Moving to a Culture of Safety: An Organizational Decision to Convert to a Medical – Surgical Bed with Smart Bed Technology*.  

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Purpose Statement:  

Because of the increased prevalence of falls, a decision was made to convert the PCU to a bed with smart technology, which incorporates the principles of pressure redistribution and reduction of pressure areas.

Problems:  

After examining an increase in falls and beds with features, a prior case analysis was completed which highlighted the need for the implementation of beds with varying degrees of technology and technology. Beds should be designed to be deselected to prevent a fall and reduce the pressure areas.

Results:  

Patient satisfaction has improved significantly. This bed has helped to reduce pressure areas and reduce the risk of pressure ulcers.

Rationale:  

We recognized a need for a bed which would keep our patient safe, keep the beds and bedsheets, and provide the nursing staff with a means of communication that would maintain our team's system.

Methodology:  

A thorough trial of a bed with “smart technology” and a new protocol was implemented to ensure implementation. This bed was monitored for up to six months.

References:  

MHA, Safe Patient Lifting Work Group, Department of Veterans Affairs, Developing a No-Fail Policy.

* Secure A with smart awareness technology is manufactured by Skyler Corporation