Nursing Home Quality Initiative

Commitment to Pressure Ulcer Management in your Facility

Key Steps	Key Elements
Develop an interdisciplinary workgroup.	Identify potential staff members to be involved: • DON, staff nurse, education coordinator, therapist, nutritionist, Medical Director, CNAs • Ad Hoc Members – wound-care consultant, Administrator • Unit-based team (CN, CNA, therapy aide)
Assess current pressure ulcer assessment and management practices in your facility.	• Identify strengths/weaknesses using checklists • Determine current practice • Determine current staff knowledge • Analyze current assessment tools and assessment schedules compared to guidelines • Make changes to current practice to meet guidelines
Establish accountability for pressure ulcer assessment.	• Identify a person(s) responsible for monitoring that facility policy and procedures are being implemented • Identify how often this process will take place • Establish a pressure ulcer team and meet on a regular basis to review current practice related to pressure ulcer management
Provide education for staff.	• Identify a clinical expert in the facility • Develop a reference area for pressure ulcer materials • Provide ongoing education to staff • Establish competency of staff related to pressure ulcer assessment and management
Continually evaluate and work to improve the quality of pressure ulcer assessment and management.	Establish a continuous process for evaluating: • Assessment/reassessment of risk factors • Care planning/implementation of the care plan

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