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### Partner For Excellent Patient Outcomes (PEPO) Rounding

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## Background

- Pressure injuries can lead to lengthy hospital stays.
- Additionally, per Center of Medicare and Medical Services (CMS) guidelines, hospitals do not receive reimbursement when patients develop stage 3 or 4 pressure injuries during their hospital stay.
- On a critical care unit in an acute care hospital, the rate of Unit Acquired Pressure Injury (UAPI) cases was 6.03 per 1,000 patient days from January to September 2019.
- This was cause for concern for both the entire critical care team.

## Project Goal

- Goal of project was to decrease incidence of pressure injury occurrence on a critical care unit.

## Methods of Implementation

- Through a partnership and collaborative approach between critical care unit leadership, nursing staff, respiratory therapists, pharmacy, nutritionist, and the Wound care nurse; the following strategies were implemented beginning October 2019:



## Methods of Implementation

Enhanced interprofessional team awareness about UAPI versus skin failure.

Interprofessional collaborative rounding every shift.

Collaborative patient repositioning every two hours.

Consistent shift monitoring for compliance with pressure injury prevention initiatives.

Partner for Excellent Patient Outcomes (PEPO) "timeout" every Tuesday night by unit leadership focusing on Braden scores.

Interprofessional weekly collaborative rounding 2pm every Wednesday (PEPO Rounds) to review project initiative.

## Outcomes

- Post intervention beginning November 2019 to September 2020, UAPI rate dropped to 0.93 per 1,000 patient days, even during period of COVID 19 pandemic where 100% of critical care patients were severely ill, ventilated, and requiring multiple vasopressors, paralytic agents, and were on manual pronation.
- That represents an 84.6% reduction in UAPIs from the pre-intervention to the post-intervention period.
- Project findings solidify impact of PEPO rounding in reducing UAPI incidence in the unit.

## Discussion

- Working collaboratively in an interprofessional team targeting reduction of UAPIs has proven achievable.
- When care team members work together towards a common goal, success follows.
- This is the epitome of T.E.A.M. – Together Everyone Achieves More

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## Outcomes

