

Getting to Zero Pressure Ulcers

FEATURED TEAM

Respiratory Care, San Jose Medical Center
(Northern California)

SMART GOAL

Reduce reportable Hospital-Acquired Pressure Ulcers (HAPUs) by sustaining a 90 percent completion rate of patient skin assessments for two consecutive quarters.

WHAT THEY DO

- » Conduct four skin integrity assessments per patient during each 12-hour shift
- » Document observations in patient charts
- » Electronically track assessments on a weekly basis
- » Audit assessments on a monthly basis
- » Post results with names of corresponding respiratory therapists
- » Provide counseling and encouragement for those not meeting goal

RESULTS

Compliance with skin assessment procedures



Reportable HAPUs

