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Use of standardized treatment protocols in promoting timely management of pressure injuries

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Aim: To establish a process that will support timely treatment of pressure injuries among patients with pending wound referrals. The goal has three main

Objectives:

- To enhance nursing knowledge on pressure injury staging and assessment,
- To develop evidence-based protocols
- To update relevant hospital policies, procedures and guidelines.

Procedures: The “Knowledge-to-Action” framework was used to facilitate the planning and implementation of the project objectives. The knowledge creation component of the framework enabled the appraisal of the literature resulting in the development of the pressure injury protocols. Various stakeholders (including plastic surgeons & frontline nurses) were engaged to provide their perspective of the established local treatment protocols.

Implications: Leveraging the use of standardized treatment protocols and supporting staff knowledge in wound assessment and management can minimize inadvertent delays in local wound treatment. The use of the “Knowledge-to-Action Cycle” provides an excellent framework for the adoption and

integration of theoretical knowledge into clinical practice. Embedding protocols and clinical guidelines within electronic health record solutions can support accessibility and front-line clinical decision-making at the point-of-care.

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Biography

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