

# A Rapid Response to Unexpected Rise in Pressure Ulcer Development

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# Project Selection

# Purpose

Target problematic pressure ulcer prevention factors identified following and increase in hospital acquired pressure ulcers (HAPU)

# Goal

Decrease HAPU events through consistent use of focused pressure ulcer (PrU) prevention strategies across the continuum of care

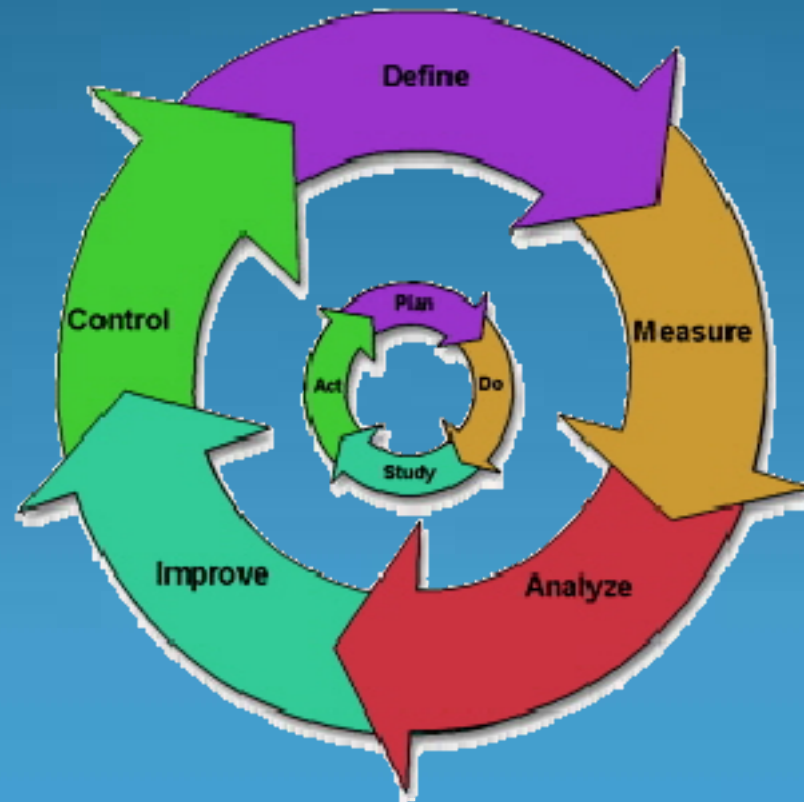
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# Significance

- Skin integrity
  - Indicator of quality nursing practice
  - Promotes optimal patient outcomes
- Rapid multidisciplinary response to unexpected increase in HAPUs
  - Effective reversal

# Multidisciplinary Team

# Strategy & Implementation



# Identification and Validation of Root Cause

- Inconsistencies in practice
- Staff perception

# Solution Development Strategy & Implementation

- Literature search to benchmark best practice



# Solution Development Strategy & Implementation

- Multiple evidence-based strategies
  - Skin inspection upon admission
  - Hourly rounding
  - Hand-off reports
  - Organizational reporting and benchmarking
  - Staff education
  - Incorporation into EMR
  - State of the art beds & use of overlays as appropriate

# Solution Development Strategy & Implementation

- Implementation of additional best practices
  - Mystery shopper reward program
  - HAPU monitoring board in ICU
  - Daily rounding by CNS
  - Change of shift skin inspection

# Progress

# Implications for Practice

# Impact

# Conclusions & Implications for Practice