Integrated Knowledge Translation

Co-Developing the First Integrated Knowledge Translation Guiding Principles for Conducting and Disseminating Research in Partnership with SCI Stakeholders

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We are stuck on repeat

How it's supposed to work:

WRITE GRANT → GET $ → DO RESEARCH → PUBLISH RESULTS

(REPEAT)
We are stuck on repeat

We are sacrificing real world impact.
Knowledge Translation Gap

• 17 to 20 year gap between discovery and implementation

• Wastes resources and time devoted to conducting research

• Interventions and resources become inaccessible to the SCI population

(Morris, Wooding, & Grant, 2011; Graham & Tetroe, 2007)
Integrated Knowledge Translation (IKT)

“How can I help?”

- Research Question
- Grant Funding
- Methods
- Analysis
- Publication
- Real World Application
Integrated Knowledge Translation (IKT)

• Meaningful engagement of the right research users throughout the SCI research process at the right time

• Meaningful engagement: Contributing and influencing a personal or socially meaningful research or dissemination goal and feeling a sense of responsibility to others
Tokenism

When a person with SCI or organization is asked to endorse, and therefore legitimize, research programs over which they have little real control.
How can we build capacity for IKT?

“Nothing about us without us”
Over the next five years

Develop and implement the first integrated knowledge translation guiding principles for conducting and disseminating research in partnership with the spinal cord injury community.
Our Consensus Panel

A team of multidisciplinary SCI researchers, clinicians, organizations and research users with IKT experience.
Knowledge-to-Action Framework

• Developed to provide conceptual clarity regarding the key aspects of KT

• Two interacting phases:
  1. Knowledge Creation
  2. Action Cycle

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Knowledge Creation

1. Knowledge Inquiry
   - Review of Reviews
   - Scoping Review
   - Interviews with IKT Champions

2. Knowledge Synthesis
   - Delphi Consensus
Knowledge Creation

Knowledge Product

- AGREE II Consensus Panel

Consensus Panel
Action Cycle

• Implement and Evaluate the Guiding Principles

• Three Target Audiences:

1. Researchers

2. SCI Stakeholders

3. Funders

(Graham et al., 2006)
In the meantime...

- Alliance will support and incentivise research using an IKT approach.

- Continue to support research to develop and validate the IKT guiding principles.
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Our Plan for Supporting IKT Research

Partnering with SCIO in Research – Integrated Knowledge Translation – No charge

- All communications about research partnerships and funding proposals with SCIO or Alliance need to go to Peter Athanasopoulos or Sheila Casemore.
- A special meeting to discuss terms of partnership and funding proposals with Sheila and Peter
- Customized Marketing and Recruitment Plan
- Activating a research partnership with SCIO requires a letter of support signed by the CEO
- Special Acknowledgement of the researcher and their work with the SCI Community
- Expectations of a research partnership include:
  - A co-designer of the research being a person with SCI
  - A clearly defined role for SCIO and Alliance
  - A clear dissemination and knowledge translation plan of the research
Our Plan for Supporting IKT Research

Marketing and recruiting people for research studies - $350 per study

• [https://sciontario.org/information-news/research/research-opportunities/](https://sciontario.org/information-news/research/research-opportunities/)
• When there is no natural partnership in accordance with our operational plan with SCIO and Alliance and requests are purely marketing and recruitment
• When there is no engagement of people with SCI as part of the research
• When research questions are already defined

Research with student partners

• Special consideration will be given to student partners practicing research for their academic degrees
Lunch

Resuming at 1pm
SCI Alliance Meeting – September 7th
Mobility Clinic Introduction

• Started in 2010 in Kitchener-Waterloo
• Interdisciplinary model
• Makes primary care accessible for people with physical disabilities
• Provide primary care to over 70 individuals with SCI
• Implementing research findings into practice
Providing additional care for those in need

The goal of the Mobility Clinic is to help persons with mobility issues and their primary care providers with health care needs that may be difficult to manage, given existing physical and systemic barriers to care.
The Mobility Clinics are run by an inter-professional team who provide primary care to patients with health conditions such as:

- Spinal Cord Injuries
- Amyotrophic Laterals Sclerosis
- Multiple Sclerosis
- Parkinson's
- Stroke
- Severe Arthritis

Criteria for Referral:
- Adults 18+ in WW LHIN
- Valid Ontario Health Card
- Physical disability or condition impacting the ability to receive care from regular primary care provider
- Referrals must come from a primary care provider

Features:
- Fully accessible with hi-low table, lift & wheelchair scale
- The clinic can address general needs of those with physical disabilities or specific requests (e.g., general assessment, spasticity, mobility, bowel/bladder, pap tests, weights, etc.)

To refer to the Mobility Clinic, please visit: http://family-medicine.ca/mobility
Updates from Mobility Clinic (1)

• Expansion – additional three sites
  • Andrew Street
  • Langs Farm CHC
  • Iroquois Falls FHT

• Development of training program

• Development of training materials
  • CBLMs
  • Quick Reference Guides
Updates from Mobility Clinic (2)

- Working to remove barriers through using technology
  - Partnership with SCI Ontario on VIP4SCI project
  - PCVC project
  - eConsult

- Pilot Projects
  - UTIs among NB patients- Standard of care and perceptions among providers and patients.
  - Exploring Care of young residents with disability at long term care institution
How the Mobility Clinic and SCI Alliance can work together

- Raise awareness - if PCPs are interested, provide them with our contact information
- Go to our website – [www.mobilityclinic.ca](http://www.mobilityclinic.ca)
- Distribute educational materials – manual, CBLMs, Quick Reference Guides
What can we offer

• The goal of the Mobility Clinic is to help persons with mobility issues and their primary care providers with health care needs that may be difficult to manage, given existing physical and systemic barriers to care

• The Mobility Clinic team is comprised of health care providers from a range of disciplines. A physician, nurse, chiropractor, and occupational therapist are present at each visit. Other professionals are available as needed, including a social worker, pharmacist, or physiotherapist

• We provide training and educational materials to primary care providers to support the care of individuals with physical disabilities

• To make a referral to the Mobility Clinic, we require a referral from the individual's primary care provider
Contact information

www.mobilityclinic.ca

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Thankyou
Knowledge Exchange Update

Ontario SCI Solutions Alliance Meeting
September 7, 2018
Knowledge Exchange Initiatives

- **Primary Care:** 2017–2018
- **Neuropathic Pain Management:** 2018–2019
- **Bladder Management:** 2019–2020
# Primary Care

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Primary Care

ACCESSIBLE HEALTH CARE:
Be Equipped
Be Accessible.
Be Ready.

REGISTER TODAY: WWW.SCIONTARIO.ORG/OTN
Primary Care

**Facebook**
Total likes: 321
Total shares: 174
Total reach: 17,273

**Twitter**
Total likes: 19
Total retweets: 13
Total impressions: 15,988

**LinkedIn**
Total likes: 12
Total Impressions: 2,116
# Managing Neuropathic Pain

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Session 2: Tuesday September 24, 2019 |
| Public Policy: Peter Athanasopoulos | Create mixed media resources for people with SCI on non pharmacological management of neuropathic pain – addressing access | January 2019 |
| Lived experience: Nouma Hammash  
Nancy Xia  
TBD | | |
# Bladder Management

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<td>Create online resource for patients with reconstructive urology options (more advanced surgical procedures)</td>
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“The E-Stim Collaboration”

A Best Practice Implementation Project
(*funded by Rick Hansen Institute*)

Principal Investigator:
Pamela E. Houghton PT, PhD
Professor, School of Physical Therapy, Western University
OBJECTIVES

- Best Practice implementation
  - Promote uptake of evidence-informed treatment
    - Electrical Stimulation Therapy (E-Stim)
  - Local – field test – SW-LHIN (formerly known as CCAC)

- Expand learnings to other sites across Canada

Pamela Houghton, Dalton Wolfe, Paul Holyoke, Deena Lala, Lyndsay Orr Western University, SCI program Parkwood Hospital, SW-CCAC. FUNDED BY Rick Hansen Institute (March 2015–2017).
## Implementation Plan: PDSA cycles

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### “PICS”
Press Inj Consult. Serv.

### Community Providers – SW-LHIN

### E-Stim (forms, supplies)

### PRODUCTS
- educational resources
- linkages
- strategies

### NATIONAL PROGRAM
- Other sites

### MARCH 2015 – OCT 2015
- ADAPTE
- PROCESS MAP

### JULY 2017
- E-Stim Final Plan

### OUTCOMES
- increase E-Stim use,
- satisfaction survey,
- costs
Key Stakeholder Engagement

Collaborators / Key Stakeholder

- Regional Rehab Centre – SCI program Parkwood
- Public Funded Community Care – SW– CCAC/LHIN:
- Contracted Home care agency
  St Elizabeth Health Care:
  VHA:
- Attendant care services: Cheshire London
- E–Stim Vendor: McNeice TENS
- SCI – Ontario
- People with SCI

Facilitators – Communication Plan
Barriers & Facilitators

**Training**
- Creating rapport/trust with clients
- Recognizing caregiver burnout
- Lack of awareness of ES
- Lack of knowledge
- Lack of training and skill
- Lack of self management knowledge
- Not receptive to training

**Selection**
- Who will perform ES?
- Caregiver/staff comfort with ES
- Client rarely suitable for ES

**Performance Assessment**
- Infrequent referrals
- Irregular interdisciplinary team assessments

**Coaching**
- “Champion” or coordinator needed
- Reaching rural areas
- Complete “buy-in” of all leaders and front-line staff
- Lack of communication at every level
- Lack of support from LTC facilities

**Systems Interventions**
- High staff to client ratio
- High demand: waiting lists
- Inconsistent policies and procedures

**Facilitative Administration**
- Feasibility of ES (easy to use, inexpensive, evidence)
- Lack of ES suppliers
- A need for ongoing support and feedback

**Technical**
- Time constraint
- Funding
- Increased workload
- Financial constraints for clients
- Belief in ES
- Lack of clients with SCI

**Adaptive**
- Staff and client motivation and support
- Staff team development
- Staff resistance to change

**Decision Support Data Systems**
- High staff to client ratio
- High demand: waiting lists
- Inconsistent policies and procedures

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Lala D, et al., Topics in Spinal Cord Medicine
Barriers & Facilitators

FOSTER KNOWLEDGE & AWARENESS

REPETITION BUILDS COMPETENCY

TIME CONSTRAINTS ESTIM RESOURCES

NEED CLEAR SERVICE PLAN

PROMOTE COMMUNICATION COLLABORATION

Lala D, et al., Topics in Spinal Cord Medicine
Communication Strategy: Existing systems
   Electronic Platform: CHAYA
Specialized Team
   – Pressure Injury Consultation Service
Awareness Campaign
Develop Educational programs
CCAC processes
E-Stim Equipment and Supplies
Engage Providers and Patients
Case based approach (n=10-20)
Follow patient experience
Monitor provider response

ADAPTE
E-Stim
Process
INITIAL

PDSA 1
PDSA2
PDSA3
PDSA4

E-Stim FINAL

• ADAPT process
• Review after each cycle
  • Document
    – feedback, notes

Collect Outcomes
  ▪ E-Stim use
  ▪ Feedback
    • Surveys
      • Patients & providers
  X Clinical Outcomes
    (healing)
Lessons learned

- Knowledge mobilization – where we need to be
  - Careful not to promise clinical outcomes
- Multi-faceted project
  - Take on too much – focus on specific setting/patient
- E-Stim will only work if SWC in place
- Time is precious – care providers maxed out
- Wound champion burn-out, turnover+++ 
- Collect data – pressure ulcer – ID patients
  - what is expected healing time
- Collaboration requires communication
  - Another electronic system may not be answer
DISSEMINATION PHASE

Community of Practice

“A group of people who share a concern or a passion for something they do and learn how to do it better as they interact regularly.”

- 187 members (clinicians, HC Provider)
- Informal, secure
- Seminars / Discussion forum (text)
  - Clinical questions
  - Estim application tech

PLEASE JOIN US!!!
- Estim protocols
- Consent form
- Contraindications
- Dressings that can be used with Estim
- How to videos
- Identifying appropriate clients
  - Decision Tree
  - Consult form
- Clinical Practice Guidelines
- Research Evidence summarized
  - Houghton review articles
- Wound Assessment forms
  - PWAT
What is Estim
- Patient education pamphlets
  - How to prevent pressure ulcers
  - Checking your skin
- Ways to incorporate exercise into
- Feed your wounds
- Why do people with Diabetes have foot wounds?
- Importance of managing chronic edema
NATIONAL PROGRAM: Developing other sites for E-Stim implementation across Canada

9 additional sites, 5 provinces

- Vancouver
- Calgary
- Edmonton
- Winnipeg
- Montreal

- London
- Toronto (2)
- Ottawa
- Hamilton
National Implementation Committee (Advisory Council)

- 30 invited members
  - (interdisciplinary, SCI, advocates)
  - Researchers, clinicians, policy makers,
  - SCI and Wound Care (PrU)

- Champions actively implementing Best Practices: = E-Stim
National Implementation Committee

- Funding from ONF June 2018 to 2020
- Virtual monthly meetings
- Annual retreat (Dec 2016, Nov 2017)
- Spring 2018 – strategic priorities
- THE SCI COMMUNITY THREE YEAR PLAN (2018-2021)
Pressure Injuries (ulcers)

- Participation April 2018 meeting
- Network – join forces: gather expertise
- Strategic plan – focus efforts
- Peer activists

THE SCI COMMUNITY’S THREE YEAR PLAN (2018–2021)

X Very little specific to pressure injuries
“continuously promote the use of the evidence based guidelines”
E-Stim Collaboration Project
Where we can help – a few examples

✓ Online research participation platform
  ✓ Profile researchers
  ✓ Testimonials
  ✓ ADVOCACY: Research to Practice – know what to ask for

✓ Experience with Health Quality Ontario system

✓ Adopting best practice
  ✓ Learnings from Estim implementation project: SW-LHIN
    ✓ Use examples from other provinces (Eg. Alberta)
    ✓ Collecting important indicators
  ✓ Ontario SCI implementation network (Estim 5 sites in Ontario)

✓ Pathways of Care
  ✓ Estim and Pressure ulcer management pathways
    ✓ Link across health care settings

✓ VIP4SCI – online virtual platform – link to estim4wounds.ca

✓ Physician Education

✓ Build Self Management (Public Resources) – Pamphlet
ONT. SCI ALLIANCE; 3 yr. Plan

1. ENHANCE CAPACITY – educate peer activists

2. ONLINE RESEARCH PARTICIPATION PLATFORM – support KT researchers

3. BUILD COALITIONS – Adopting Best Practice {Ontario SCI Implementation networks} – lessons learned E–Stim Collaboration
ONT. SCI ALLIANCE; 3 yr. Plan

4. PATHWAYS of CARE – E-Stim community of practice – everyone asking for the same thing

5. ACCESSIBLE CARE FOR ALL – VIP4SCI online

6. KNOWLEDGE Xchg for PHYSICIANS
   – PrU education – E-Stim referrals

7. ACCESS to SUPPLIES – HQO experience
   – E-Stim devices

8. ACCESS to DEVICES – Seating Clinics
E−Stim Collaboration

- “KT implementers”
- Best Practice
- How can we participate in 3 year plan

DISCUSSION

Estim4wounds.ca
PLEASE JOIN!!!
North American Spinal Cord Injury Consortium
Background

• At the PRAXIS Conference in 2016, in Vancouver, BC a group of delegates ignited a discussion about the continual lack of engagement of the SCI community in research.

• The discussion continued at the 2016 Working 2 Walk Symposium in Minneapolis, Minnesota, where the decision to formalize a North American Consortium to advocate for change was determined.

• Two committees were then formed with representatives from the SCI community in North America including SCI Canada, United Spinal Association, Rick Hansen Institute, Unite 2 Fight Paralysis etc.
  • Committee # 1 – Preparation Committee
  • Committee # 2 – Organizing Committee
Background Continued

• Following the inaugural NASCIC meeting on October 12, 2017 in Miami, Florida, a Charter was ratified and the NASCIC Executive Council was officially voted in.

• December 2017 NASCIC was officially established with the Canadian/American Spinal Research Organization as the host secretariat.
The Need

SCI research is quickly progressing in North America and people with lived experience need to be equitable partners along the continuum of research to ensure the end results are oriented toward consumer needs, are clinically relevant, and transparent to better enhance uptake.
Purpose

• The purpose of the North American Spinal Cord Injury Consortium is to bring together the many organizations in North America that advocate, represent, or communicate with people living with spinal cord injury. The Consortium will not be designed to replace the member organizations, but to provide a platform for communication, advocacy, and representation of shared goals to the larger community.

• The initial thrust of this Consortium will focus on research and connecting the research community with the SCI community.
Mission

The North American Spinal Cord Injury Consortium (NASCIC) has the mission to bring about unified achievements in research, care, and policy by supporting collaborative efforts across the spinal cord injury community.
Membership

Principal Member
Any organization that is a consumer-based registered 501c3(USA), Registered Charity not-for-profit organization, or the equivalent in its jurisdiction that directly serves, represents, or advocates for the SCI community whether on the national, regional, or local level.

Patron Member
Any individual living with a spinal cord injury or directly representing a person living with a spinal cord injury, such as a caregiver or family member, with a main objective of representing themselves and not an organization.

Advisory Member
Any organization or individual with an interest or activities related to people living with SCI, but not a consumer based registered 501c3 (USA), Registered Charity not-for-profit organization, or the equivalent in its jurisdiction that directly serves, represents or advocates for the SCI community. Examples may be clinical care facilities, professional associations, funding agencies, for profit entities, government agencies, research institutions, etc.
NASCIC Members

- Principal Members, 18
- Patron Members, 17
- Advisory Members, 3
Current Projects

• Consumer Advisory Team for Neuromodulation Working Group for Bladder & Bowel

• Spinal Cord Injury Trials Toolkit (SCITT)

• Guiding Principles for Conducting and Disseminating Research in Partnership with the SCI Community

• Consumer Advisory Team for Robotic Exoskeleton Working Group for Increased Mobility – Toyota Mobility Unlimited Challenge
NIH - NINDS Advisory Council

• Within the mission of the North American SCI Consortium is to bring unified achievements in both research and policy. A key funding agency of SCI research is the National Institute of Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NINDS), which is an institute within the National Institutes of Health in the United States. NINDS spends approximately $80M per year on research dedicated toward spinal cord injury.

• Within each institute is a national advisory council consisting of established research scientists and academics. The National Advisory Neurological Disorders and Stroke (NANDS) Council has two general functions: (1) to advise the NINDS on policy and procedures affecting the extramural research programs and (2) to provide a second level of review for all grant and cooperative agreement applications considered by the Institute for funding. They meet 3 times per year.
Research Funding Advocacy

• NASCIC members have decided there is a need to advocate for a redistribution of the research funding to have more emphasis on 1) chronic injury, 2) translational and clinical research to improve care and quality of life, and 3) incorporating the input and voice of those living with SCI and their caregivers in the entire process.

• Update: The first step of this advocacy effort was to submit a letter to the NANDS Council regarding these three issues with the listing of the NASCIC members that support this effort at the time of submission. The letter was submitted prior to the September 13, 2018 council meeting.

For more information and to download a copy of the letter go to https://nasciconsortium.org/projects/
Value Proposition for Joining NASCIC

• Dissemination of knowledge

• Actively affecting policy on a national and international level (i.e. NIH NINDS Council – reallocation of SCI funds)

• Being a part of a consortium of organizations that represent the SCI community

• Amplifying the voice of individuals living with a spinal cord injury and local community organizations
QUESTIONS OR COMMENTS

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Prevention and Treatment of Pressure Sores

September 7, 2018

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Toronto Rehabilitation Institute | University Health Network

David A. Dzioba
Dabir Surfaces Inc. | Methode Electronics
Conflict of Interest

Dr. Milos R. Popovic is a shareholder in the medical device company, MyndTec Inc.
Pressure Sores Overview – International Prevalence Rates (Acute Care)

Prevention and Treatment

Pressure Sores
Prevention of Pressure Sores

- **Mobility**: is vital in helping to prevent pressure ulcers.
- **Pressure**: relief cushions, pillows and mattresses can help reduce risk.
- **Dehydration**: is a major cause of pressure ulcers. It is important to drink plenty of water.
- **Nutrition**: is a major cause of pressure ulcers. It is important to eat a healthy diet.
- **Improved**: circulation through movement plays a vital role in the prevention of pressure ulcers.
- **Protect**: the skin by using moisture barrier cream or spray.
- **Moisturise**: daily to replace lost lipids in the upper layer of skin.
- **Cleaned**: skin is less likely to develop a pressure ulcer.
Prevention of Pressure Sores

The DABIR Surface for Pressure Sores Prevention
Methode Electronics Inc. (Global Manufacturing)

CANADIAN ENTERPRISE (METHODE)
- Pacific Insight Headquarters (Sales & Engineering)
  Burnaby, British Columbia, Canada
- Pacific Insight (Manufacturing)
  Nelson, British Columbia, Canada
- Grakon Group: Hamsar Headquarters
  (Sales, Engineering, Manufacturing)
  Burlington, Ontario, Canada

METHODE
- HEADQUARTERS: CHICAGO, IL
- ESTABLISHED: 1946
- NYSE: MEI
- FY 2019: $1.1B +
- CEO: DON DUDA
- EMPLOYEES: 4,000+
Dabir systems were designed to:

• Improve patient outcomes by
  - promoting healthy tissue perfusion to prevent pressure injury
  - providing cyclic off-loading of compressed tissue
  - increasing patient comfort

• Positively impact CMS (US) quality metrics: HACRP, HVBP and HRRP

• Reduce patient readmissions related to pressure injuries

• Minimize related secondary “never events” -- patient falls and wound infections

• Provide an overall system level cost savings to the healthcare organization

Footnote:
HACRP: Hospital-Acquired Condition Reduction Program ; HVBP: Hospital Value-Based Purchasing Program; HRRP: Hospital Readmissions Reduction Program
Dabir System Overview

Consist of two primary components:

- Controller (Equipment)
- Multi-patient Surfaces (Semi-Disposable)

Highlights:

- Tissue off-loading while minimizing patient movement
- Reduces skin shear caused by immersion or envelopment
- Maintains patient stability with low-profile design (25mm inflated)
- Deploys between OR pad (mattress) and cover sheet
- Surfaces are radiolucent for diagnostic imaging
- Suitable for use across the continuum of care
- Intelligent electronic controls
- Automatic surface end-of-life notification

- Surgical: 220 hours
- Stretcher: 345 hours
- Med-Surg Bed: 775 hours

- Weight Limit: 15 to 400 lbs. (Surgical) / 15 to 600 lbs. (MedSurg)
- Uses standard hospital cleaning protocol
Clinical Prevalence and Treatment Costs (US)

High-Risk Patients
Low-Risk Patients

= Patient volume

23% of patients who develop PI during hospital stay are readmitted

PI distribution by wound stage

3.6% National average rate of hospital-acquired pressure injuries

Incremental treatment cost of wound stages

Stage 1 $2,159
Stage 2 $8,933
Late Stage $52,163

Stage 1 16%
Stage 2 38%
Late Stage 46%

1 Dabir Surfaces Internal Estimate, Primary Research – Web Survey (n=90), March – April 2017.
2 Bergquest-Beringer, S. et al, Pressure Ulcers and Prevention Among Acute Care Hospitals in the United States, The Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety, Sep; 39(9); 404-14
3 Lyder CH et al., Hospital Acquired Pressure Ulcers: Results from the National Medicare Patient Safety Monitoring System Study, J Am Geriatric Society, 60(9): 1603-8.
5 Are We Ready For This Change? Content last reviewed October 2014, Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Rockville, MD
https://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/systems/hospitals/pressureulcertoolkit/putool1.html
Recent studies suggest a US average of 3.6% incidence rate of Pressure Injuries occur in the Acute Care setting\(^1\)

Prevalence of Pressure Injury in Canada has been estimated to be 25% in Acute Care and 30% in non-acute care setting

Approximately 25% acquired intra-operatively during surgeries lasting three hours or more\(^3\)

Reduced quality of life, increased length of stay (4-10 days)\(^4\) and at higher risk for mortality\(^5\)

Stage 3 and 4 injuries expose the patient to a higher risk of Hospital-Acquired Infection\(^6\)

Patient risk exists in ED, Pre-Op, OR, RR, ICU, Med-Surg Units, IR, EP, & ECMO

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\(^1\) Bergquest-Beringer, S. et al, Pressure Ulcers and Prevention Among Acute Care Hospitals in the United States, *The Joint Commission Journal on Quality and Patient Safety*, 2013 Sep; 39(9); 404-14


\(^3\) Esch, Dianne, Scott Triggers: A Screening Tool for Pressure Ulcer Prevention in Surgical Patients, American Society of Peri-Anesthesia Nurses, 2010 June; 25; Issue 3; 186


Economic Burden: Hospital-Acquired Pressure Injuries (HAPIs)

- US Healthcare System cost estimated between USD $6-15 billion\(^1\)

- Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) exercised its authority under section 5001(c) and will no longer pay for HAPI stages III & IV\(^2\)

- Hospital-Acquired Condition (HAC) adjusts payments to hospitals with risk-adjusted HAC scores; subject to 1% reduction of payment\(^3\)

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\(^2\) CMS, Department of Health & Human Services, SMDL #08-004, 2008 July

\(^3\) CMS.gov, Medicare.Acute Inpatient PPS, 2017 August
Clinical Evidence – Pressure Mapping & Enhanced Perfusion

- *Alternating nodal support*
- *Localized “Off-loading”*
- *Reduced skin shear*
- *Increased patient comfort*
- *Enhanced tissue perfusion*

Source: Internal Dabir test results

Cyclic off-loading vs. Measured blood flow
Poster Number: LB-008 (Sacral Area)
Clinical Evidence – Dabir Dynamic (Alternating) vs. Static Surfaces

Static vs. Dynamic Support Surface – Interface Pressure

Static vs. Dynamic Support Surface – Tissue deformation (Magnetic Resonance Imaging)

Static vs. Dynamic Support Surface – Interface Pressure Mapping of Sacrum

Dabir Surface provides periodic pressure relief to body areas that are vulnerable to pressure ulcer (injury) development. The periodic micro-pressure relief reduces tissue deformation and skin shear, enhances tissue perfusion, all in a novel low-profile design.

Source: Internal Dabir test results
Dabir Surface provides periodic pressure relief to sacrum and heel tissues in chronic SCI patients during deflation cycles. The periodic pressure reduction improves local tissue perfusion and reduces risk for pressure ulcer development.
Published Clinical Posters

Low-profile Alternating Pressure for Peri-operative Pressure Injury Prevention
Presented at Fall SAWC, Las Vegas, NV, October 7-9, 2016. Poster Number: CR-002

Improving Patient Comfort and Satisfaction in Emergency Departments with a Micropressure Overlay
Presented at Fall SAWC, Las Vegas, NV, October 7-9, 2016. Poster Number: CS-020

MRI Evaluation of Changes in Deep Tissue Thickness for a Novel Alternating Pressure Overlay (APO)
Presented at Fall SAWC, Las Vegas, NV, October 16-18, 2014. Poster Number: IR-024

A Novel Alternating Pressure Overlay (APO) for Preventing Pressure Ulcers during Surgeries
Presented at Fall SAWC, Las Vegas, NV, October 16-18, 2014. Poster Number: IR-023

Sacral skin blood flow response to alternating pressure operating room overlay
Presented at Fall SAWC, Las Vegas, NV, October 7-9, 2016. Poster Number: LB-008

Preventing peri-operative pressure ulcers – evaluation of a sacral dressing and an active overlay
Presented at Fall SAWC, Las Vegas, NV, October 7-9, 2016. Poster Number: CR-056

Piloting an Alternating Pressure Overlay to Mitigate Pressure Injury
Presented at AORN Global Surgical Conference and Expo, Boston, April 1-5, 2017
Representative Dabir Customers

Large acute care hospital in Alberta, Canada (Head & Neck OR Procedures)

Multispecialty academic hospital in Northeast Ohio

Teaching hospital that includes schools of allied health professions, behavioral health, dentistry, medicine, nursing, pharmacy, public health, and religion in Southern California

Large health system in Southeast Michigan

Not-for-profit, integrated, managed care health care organization based in West Michigan

Not-for-profit health care system headquartered in Milwaukee and serving Eastern Wisconsin

A 368-bed acute care hospital in Denver, Colorado

Comprehensive, integrated, non-profit, managed care, health care organization in Metro Detroit, Michigan

Personalized, patient-centered cancer treatment organization
Prevention and Treatment
Treatment of Pressure Sores

Pressure Ulcer Surveillance and Rehabilitation (PULSaR) tool
Solution - PULSaR

- 3D Camera
- EST Delivery
- Customized EST Protocol
- Wound Image
- Finite Element Model
- Customized Electrode
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INTACT SKIN

PRESSURE ULCER
Solution - PULSaR

14 X 12 MULTIPAD ELECTRODE PLACED OVER PU
Solution - PULSaR

ACTIVE PADS
Solution - PULSaR

WOUND DRESSING TO COVER INACTIVE PADS
Solution - PULSaR

INACTIVE PADS COVERED WITH WOUND DRESSING
Solution - PULSAR

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Next Steps

Secure funding

Engage industrial partners

Define the milestones

Run the project
Collaboration
Thank you!

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