Pressure Ulcer Initiative

- Incidence of pressure ulcers in hospitalized patients 2.7%-29.5% (raising concerns about identification)
- Incremental cost of care $4,647 - $70,000
Pressure Ulcer Initiative

Patient-centered Nurse sensitive indicators (NQF-endorsed, collected by MQF)

• Percentage of patients with hospital-acquired pressure ulcer
• Number of inpatient falls per inpatient days
• Number of falls with injury
• Percentage of patients with vest or limb restraints
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MHDO/MQF initial pressure ulcer data:

• 12 hospitals with significantly higher or significantly lower incidence, or no pressure ulcers reported at all.

• Q.I. nurse engaged through Muskie co-op agreement to validate data

• Audits planned at 12 hospitals, 9 are complete (remaining 3 in August ’08)
  – Findings: Inconsistent survey techniques, variation in use of specification manual, inconsistent staff training
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Pressure Ulcer Summit (October 3, 2008) ("Protecting our Skins: The Pressure Is on")

- Directed at teams from hospitals and longterm care facilities
- Data driven
- Focus on standards of care
- Plan for quality improvement
- Continued measurement through Chapter 270