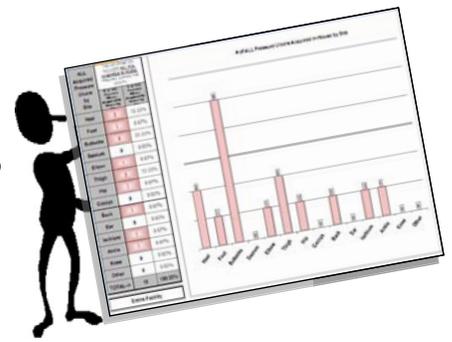


Why should I track my Pressure Ulcer data?



“In-House Acquired” v. “Admitted With”

By utilizing the IPRO Monthly Pressure Ulcer Tracking Form, all of your pressure ulcers will be immediately categorized, analyzed and graphed in an easy-to-read format... in real time. “In-House Acquired” (Nosocomial) and “Admitted With” (PTA/Prior to Admit) data is captured by wound site and stage.

You can easily and quickly see exactly how many pressure ulcers you currently have in your facility... as well as how many of those current wounds originated in your facility.... when... and where.

Response to Treatment

On the IPRO Monthly Pressure Ulcer Tracking Form, the status of each wound is easily captured by a simple code in comparison to the previous week (N=New, I=Improved, S=Same, W=Worsened, H=Healed).

“If a pressure ulcer fails to show some evidence of progress toward healing within 2-4 weeks, the pressure ulcer (including potential complications) and the resident’s overall clinical condition should be reassessed. Re-evaluation of the treatment plan including determining whether to continue or modify the current interventions is also indicated.” (Source- F-314 (Pressure Ulcers) Appendix PP, Guidance to Surveyors for Long Term Care Facilities)

By having all of the information available on one quick tracking form, you can easily see if an individual pressure wound has improved from week to week with your current treatment.

All Data is Instantly Analyzed and Graphed

Once a pressure wound is entered into the IPRO Monthly Pressure Ulcer Tracking Form, the status of the wound is captured for such detail as initial source, stage, site and age of wound. All of this information is combined behind the scenes, within the tracking form, to statistically calculate numerous summary tables and graphs.



“New Pressure Wounds for the Current Month

The IPRO Monthly Pressure Ulcer Tracking Form automatically captures and analyzes any pressure wounds that are new within the current month. This data is separated between “In-House Acquired” and “Admitted With” by both site and stage.

In the case of new “In-House Acquired” pressure ulcers, this information can be very valuable for the pro-active capture of any trends....

- The early detection of a trend in heel ulcers could suggest additional education on prevention.
- A trend in new ulcers being identified at Stage 2 might suggest a focus on early detection at Stage 1.

Tracking by Unit, Floor or Other Specific Location

Version 4 (for use with Excel 2007 and on*) of the IPRO Monthly Pressure Ulcer Tracking Form allows you to designate specific locations within your facility and have all of the available data on your tracked pressure ulcers summarized and graphed for a more detailed analysis.

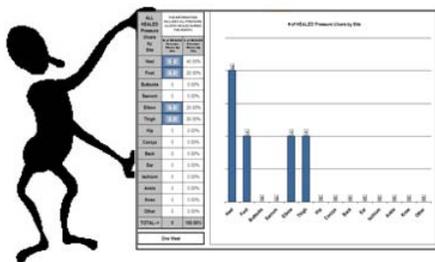
This type of automatic “drill-down” into your own data can assist you to identify specific areas of focus. That focus may be increased education on pressure ulcer prevention by wound site (i.e. heels, buttocks, etc.), the need to purchase additional preventive equipment, or the necessity to review treatment protocols because of slower than anticipated response to treatment.

The opportunities could be endless.

All of the printed sheets from the file are clearly identified by either “entire facility” or the designated location within your facility. You always clearly know what data you are looking at.

Some facilities actually monitor “In-House Acquired” pressure ulcers by unit and reward the units that complete an entire month with no “new” in-house pressure ulcers. “Unit-Specific” graphs and summaries can be easily printed and shared with staff.

(*For earlier versions of Excel, there is a Version 3.1 of the IPRO Monthly Pressure Ulcer Tracking Form that offers the same overall functionality minus the automated “drill-down” by designated facility-specific locations.)



The Simple “Ease” to maintain the PU Tracking

With the IPRO Monthly Pressure Ulcer Tracking Form, once the general data for each wound is entered in the file, the “status” of each wound is updated with the use of a simple one-letter code (N=New, I=Improved, S=Same, W=Worsened, H=Healed). A quick look at the “codes” from week to week can easily identify a wound that has either worsened at any time or stayed the same for 2 weeks in a row.

There is also a “free-text” comments field for each wound available to enter items on interest (treatment change, wound clinic appointment, etc.)

“Adding a New Case” is as simple as clicking an on-screen button and entering some basic information for each new wound. These initial entries are “one-time” efforts.

The Month-End Routine

The IPRO Monthly Pressure Ulcer Tracking Form has built-in functionality that allows you to close a month of PU tracking and automatically carry over all of the necessary data for each active wound into a new file to continue tracking in a new month. In this process, the data is instantly analyzed to remove all “healed” and “discharged” pressure ulcers from the previous month as well as the weekly status codes for existing wounds before the file for a new month is saved. All other data and comments will be carried over into a new file.

All monthly files will continue to be saved separately as long as the file names are changed to identify the calendar month being tracked (i.e. January 2011, February 2011, etc.)