


Worsening Stage 2-4 Pressure Ulcers in Long-term Care



Year to Date Performance	3.6%	Performance Assessment	 Red
Island Health Target	Less than or equal to 3.0%	Performance is significantly outside acceptable range; take action and monitor progress.	

What do we measure and why?

Pressure ulcers can develop when a resident sits or lies in the same position for a prolonged period of time. Immobility may be due to many physical and psychological factors, including neurological conditions like Alzheimer's Disease, and improper nutrition or hydration. Careful monitoring is required for good quality care.

This indicator reports the percentage of long-term care residents whose stage 2 to 4 pressure ulcer worsened since their previous clinical assessment. The rate is calculated by dividing the number of residents with a stage 2 to 4 pressure ulcer on their recent assessment (who also had a lower stage ulcer on their previous assessment), by the number of residents with valid assessments, at the end of each quarterly reporting period. Residents who had a stage 4 ulcer on their prior assessment were excluded. This indicator is a rolling average of the previous 12 months.

Worsening Stage 2 to 4 Pressure Ulcers in Long-term Care is monitored by the Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) and the Office of the Seniors Advocate.

What is the target?

Island Health's target is less than or equal to 3.0%.

Lower rates are better.

How are we doing?

As of the first quarter of 2024/25, Island Health was not meeting the target.

What actions are we taking?

Virtual wound care consults improve response time, frequency of follow-up visits, and outreach for residents across Island Health, while also supporting education and wound assessment skills in clinicians. Specialized skin wellness support and training for healthcare staff is continuing to be rolled out at sites across Island Health.