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How technology eases the pain of skin and wound care

Skin and wound care can be a major pain for skilled nursing facilities. The care delivered is highly regulated by CMS and treatment is cost and resource intensive. Thus, the pressure is on for providers to deliver better treatment and care management.

A chronic problem



of long-term care residents will develop a pressure ulcer within their first 2 years of stay. Approximately 60,000 patients die as a direct result of a pressure ulcer each year.

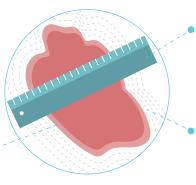
The cost of individual patient care ranges from \$ 20,900 to \$ 151,700 per pressure ulcer.

Consistency is crucial

The measurement of a wound, and documenting its size over time, is the only estimate that can be used to accurately predict healing.



A reduction in wound area of 30% within 2-4 weeks indicates efficacy of treatment.



- The most common tool for measuring a wound's surface is a ruler.
- Studies have shown that this technique overestimates the wound size by 10 - 40%.

Other barriers for attaining accurate wound measurements include:

Appropriate definition of the wound boundary.

Wound flexibility in

undermined or deep wounds.



Natural curvatures of the human body.

How technology can help

The precise measurement of wounds will facilitate the predictive value of healing and treatment efficacy, which helps drive improved resident and wound outcomes.



Providers saw a 30% reduction in wound healing time when using electronic wound management technologies.





Access to consistent and accurate resident documentation gives providers a wound care program that sets them apart from competitors.

To achieve accurate and consistent documentation of wound progress, providers are leveraging mobile technology.

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