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3rd-7th April 2017

Rachel Apsey Seminars

Rachel Apsey, a Registered Nurse and Director with Medstrom, the group managing UK's largest managed bed contract, is visiting New Zealand in April; below are some insights around Rachel's presentation;

Rachel on heels: Rachel believes the increase in heel injury – in part is related to the increase in electric bed use and how they profile; 'While we are using an unprecedented amount of pressure relief surfaces, have we considered the other changes to the patient environment over this time'.

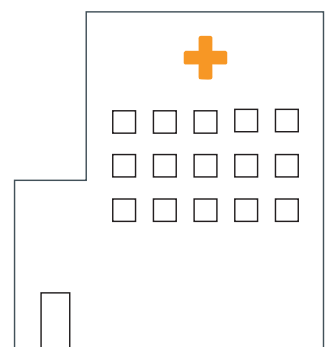
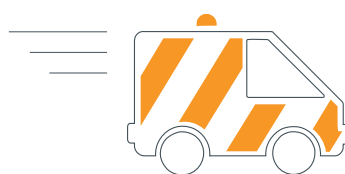
Rachel on moisture lesion: Rachel believes that moisture causes around 30-40% of skin injuries that will be exacerbated by pressure. 'A dynamic mattress system will do nothing for a moisture lesion, in this case the moisture needs to be managed long before the impacts the impacts of pressure cause more damage. Moisture lesions are on the increase and Rachel believes this is in parallel with additional applications of polyurethane on covers that make them non breathable.

Wrong bum, wrong bed (or Right patient Right product Right length of time): Rachel will help us around the subject of when 'not to order a mattress'. A study from a UK hospital that appeared to be doing a good job on staff education, wall posters, and clinical auditing, showed that around 30% of the low risk patients were being over prescribed a mattress, whilst 10% of high risk patients missed out; Rachel will explain the strategies used that resulted in that hospital having better patient outcomes, and saving significantly on their rental bill.

Rachel will also explore the various pressure redistributing technologies, the evidence that exists and discuss up to date guidelines published by worldwide key opinion leaders on the subject of pressure ulcer prevention.



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