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Purpose Statement
To improve the accessibility of evidence based skin care interventions for the clinical nurse without the need of a CWOCN consult.

Why a protocol?
- Eliminate the number of CWOCN consults for skin impairments that can be managed by a clinical nurse.
- Provides a streamlined process for immediate application of best practice interventions for identified skin impairments.
- The interventions can be implemented based on assessment findings and clinical judgment.
- Provides direction for consulting the CWOCN including:
  - identification of all pressure ulcers (present on admission or hospital acquired)
  - wounds or impairments are not healing
  - ostomy needs
  - Skin tears greater than 3-4 cm.

Staff Education
- Posters, that included photos of the impairment paired with the correct guideline and product.
- Computer based training modules
- Unit based skin champions and CWOCN providing 1:1 feedback
- Pocket cards
- Newsletter articles
- Skills stations – identify the impairment and select the correct guideline

Pre/Post Measures

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2014-2015 Inpatient HAPUs
Including Stage 1-4, sDTI, Unstageable, & Mucosal

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1. Identify the skin impairment
2. Search order sets
3. Select the correct guideline
4. Each shift review required interventions

References