

Success in hospital-acquired pressure ulcer prevention: a tale in two data sets.

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Hospital-acquired [pressure ulcers](#) (HAPUs) are considered a [never event](#), represent a significant source of patient harm, and can result in [loss of payment](#) to hospitals. In this study, researchers analyzed administrative data from 3 states for 2009 to 2014. The HAPU incidence they found was about one-twentieth of the HAPU incidence detected using chart review. In addition, while both chart review data and administrative data showed a reduction in HAPU incidence for the study period, the decline using administrative data was almost entirely due to a decrease in the incidence of lower stage pressure ulcers. The authors suggest that using clinical data from chart review and taking ulcer severity into account may yield a more meaningful measurement strategy.