

Manitoba Health, Seniors and Active Living (MHSAL) supports reporting and learning from patient safety events. The focus of a patient safety review is to closely look at the health care system that surrounds and interacts with those giving and receiving care. The goal is to identify risks to patient safety and recommend the most effective ways to minimize risk and improve the delivery of healthcare.

Patient Safety Learning Advisory Pressure Injury

Summary:

A patient developed a stage three pressure injury to the right buttock under the provision of health care services.

Keywords: Pressure Injury

Findings of the Review:

The delay in implementing the Pressure Injury Prevention and Treatment guideline for wound care management increased the probability of a pressure injury developing to the right buttock.

The absence of documentation/communication of the presence of a stage two pressure injury at the time of transfer to another facility increased the probability that the wound would progress to a stage three pressure injury.

System Learning:

Complete applicable admission forms/tools within 12 hours of admission. Re-evaluate all applicable forms/tools including but not limited to the Braden Scale for Predicting Risk of Pressure Injuries.

Continue to educate staff on tools/resources for the prevention and management of pressure injuries including the utilization of the Wound and Skin Discharge Summary Form during inter-facility transfers.

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