

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 resident of a long term care facility developed a Stage 3 pressure injury.

Keywords: Pressure Injury

This review is based on a single event.

Findings of the Review:

A partially implemented Pressure Injury Prevention and Treatment guideline for wound care management increased the probability of a pressure injury to the coccyx.

Following the identification of the pressure injury, a multidisciplinary team pressure ulcer safety huddle (a gathering of team members to review interventions in place to prevent further skin breakdown) was completed in accordance with the Pressure Injury Prevention and Treatment Guideline.

System Learning:

Revise the Pressure Injury Prevention and Treatment Guideline to include the multidisciplinary team pressure ulcer safety huddle for patients/residents assessed to be at risk for the development of a pressure injury.

Re-educate health care providers on the revised Pressure Injury Prevention and Treatment Guideline, which focuses on prevention of these injuries by ensuring all supporting documents are appropriately completed.

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