Title: The Braden Scale in Young Patients: Validity and Accuracy

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Research question:

1. What is the evidence for the validity and accuracy of the Braden scale to assess pressure ulcer risk in young (< 20 years) patients in the hospital?

2. What are the guidelines for assessing pressure ulcer risk in the younger mobile population in the hospital?

Methods:

A limited literature search was conducted on key health technology assessment resources, including PubMed, the Cochrane Library (Issue 4, 2007), University of York Centre for Reviews and Dissemination (CRD) databases, ECRI, EuroScan, international HTA agencies, and a focused Internet search. Results include articles published between January 1998 and January 2008, and are limited to English language publications only. No filters were applied to limit the retrieval by study type. Internet links are provided, where available.

Results:

Health technology assessments

No literature identified

Systematic reviews and meta-analyses

No literature identified

Randomized controlled trials

No literature identified

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Observational studies

Braden scale and other scales in the pediatric or young patient population


Braden scale and other scales – unspecified patient population


Guidelines and recommendations

   Note: See section 2.0 Use of risk assessment tools


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Appendix – Further information:

Observational studies


Review articles


Additional references


