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Preventing in-facility pressure ulcers as a patient safety strategy: a systematic review.

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As the patient safety evidence base matures, the focus is shifting from effectiveness (identifying which strategies can prevent errors) to implementation (ensuring that all patients receive effective strategies). Pressure ulcers are considered a never event, but their incidence has been increasing despite effective preventive strategies. This systematic review identifies several promising methods of implementing multicomponent interventions to prevent pressure ulcers and emphasizes the importance of leadership, simplification and standardization of safety strategies, and regular audit and feedback of pressure ulcer rates in ensuring intervention success. This study was funded by the Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality as part of the *Making Health Care Safer II* report and was published as part of a special patient safety supplement in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*.