New Monitoring System in Pressure Injury Reporting in Grantham Hospital (GH)

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Introduction
Introduction: The purpose of incident reporting is to improve the safety and quality of care. Data will help monitor patterns / trend of incidents and plan improvements ahead. Pressure injuries (starting from stage 2 according to NPUAP 2016) should be reported to Central Nursing Division (CND) by clinical nursing staff. However, the relatively low reporting figures may be related to under-reporting. The current system may not be effective to reflect the real situation. reporting, a new monitoring system in pressure injury reporting was started from January 2017 to address the potential problem of under-reporting.

Objectives
The monitoring system aims to:
- minimize under reporting;
- provide accurate data on pressure injury incidence;
- collect, collate, analyze and evaluate data to improve patient care.

Methodology
In Dec 2015, a Working group on Pressure Injury Management was set up. The team members include Physician, Dietitian, Occupational Therapist, Physiotherapist, Nursing Managers (DOM & WM), Wound Care link nurses from Central Nursing Division (CND), School of Nursing and clinical departments.

Result
The new monitoring system was setup in January 2017.
After the implementation of the new monitoring system, there was a significant increase in reporting incidence of pressure injuries.

Conclusions
Pressure injury is an important clinical issue and nursing performance indicator. The new close monitoring system in pressure injuries reporting could help to reduce
under-reporting. The accurate data collection would certainly help the hospital especially the nursing professionals to plan improvement measures for wound management strategies. It is an ongoing project with periodic evaluation.