Southern Hills Success Story: Pressure Ulcers

Background

Southern Hills Hospital and Medical Center is a 134 bed full service hospital which provides comprehensive inpatient and outpatient services in Las Vegas. It has successfully maintained zero pressure ulcers from January of 2010 through July 2012.

Interventions

- 100% review of all patients with a pressure ulcer, education back to staff
- All Physical Therapists trained in wound care documentation and certified in wound care.
- Updated policy, forms and documentation tools
- Southern Hills Hospital asked to participate in a research study to validate a new wound assessment tool, MedLine "NE1 Wound Assessment Tool". When the tool was validated, nursing was trained to use it for wound care.
- Started Failure Mode Effects Analysis with a goal of no unexpected pressure ulcers

Results

Zero pressure ulcers for the period of January 2010 through the July 2012.

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