



Pressure Injuries: Serious Consequences, Substantial Costs, Real Solutions

Pressure injuries (PIs) affect millions of people in the United States each year, causing physical and mental pain, loss of work, family burdens and mortality.

What is a PI?

A PI is localized damage to the skin and/or underlying soft tissue caused by intense and/or prolonged pressure over a bony prominence or related to a medical or other device. They often occur in elderly patients or those with chronic conditions and mobility constraints.

Net Health has been helping hospitals, clinics and providers identify, address and minimize the harmful implications of pressure injuries for more than 25 years.

Here are important data for clinicians and those involved in wound care to understand and keep in mind as they care for patients and implement programs.

SCOPE

Effective treatment is critical

2.5 million
hospital patients (acute care) develop PIs each year.¹



60,000
patient deaths per year directly linked to PIs.¹



Up to **one-third of patients** with leg PIs (venous ulcers) have **four or more episodes of recurrence**.³



Hospital-acquired PIs are the **2nd most common CMS "preventable event"**.²

IMPLICATIONS



PIs are the only hospital-acquired condition **increasing**.²



Excess length of stay of 4.31 days.¹



Higher 30-day readmission rate.¹

COST

Patient care cost per PI
\$20,900 to \$151,700.¹



Medicare **reduced reimbursements to 1 in 4 hospitals** in 2018 because of PIs.⁴

17,000+ PI-related lawsuits filed annually.¹



PIs cost U.S. healthcare system **\$26.8 billion+** per year,³ and costs have more than doubled in recent years

The Net Health Solution



20,000 clinicians rely on our technology and services



1 million wounds healed annually

Enhance Your Wound Care Programs

Tissue Analytics' next-generation wound care technology helps reduce the subjectivity in wound assessments, enabling clinicians to capture wound images, measurements and other relevant documentation easily from their mobile device. See how it can help your organization.

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