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Use of ALLEVYN^o LIFE Foam Dressings, as part of a prevention awareness strategy, helped to reduce reportable hospital acquired pressure injuries (HAPIs) compared with the previous year

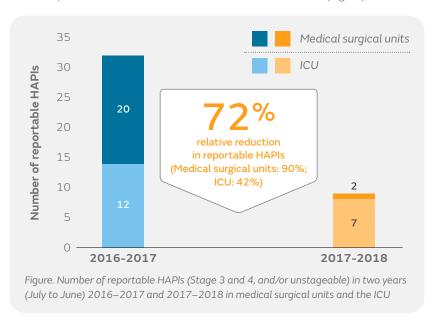


Overview

- Development of a strategy to drive consistent HAPI prevention awareness and assessments at Zuckerburg San Francisco General Hospital and Trauma Center, California, USA
- Implementation of a new standard work sheet, incorporating use of ALLEVYN LIFE Dressings for patients with a Braden Scale
- score ≤ 2 (Friction and Sensory subcomponents), plus other tactics including:
- Repositioning, protection from devices and equipment, offloading and improvements in patient handling logistics

Results

• Implementation of strategic prevention initiatives, including use of ALLEVYN LIFE Dressings for high-risk patients, reduced the incidence of reportable HAPIs by 72%, from 32 in 2016–2017 to 9 in 2017–2018 (Figure)



Conclusions

Use of ALLEVYN LIFE Dressings for one year, as part of a HAPI prevention strategy at one US hospital, helped to reduce the incidence of reportable HAPIs by 72% in medical surgical units and the ICU compared with the previous year.

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