Repercussions of Pressure Injuries
The prevention and proper treatment of pressure injuries is a concern across the entire healthcare spectrum. Clearly, pressure injuries are a negative outcome for patients. Besides requiring attention at the wound site, pressure injuries can affect patient health in many other ways, causing pain, bringing risk of infection and delaying recovery.

These types of injuries also have negative consequences for caregivers and healthcare organizations. A high incidence of pressure injuries can reduce Medicare reimbursements for a full year and hurt the organization’s reputation for much longer. Staff job satisfaction can suffer as well because of these negative outcomes and the additional time and attention required to care for pressure injuries in patients.

Considering the repercussions of pressure injuries on patients and on your organization, it pays to take more focused, preventive action.
Improving Prevention and Treatment
To provide the best outcomes for patients, prevent rehospitalizations, maximize reimbursement and maintain quality ratings, healthcare organizations will be required to coordinate the prevention and treatment of pressure wounds.

Coordination of wound care is a multi-discipline responsibility that includes:
• All levels of nursing
• Physical therapists
• Occupational therapists
• Registered dieticians
• Physicians

Nurses who achieve wound care certification can then share best practices by training other staff members who support patient care.

Enhancing Skin, Wound and Ostomy Knowledge
The Wound Care Education Institute (WCEI), now part of the Relias family, has trained more than 27,000 professionals to provide better care. Our online wound care training and certification courses feature:
• Self-paced learning with access to course modules for 90 days
• Exam prep tools
• Learning aids—workbook, glossary, sample questions and more
• Pre-exam certification review
• Continuing education contact hours upon completion

Incorporating wound care education can benefit your organization’s long-term success. Help your team become well versed in best practices for preventing pressure injuries and providing optimal care for wounds.

Are you ready to elevate your team? Start the conversation with Relias.

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