

2014 Gage Awards

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Name of hospital or health system	Wishard-Eskenazi Health
Name of project	S.O.S: Save Our Skin
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Within which of the two categories does your application best align?	Quality
1. Provide a brief description of the project. (This section should resemble an abstract for a poster presentation or an abstract for a peer reviewed journal. Include an objective, data sources, study design, findings, and conclusions.)	We participated in a 16 month AACN Clinical Scene Investigator project to improve patient outcomes. Our goal was to decrease hospital acquired pressure ulcers by 50% on our unit. We developed a braden algorithm and skin care protocol for our bedside nurses in our Level I Trauma Center Critical Care Unit. We also introduced an new product, Allevyn Life, to help prevent skin breakdown. With the help of our staff, we were able to decrease our HAPU's from 42 in the year 2011 to 15 for the year 2013. Based on NDNQI's website, of the average cost of a HAPU, we were able to save our organization approximately \$1.5 million.
1A. Attachment, if applicable (Applicable examples include a peer reviewed journal article, other content published in the literature, or a presentation at a national meeting)	SOSpresentation.ppt.html (1k)
2. Describe the methods use in this project. Include where, why, and how the project was accomplished.	The project took place in county hospital in Indianapolis, Indiana @ Wishard-Eskenazi Health. This hospital sees a diverse group of patients including the cities indigent and underinsured. We chose HAPU's due to our high number of HAPU's we acquired in the year 2011. We were chosen by our management team in the Critical Care Department to participate in an AACN CSI (Clinical Scene Investigator) project. We were overseen by Susan Lacey, RN, PhD for 16 months. We were fortunate enough to have recieved a \$10,000 grant. We used this money for project incentives for staff, products to be used only in MICU and our salary for the hours we spent on our project.

3. Describe the results of the project. What data was used to support improvement results?	We were able to decrease our HAPU's by 50%. To date, we only have 15 HAPU's for our unit. We did weekly and monthly audits to keep track of our progress. We also had management make us aware if there were any incident reports written for HAPU's.
4. Describe what happened as a result of the project. Was the improvement related to the intervention? Can the project be duplicated by other organizations?	As a result, we were able to get the Allevyn life products to be used housewide. We are working on making our protocol and algorithm housewide as well. We will be working closely with our VP of Risk Management to help us in this process.
5. Describe how patients, families, and if appropriate, community was included in the work.	Patients and families were educated on why we turn patients every two hours, Allevyn product and specialty beds (air mattresses). We had positive feedback from patients and families after being educated and patients were more compliant with turning after this was done.
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