Factors contributing to pressure injuries in people with spinal cord injuries

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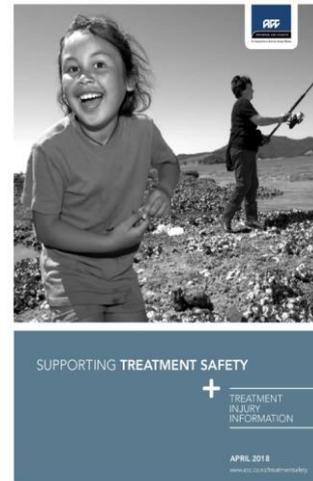November 2018

Overview

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- Why is pressure injury prevention important?

- Methodology.

- Key findings.

- Next steps in SCI pressure injury prevention.

- Acknowledgements.

ACC's long term commitment

- Comprehensive, no-fault personal injury cover for all New Zealand residents and visitors to New Zealand since 1974.

- ACC is committed to supporting improved safety of treatment to reduce harm to patients.

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Why is prevention important?

Pressure injuries cause pain, disability, hospitalisation and sometimes death.

Treatment injury pressure injury claims **+** **ACC Serious Injury clients pressure injuries** **=** **$41 million cost to ACC (pa)**

Methodology

Human-centred approach to research

Conducted face-to-face interviews with:

- 29 SCI injured people who had a pressure injury in the last three years.

- 24 health professionals around New Zealand.

- 13 ACC frontline staff who coordinate services for people with an SCI.

The ACC Ethics Committee granted ethics approval for this study in October 2017.

Key findings

- Individual resourcefulness.

- Care partner support.

- An enabled health system.

- ACC coordination and prevention.

- Environmental context and resources.

- Key life stages has particular relevance for

  pressure injuries.

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Next steps for SCI pressure injury prevention

ACC will work with SCI clients, health professionals and government agencies to:

- Provide principles for the consistent treatment of pressure injuries.

- Review, develop and update education for registered and Kaiāwhina workforce.

- Embed prevention, management and treatment of pressure injuries within ACC contracts and case management.

- Develop useful, accessible and right time information for clients through human-centred co-design.

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