

Pressure Ulcer Initiative

- **Incidence of pressure ulcers in hospitalized patients 2.7%-29.5% (raising concerns about identification)**
- **Incremental cost of care \$4,647 - \$70,000**

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Patient-centered Nurse sensitive indicators (NQF-endorsed, collected by MQF)

- Percentage of patients with hospital-acquired pressure ulcer
- Number of inpatient falls per inpatient days
- Number of falls with injury
- Percentage of patients with vest or limb restraints

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MHDO/MQF initial pressure ulcer data:

- 12 hospitals with significantly higher or significantly lower incidence, or no pressure ulcers reported at all.
- Q.I. nurse engaged through Muskie co-op agreement to validate data
- Audits planned at 12 hospitals, 9 are complete (remaining 3 in August '08)
 - Findings: Inconsistent survey techniques, variation in use of specification manual, inconsistent staff training

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Pressure Ulcer Summit (October 3, 2008)
(“Protecting our Skins: The Pressure Is on”)

- **Directed at teams from hospitals and longterm care facilities**
- **Data driven**
- **Focus on standards of care**
- **Plan for quality improvement**
- **Continued measurement through Chapter 270**