

Evidence to Decision Frameworks: Prevalence

Clinical question None

Good Practice Statement
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Use a rigorous methodological design and consistent measurement variables when conducting and reporting pressure injury prevalence and incidence studies.

Background: Measures of pressure injury frequency have typically relied on describing the rates and proportions of pressure injury incidence and prevalence. Pressure injury prevalence is the proportion of individuals within a defined population (e.g., individuals within a specific geographic region, a facility or a ward) that have a pressure injury within a defined period of time. Pressure injury incidence is the proportion of pressure injury free individuals that develop a pressure injury over a specific period of time.

SUPPORTING EVIDENCE, WHEN AVAILABLE

Evidence to support the
opinion (when available)

None

Justification

Pressure injury prevalence and incidence studies provide valuable data to drive quality improvement on a ward/unit and facility level, policy decisions on a national level and research agendas on an international scale. Rigorous and consistent methodologies are required to increase the accuracy of data driving these agendas.

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