



Manitoba Health supports reporting and learning from patient safety events. The focus of a patient safety review is to closely look at the health care system that surrounds and interacts with those giving and receiving care. The goal is to identify risks to patient safety and recommend the most effective ways to minimize risk and improve the delivery of healthcare.

Patient Safety Learning Advisory

Pressure Injury

Summary: An elderly resident in a personal care home (PCH) developed bilateral pressure injuries to the hips which progressed to a Stage 3 pressure injury.

Keywords: Pressure injury.

This review is based on a single event.

Findings of the Review:

In consultation with a Wound Care Specialist the wound care product recently used was not intended as a weekly dressing change but to be changed every 2-3 days. However, the client was frequently non-compliant with wound care mitigating strategies (turning and positioning, off-loading and scheduled dressing changes).

The client had multiple co-morbidities which contributed to the deterioration of the wound (age, decreased mobility, poor nutrition).

Despite all wound care management interventions (dietary consultation, wound care nurse consultation, physiotherapy consultation, pressure relieving mattress, protein supplementation, wound care huddle) the client's wounds progressed to a stage 3 PI.

System Learning:

There are no critical incident recommendations following the review as all wound care management strategies were implemented appropriately for the client.