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DATE OF BIRTH: _____ **SEX:** _____

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PRESSURE INJURY RISK ASSESSMENT (WATERLOW) – Initial assessment to be completed by nurse within 8

Please note: more than one score per category can be used.

Date									
Time									

GENDER	Male	1												
	Female	2												
AGE	14 - 49	1												
	50 - 64	2												
	65 - 74	3												
	75 - 80	4												
	81 +	5												
BMI = weight/(height) ² Weight: _____	Average BMI 20–24.9	0												
	Above average BMI 25–29.9	1												
	Obese BMI > 30	2												
	Below average BMI < 20	3												
VISUAL ASSESSMENT OF AT RISK SKIN AREA (May select one or more options)	Healthy – skin appears normal	0												
	Thin and fragile – looks transparent, tissue paper	1												
	Dry – skin flaky	1												
	Oedematous – skin appears puffy	1												
	Clammy (Temp ↑) – skin moist, cool to touch	1												
	Discoloured: pressure injury stage 1 – non blanching erythema, dark skin will differ from surrounding skin	2												
	Broken: pressure injury stages 2, 3, 4 – unstageable, suspected deep tissue injury	3												
MOBILITY (i.e bed, chair) (Select one option ONLY)	Fully able to change position independently	0												
	Restless/fidgety – prone to shear and friction	1												
	Apathetic e.g sedated/depressed reluctant to move	2												
	Restricted e.g mobility restricted by disease, severe pain	3												
	Bedbound e.g unable to change position self/traction	4												
	Chair bound/wheelchair unable to leave chair without assistance	5												
CONTINENCE (select one option ONLY)	Nocturia/Continent/Catheterised	0												
	Incontinent of Urine – risk of excoriation	1												
	Incontinent of Faeces – risk of excoriation	2												
	Doubly incontinent – high risk of excoriation	3												

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TISSUE MALNUTRITION (select one or more options)	Terminal Cachexia/ muscle wasting	8																	
	Multi Organ Failure	8																	
	Single Organ Failure (Respiratory/Renal/Liver/Cardiac)	5																	
	Peripheral Vascular Disease	5																	
	Anaemia Hb < 80	2																	
	Smoking	1																	
MALNUTRITION SCREENING TOOL (MST) ASK Patient "Have you lost weight recently without trying? (in the last 6 months)"	No weight loss	0																	
	Person is unsure if they have lost weight	2																	
	Yes: 0.5 - 5 kgs	1																	
	5 - 10 kgs	2																	
	10 - 15kgs	3																	
	> 15 kgs	4																	
ASK Patient "Have you been eating poorly because of a decreased appetite?"	Yes	1																	
	No	0																	
Total Mainscore (Box 1 + Box 2) Total MST Score																			
		<p><0-1 No action required; =2 Start food charts, if person eating less than 1/2 of meals for 3 days or more refer to Dietitian. ≥3 Start food chart. Refer to Dietitian</p>																	
NEUROLOGICAL DEFICIT (score depends on severity – maximum of 6 for this category i.e the higher the loss of sensation the higher the score)	4-6																		
Diabetes, CVA, MS, Motor/Sensory Paraplegia, epidural																			
MAJOR SURGERY OR TRAUMA (score can be discounted after 48 hours provided the person's recovery is normal)	Orthopaedic, spinal	5																	
	>2 hours on theatre table	5																	
	>6 hours on theatre table	8																	
MEDICATION	Cytotoxics, high dose/long term steroids, anti-inflammatory	Max 4																	
TOTAL SCORE																			

NURSE INITIALS

Bundle A = 0 - 10 Not at risk Bundle B = 10+ At risk Bundle C = 15+ High risk Bundle D = 20+ Very high risk. Copy right 1985 Revised 2005 Queensland Health

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Level of Risk Bundle of Care	Bundle A – 0-10 Not at Risk	Bundle B – 10+ At Risk
Initial assessment on admission	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete Waterlow Risk assessment <input type="checkbox"/> Full visual check of skin	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete Waterlow and risk assessment <input type="checkbox"/> Full visual check of skin <input type="checkbox"/> Educate person and whanau about PI prevention, and give Pamphlet - 'Preventing Pressure Injuries'
Surface Keep person moving to minimise pressure	<input type="checkbox"/> Ensure person changes their position every 3 hours when in bed <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure person changes their position every 2 hours when sat in a chair	<input type="checkbox"/> Ensure heels are free off the surface of the bed or use heel protectors <input type="checkbox"/> Discourage elevation of the head of the bed above 30 degrees for more than 1 hour <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure person changes their position every 3 hours when in bed <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure person changes their position every 2 hours when sat in chair
Incontinence or moisture management	<input type="checkbox"/> Ensure skin remains free of excessive moisture if person is incontinent	<input type="checkbox"/> Moisturise skin daily if skin is dry <input type="checkbox"/> Manage incontinence with appropriate products <input type="checkbox"/> Wash area at each pad change
Nutrition and hydration	<input type="checkbox"/> Record persons weight weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Refer to Dietitian if MST ≥ 3. If ≤ 2 weigh and keep food charts	<input type="checkbox"/> Ensure adequate fluid and nutritional intake <input type="checkbox"/> Record weight weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Refer to dietitian if MST ≥ 3 or if PI Stage 3+
Skin inspection	<input type="checkbox"/> Weekly check for broken areas, redness, localised heat, oedema, induration, tissue consistency and pain, document outcome	<input type="checkbox"/> Once a day during the am shift; Check for broken areas, redness, localised heat, oedema, induration, tissue consistency and pain, document outcome
Implementation of Bundle	Date _____ Print Name _____	Date _____ Print Name _____
Level of Risk Bundle of Care	Bundle C – 15+ High Risk	Bundle D – 20+ Very High Risk
Initial assessment on admission	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete Waterlow and risk assessment <input type="checkbox"/> Full visual check of skin <input type="checkbox"/> Educate person and whanau about PI prevention, give Pamphlet- 'Preventing Pressure Injuries'	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete Waterlow and risk assessment <input type="checkbox"/> Full visual check of skin <input type="checkbox"/> Educate person and whanau about PI prevention, give Pamphlet- 'Preventing Pressure Injuries'
Surface Keep person moving to minimise pressure	<input type="checkbox"/> Implement the use of support surface mattresses /cushions <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure heels are free off the surface of the bed or use heel protectors <input type="checkbox"/> Discourage elevation of the head of the bed above 30 degrees for more than 1 hour <input type="checkbox"/> Do not turn person onto red areas or broken skin Bed at Least <input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 hourly change of position <input type="checkbox"/> 3-4 hourly when on a pressure mattress Sitting at least <input type="checkbox"/> 2 hourly change of position	<input type="checkbox"/> Implement the use of pressure relieving/reducing mattresses/ cushions <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure heels are free off the surface of the bed or use heel protectors <input type="checkbox"/> Discourage elevation of the head of the bed above 30 degrees for more than 1 hour <input type="checkbox"/> Do not turn person onto red areas or broken skin Bed at Least <input type="checkbox"/> 2-3 hourly change of position <input type="checkbox"/> 3-4 hourly when on a pressure mattress Sitting at least <input type="checkbox"/> 2 hourly change of position
Incontinence or moisture management	<input type="checkbox"/> Moisturise daily if skin is dry <input type="checkbox"/> Manage incontinence with appropriate products <input type="checkbox"/> Use barrier cream sparingly if required <input type="checkbox"/> Change incontinent pads 3 hourly <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wash area at each pad change	<input type="checkbox"/> Moisturise daily if skin is dry <input type="checkbox"/> Manage incontinence with appropriate products <input type="checkbox"/> Use barrier cream sparingly if required <input type="checkbox"/> Change incontinent pads 3 hourly <input type="checkbox"/> Wash person at each pad change <input type="checkbox"/> Wash groin, buttocks perianal areas twice a day
Nutrition and hydration	<input type="checkbox"/> Ensure adequate fluid and nutritional intake <input type="checkbox"/> Record Fluid & food intake <input type="checkbox"/> Record weight weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Refer to Dietitian if MST ≥ 3 or if PI Stage 3+. If ≤ 2 weigh and keep food charts.	<input type="checkbox"/> Ensure adequate fluid and nutritional intake <input type="checkbox"/> Record weight weekly <input type="checkbox"/> Record fluid & food intake <input type="checkbox"/> Refer to Dietitian if MST ≥ 3 or if PI Stage 3+. If ≤ 2 weigh and keep food charts.
Skin inspection	<input type="checkbox"/> Twice a day on am and pm shift Check for broken areas, redness, localised heat, oedema, induration, tissue consistency and pain, document outcome	<input type="checkbox"/> Once on each nursing shift <input type="checkbox"/> Check for broken areas, redness, localised heat, oedema, induration, tissue consistency and pain, document outcome
Implementation of Bundle	Date _____ Print Name _____	Date _____ Print Name _____
Re-assessment of Waterlow tool	Date: _____ Bundle of Care (circle): A B C D	Date: _____ Bundle of Care (circle): A B C D
(To be completed when there is a change in condition otherwise weekly and on discharge. Date and circle bundle of care A, B, C, D)		
If Pressure Injury Identified: Complete Incident report Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/> Incident no: _____ Wound Care Chart completed: Date: _____		
ACC Number: _____ NB: ACC 46N & 2152 must be completed for Stages 2, 3, & 4 Hospital Acquired Pressure Injuries.		
If Stages 2, 3, or 4 persons should be managed under a high risk bundle		