stay
  - Hospital acquired conditions
  - Financial impact

- Maximize
  - Patient satisfaction
  - Quality of life
• Braden Scale Risk Assessment
• Evidence-based PUP care plan
• Intranet resources
• Lift team
• Skin assessment on admission and transfer
• Skin care team
• Products & equipment
• CWON referral
## Taking Ownership

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- Bi-weekly unit audits
- Deep dive process
- IS internal Clarity reports
- Multi-disciplinary team
- Quarterly NDNQI PUP surveys
- Rapid feedback to managers
- Staff education
- Unit-based representatives
Our Outcomes

- Our 2010 overall HAPU rate is 2.06%
- Our goal for 2011 is zero avoidable HAPU
Future Plans

- Unit based teams
- Incorporate ED & Surgical Services
- Patient & family education

Continue pursuing skin care excellence through incorporation of best evidence, persistent evaluation and refinement of process.