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Why Prepare Now?

Pressure injury prevention is more than a quality metric. It is a patient safety priority with significant clinical and financial implications.

Hospital-acquired pressure injuries can contribute to:

- Increased length of stay and healthcare costs
- Infection, sepsis, and osteomyelitis
- Pain, complications, and delayed recovery
- Increased readmissions and patient burden

With pressure injury data increasingly captured through structured EHR documentation, organizations need to ensure that clinical assessments and documentation are accurate, consistent, and accessible across care teams.

Preparing for the Hospital Harm–Pressure Injury eCQM:

Why Readiness Starts Now

January 1, 2027

HH-PI eCQM Measurement Period Begins January 1-December 31, 2027

2027 measurement period • 2028 submission cycle

CMS is placing greater emphasis on the prevention, identification, and documentation of hospital-acquired pressure injuries. Is your organization ready?

CMS's Hospital Harm–Pressure Injury (HH-PI) Electronic Clinical Quality Measure (eCQM) represents an important shift in how hospitals measure and report hospital-acquired pressure injuries. The measurement period begins January 1, 2027, with reporting in 2028. This makes the coming months especially important for evaluating clinical workflows, documentation practices, and EHR readiness.

The measure focuses on adult inpatients who develop a new Stage 2, Stage 3, Stage 4, unstageable, or deep tissue pressure injury during a hospital encounter. Accurate identification, present-on-admission (POA) documentation, clinical assessment, and consistent EHR documentation will be essential to successful reporting.

Where Should Organizations Focus?

Preparing for the HH-PI eCQM requires collaboration across clinical, operational, quality, and technology teams.

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Consistent Skin and Risk Assessments

- Use validated risk assessment tools alongside individualized clinical judgment.
- Perform comprehensive visual skin assessments at appropriate points throughout the encounter.
- Ensure assessments account for darker skin tones and include relevant findings such as temperature, tissue consistency, edema, and pain.

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Accurate Pressure Injury Identification and Documentation

- Differentiate pressure injuries from other types of skin and tissue damage. Consider tools such as SEM measurement.
- Ensure accurate staging, location, and measurements.
- Document present-on-admission status clearly and consistently.
- Incorporate photographs according to organizational policy.
- Ensure provider notification and documentation are completed when indicated.

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Evidence-Based Prevention and Management

- Review pressure injury prevention bundles and organizational policies.
- Evaluate repositioning, heel offloading, and support surface practices.
- Strengthen device-related pressure injury prevention.
- Incorporate nutritional screening and appropriate referrals.
- Ensure timely access to wound care expertise.

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EHR and Team Readiness

- Evaluate whether documentation is structured and accessible for eCQM data extraction.
- Align nursing, provider, wound care, coding, quality, and IT workflows.
- Identify opportunities for education, standardized templates, and clinical decision support.

How Can Corstrata Help?

Preparing for the HH-PI eCQM requires both reliable documentation and strong clinical practices. Corstrata partners with healthcare organizations to strengthen wound care capabilities through virtual, board-certified WOC nurse expertise.



Our services can support organizations through:

eCQM Readiness

Clinical documentation review, workflow recommendations, and education to support consistent pressure injury assessment and documentation.

Pressure Injury Management

Specialty wound assessment, staging support, treatment recommendations, and ongoing clinical guidance.

Pressure Injury Prevention

Risk identification, prevention strategies, staff education, and clinical guidance.

Clinical Team Support

Helping frontline clinicians access specialized wound expertise and navigate complex wound care needs.

Let's Prepare Together

Whether your organization is preparing for the upcoming pressure injury eCQM requirements, looking to strengthen pressure injury prevention practices, or seeking additional support managing complex wounds, Corstrata can help.

Contact us to discuss how virtual WOC nursing expertise can support your organization's clinical quality, documentation, and patient care goals.

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