



PRESSURE INJURY FACT SHEET



Centers for Medicare & Medicaid classify pressure injuries a **“NEVER EVENT”**

- Pressure injuries are the most frequently occurring preventable event.
- 2.5 million patients per year develop a pressure injury.
- Pressure injuries are one of the five most common harms experienced by patients.
- Prevention and early identification of pressure injuries are key in protecting skin integrity.
- Patients who stay in bed or can't move without help are at risk.
- Surgeries lasting for more than 3+ hours put patients at risk for pressure injury.
- Patients with decreased nutritional intake are at higher risk for developing a pressure injury.
- Patients affected by COVID-19 with pneumonia may be placed in a prone position which increases the risk of pressure injuries.

Patient Cost Per Pressure Injury
**\$20,900
to
\$151,700**

Spent in 2019
**\$26.8
Billion**

- HAPI rates are increasing while all other hospital acquired conditions are decreasing.

Medical Devices

- Medical device-related pressure injuries now account for more than 30% of all hospital-acquired pressure injuries.
- Education for nursing staff on correct use of positioning devices is vital for preventing pressure injury.
- Offloading devices or other preventative equipment must be checked daily for damage or wear to ensure continued effectiveness.

60,000

60,000 patients die each year as a direct result of pressure injuries.

2nd

Pressure injuries are the second most common lawsuit after wrongful death.

17,000

17,000 lawsuits that are directly related to pressure injuries are filed annually.