

MAKING CARE BETTER

Wound Risk Assessment Improves Patient Safety

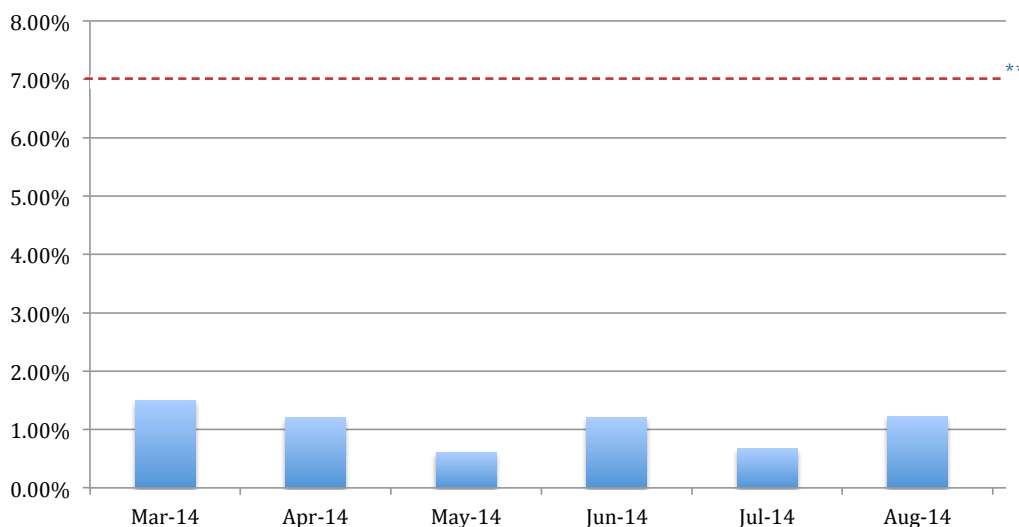
The incidence of pressure ulcers in patients in acute care hospitals is approximately seven percent, and can vary greatly by clinical setting: hospitals, long-term care and home care. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) has reported nearly 250,000 cases of preventable pressure ulcers in one year – as a secondary diagnosis for a patient’s admission to the hospital. The estimated cost to treat each ulcer is about \$43,000.

As a result of a wound assessment risk protocol implemented at New England Sinai Hospital, our team of dedicated professionals has been able to reduce and maintain a pressure ulcer incidence rate of just one percent.



- Every patient admitted to New England Sinai Hospital is screened by a certified wound care nurse to determine risk and treatment plan.
 - Wound care nurses are on staff Monday-Friday and available on Weekends as needed.
 - Wound care nurses consult with homecare and/or visiting nurse liaison upon patient discharge.
- Any patient who has a pre-existing pressure ulcer or is identified as ‘at risk’ upon admittance has a nutritional consult. Patients who may be identified as ‘at risk’ include patients with diabetes, peripheral vascular disease and patients who are immobile – such as vent dependent patients.
- All patient beds include a ‘self adjusting’ weight distribution mattress. Patients identified as the highest risk for pressure ulcers will receive a low air loss mattress.

New England Sinai Hospital 1% Pressure Ulcer Incidence Rate, 2014*



*Six month average:
March-August 2014

**Acute Care Hospital,
National Average

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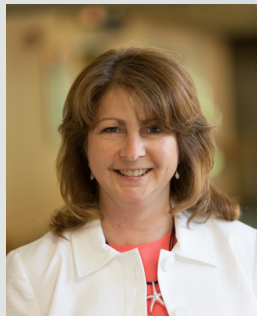
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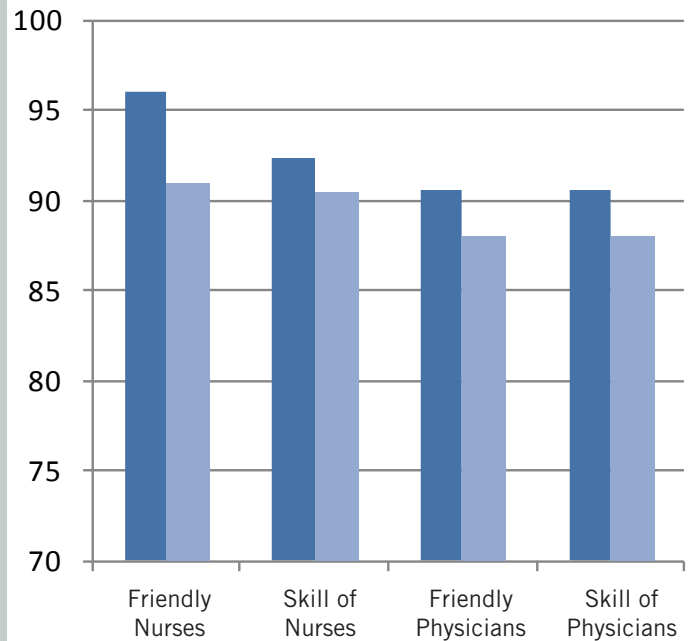
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Patient Satisfaction

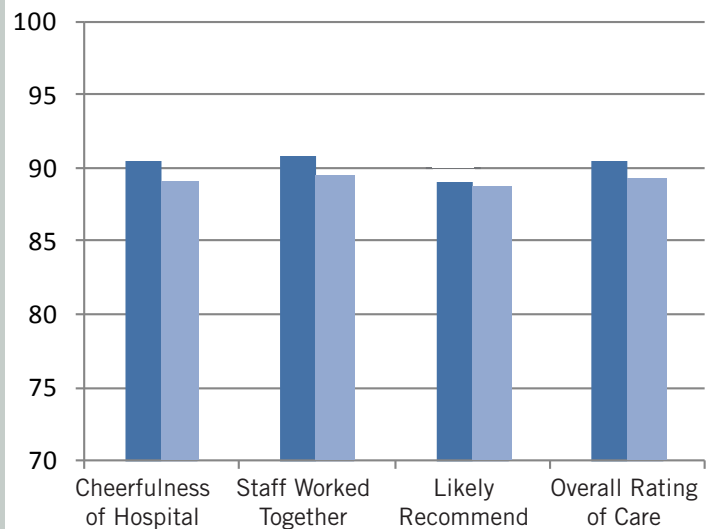
At New England Sinai Hospital we offer personalized patient and family-focused rehabilitation treatment and education emphasizing each patient's unique strengths and abilities. Our goal is to have our patients regain skills needed to safely return to one's former lifestyle.

Patient Satisfaction - Physician and Nurses (January - June, 2014)*



■ New England Sinai ■ National Average

Patient Satisfaction - Overall Assessment (January - June, 2014)*



Footnote: * Press Ganey Patient Satisfaction Overview Report, March 2014 and June 2014