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Promoting Continence Using Prompted Voiding in Acute Care

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Urinary Incontinence

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I sit on the Board of Directors for The Canadian Association for Enterostomal Therapy



RNAO Best Practice Guideline



Gap Analysis

Gap Analysis - Promoting Continence Using Prompted Voiding

Date Completed: 7/15/16

Team Members participating in the Gap Analysis:

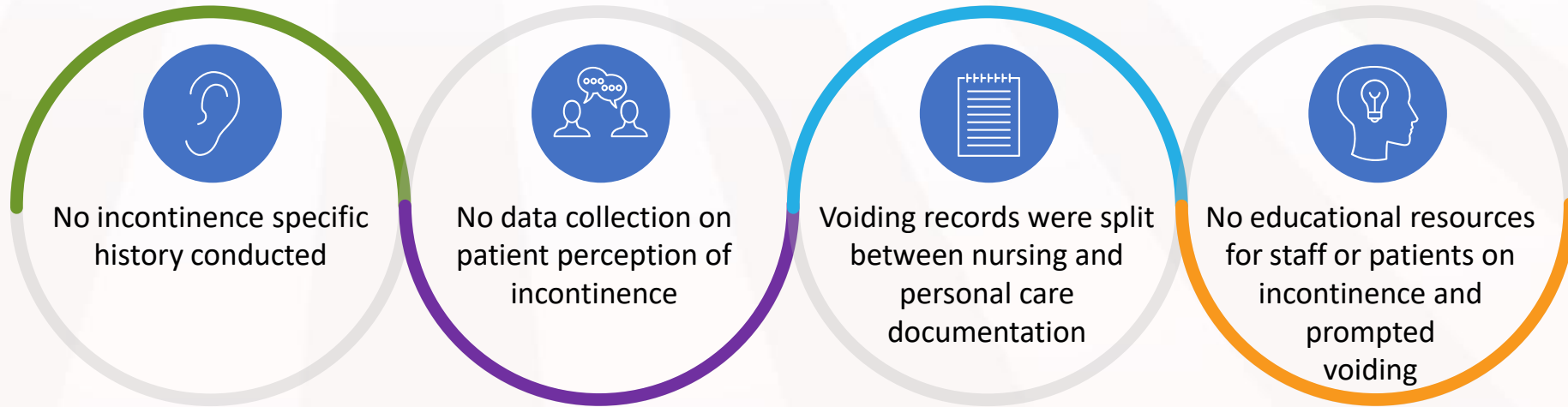
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Completion of this gap analysis allows for the annual comparison of your current practice to evidence based practices as regulated by the MOHLTC. See Appendix A for this and other regulations that apply to a continence care and bowel management program in your home.

RNAO Best Practice Guideline Recommendations	Met	Partially Met	Unmet	Notes (Examples of what to include: is this a priority to our home, information on current practice, possible overlap with other programs or partners)
Practice Recommendations				
1.0 Obtain a history of the client's incontinence. (Level of Evidence IV)			✓	At this time outside of obtaining a medical history, which includes questions on diarrhea and constipation on admission an incontinence specific history is not currently conducted.
2.0 Gather information on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The amount, type and time of daily fluid intake, paying particular attention to the intake amount of caffeine and alcohol. • The frequency, nature and consistency of bowel movements. • Any relevant medical or surgical history which may be related to the incontinence problem, such as but not limited to diabetes, stroke, Parkinson's disease, heart failure, recurrent urinary tract infections or previous bladder surgery. (Level of Evidence = IV)		✓		At this time both Personal Care Assistant (PCA) and Nursing documentation include daily fluid intake, however it does not specify the amount of caffeine and alcohol intake at this time. Alcohol intake however would be considered a medication and recorded on the patient Medication Administration Record. Bowel movements are charted on by both nursing and PCA staff at the time of care. This includes a record of frequency, nature, and consistency of the bowel movements. A patient medical and surgical history is recorded on the patient chart at the time of admission to an inpatient unit



Areas for Improvement



No prompted voiding



Planned Intervention

Promoting Continence Using Prompted Voiding Best Practice Guideline Implementation Pilot Project on Geriatric Inpatient

Task	Target Date	Date Completed	Status	Comments
Conduct a gap analysis for the Promoting Continence Using Prompted Voiding Best Practice Guideline	July 17 th , 2016	July 15 th , 2016		A gap analysis was conducted for the Geriatric Unit at the Royal Victoria Regional health Centre
Review with the unit resource nurses and the manager the logistics behind which patients would be candidates for prompted voiding, how education should be disseminated, and which staff will be involved in the project	August 10 th , 2016	August 10 th , 2016		Spoke with unit resource nurses about best times to complete in-services. Provided staff and unit manager with an overview of the program. Identified three patients who may be appropriate to trial prompted voiding with. Began development of documentation for the project.
Begin development of a presentation for staff on promoting continence	August 10 th , 2016	August 10 th , 2016		Began development of a power point presentation of prompted voiding for staff education on the program. Also developed a bladder diary document, and created identifiers for patients on the unit who are taking part in the project.
Develop and/or package documentation necessary for the project and prepare it for roll out on the unit	August 11 th , 2016	August 11 th , 2016		I completed the power point presentation for staff and determined which assessment tool will be utilized for staff to determine the type and underlying cause of the patients' incontinence.
Complete presentation development for the promoting continence educational materials	August 17 th , 2016	August 17 th , 2016		An education sheet to provide to staff on the many possible causes of urinary incontinence was completed. Development was started on a patient information package using the RAO patient information booklet. In servicing to



Patient History

Bladder & Bowel Continence Assessment

Date Assessment Initiated: _____

Information Source (please circle) – Resident (R), Family (F) _____
Chart (C), RN, RPN, PSW, other.

Addressograph

A. RELEVANT MEDICAL &/OR SURGICAL CONDITIONS
(From Resident, Family, Chart)

<input type="checkbox"/> Immobility Issues	<input type="checkbox"/> Cognitive Problems
<input type="checkbox"/> Arthritis	<input type="checkbox"/> Dementia
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Neurological Conditions	<input type="checkbox"/> Genito-Urinary (GU) Problems
<input type="checkbox"/> Stroke	<input type="checkbox"/> Recurrent Urinary Tract Infections
<input type="checkbox"/> Parkinson's Disease	<input type="checkbox"/> Previous G/U Surgery or Injury
<input type="checkbox"/> Multiple Sclerosis	<input type="checkbox"/> Prostate Problems
<input type="checkbox"/> Spinal Cord injury	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____	<input type="checkbox"/> Gastro-Intestinal (GI) Problems
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical Conditions	<input type="checkbox"/> Chronic constipation
<input type="checkbox"/> Diabetes	<input type="checkbox"/> Diverticular disease
<input type="checkbox"/> Hypertension	<input type="checkbox"/> Hemorrhoids/fissures
<input type="checkbox"/> Hypothyroidism	<input type="checkbox"/> Previous colon surgery
<input type="checkbox"/> Heart Problems	<input type="checkbox"/> Irritable bowel syndrome
Weight : _____ (kg)	<input type="checkbox"/> Other _____

B. MEDICATIONS

See over	Y	N	Comments
Antacids with aluminum			
Analgesics/NSAIDS			
Anticholinergic/ Antispasmodic/ Anti-emetics			
Antidepressants			
Antihistamines			
Anti-hypertensives			
Anti-Parkinson agents			

D: SYMPTOMS ASSOCIATED WITH URINARY INCONTINENCE

Type of Urinary Incontinence	Symptoms	Y	N	N/A	*Total number of "yes" answers
Stress UI	Leakage with cough, sneeze, physical activity				
	UI in small amounts (drops, spurts)				
	UI during daytime only				
	Fecal incontinence may be present				
Urge UI	Strong, uncontrolled urge prior to UI				
	UI moderate/large volume (gush)				
	Frequency of urination				
	Nocturia > 2 times				
	Nocturnal enuresis – bedwetting				



Staff Education & Choosing Participants

Causes of Urinary Incontinence

Remember TOILETED



Thin, dry vaginal and urethral epithelium
(Atrophic urethritis or vaginitis)
Obstruction (Stool Impaction/Constipation)
Infection
Limited mobility (Restricted mobility)
Emotional (Psychological, Depression)
Therapeutic medications (Pharmacological)
Endocrine disorders (Uncontrolled Diabetes)
Delirium




Medications leading to incontinence:

- Anti-hypertensives – May lead to functional urinary incontinence
- Diuretics – May lead to overflow incontinence
- Calcium Channel Blockers – May lead to constipation or diarrhea
- Antacids with aluminum – Can cause diarrhea
- Laxatives – May lead to fecal incontinence
- Antidepressants – May lead to constipation, overflow, and functional urinary incontinence
- Monoamine oxidase inhibitors (MAO's) – May lead to urinary retention
- Anti-psychotics – May lead to constipation, overflow, and functional urinary incontinence
- Sedatives – May lead to functional incontinence
- Narcotics – May lead to constipation, overflow, and functional urinary incontinence
- NSAIDS – May lead to urinary retention in large doses
- Anticholinergic/Antispasmodic/Antiemetics – Constipation and urinary retention leading to overflow and functional urinary incontinence



Implementation

Patient Name: _____
Date: _____



Bladder Diary/Record

	Time Interval	Urinated in toilet	Incontinent Episode	Reason for Episode	Liquid intake	Bowel Movement	Produce Use
A.M. HOURS	12:00-01:00 AM						
	01:00-02:00 AM						
	02:00-03:00 AM						
	03:00-04:00 AM						
	04:00-05:00 AM						
	05:00-06:00 AM						
	06:00-07:00 AM						
	07:00-08:00 AM						
	08:00-09:00 AM						
	09:00-10:00 AM						
	10:00-11:00 AM						
	11:00-12:00 PM						
P.M. HOURS	12:00-01:00 PM						
	01:00-02:00 PM						
	02:00-03:00 PM						
	03:00-04:00 PM						
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	05:00-06:00 PM						
	06:00-07:00 PM						
	07:00-08:00 PM						
	08:00-09:00 PM						
	09:00-10:00 PM						
	10:00-11:00 PM						
	11:00-12:00 AM						

¹Incontinent episodes: (++) = SMALL: did not have to change pad/clothing; (+++) = LARGE: needed to change pad/clothing
²Examples of reasons for incontinence episodes: leaked while sneezing; leaked while running to the bathroom
³Examples of type and amount of liquid intake: 12oz can of cola, 2 cups regular coffee
⁴Examples of product use: pad, undergarment; track times you changed

Possible Causes of Transient Urinary Incontinence
TOILETED Mnemonic

Initial 3 Day Assessment



Implementation

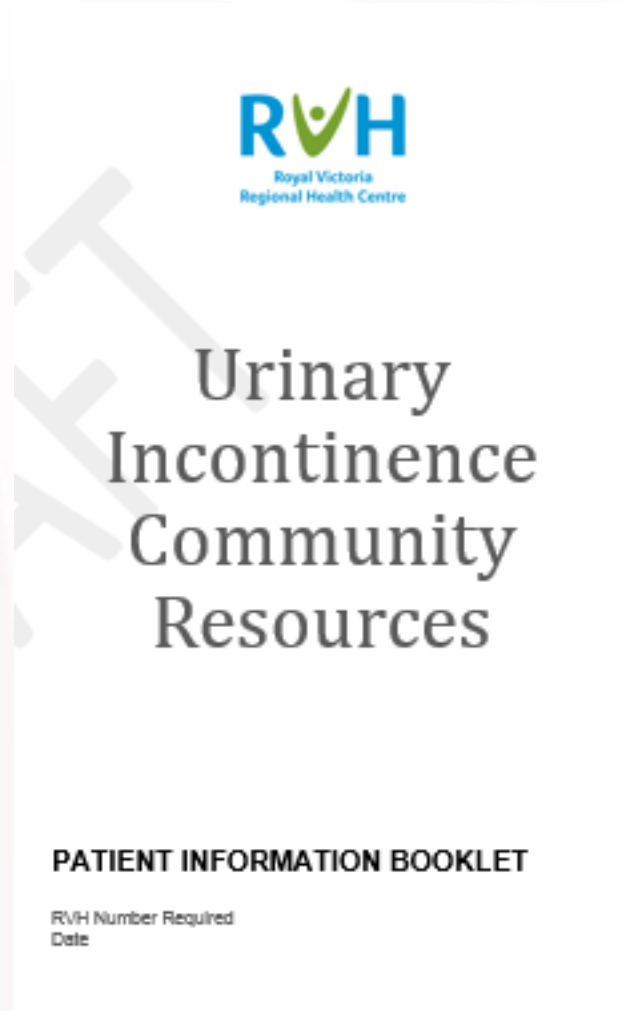


Implementation



Applied to chart spines and in patient rooms to remind staff of who is participating in the program

Education





Education



At Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) we work to provide care that includes our patients and their family.

WHAT IS URINARY INCONTINENCE?

Urinary incontinence is the accidental release of urine or leaking urine. It may occur when sneezing, coughing, laughing, or jogging. It may also occur as a sudden urgent need to urinate. Urinary incontinence can occur for a short period of time, due to acute medical issues, or over a long period of time due to an underlying issue with the body.

URINARY INCONTINENCE FACTS

- Urinary incontinence is caused by an underlying condition, it is a symptom not a disease itself.
- Urinary incontinence can affect anyone at any age, however it is more common in those over 65 years of age.
- Urinary incontinence is NOT a natural part of aging
- Urinary incontinence can be due to a number of issues such as difficulty getting to the toilet, drinking caffeinated beverages, constipation, not drinking enough fluids, a bladder infection, and more.

URINARY INCONTINENCE ORGANIZATIONS

Canadian Continence Foundation
www.canadiancontinence.ca
c/o Jacqueline Cahill, Executive Director
P.O. Box 417
Peterborough, ON, K9J 6Z3
1-800-265-9575 or 705-750-4600

Canadian Nurse Continence Advisors
www.cnca.ca
905-573-4823


National Association for Continence
www.nafc.org

Continence Product Advisor
www.continenceproductadvisor.org

Financial Supports & Incontinence Care Professionals Within the Region




Myths & Facts



Health Education Fact Sheet
From Nurses for You

Nursing Best Practice Guideline

Incontinence: Breaking the Silence



Did you know that urinary incontinence affects over 3 million Canadians?

Urinary incontinence is the involuntary loss of urine and can be an embarrassing problem. Fortunately, help is available!

Here are some facts that might surprise you:

- Urinary incontinence can touch individuals at any stage of life, but it is most common with older adults.
- It affects one in four Canadians over the age of 65.
- It can disrupt normal routines and cause people to avoid activities they used to enjoy.
- Most people experiencing incontinence suffer in silence and do not seek help.



Education

RNAO Recommends education programs include information on the following:

- Incontinence Myths
- Defining Incontinence
- Assessment
- Prompted Voiding
- Individualized Plans
- Impact of cognitive impairment and managing behaviours
- Relation of bowel hygiene to healthy bladder
- Use of a toileting Record



What is Urinary Incontinence?

- Accidental release of urine or leaking urine
- May occur when sneezing, coughing, laughing, or jogging
- May also occur as a sudden urgent need to urinate
- Can be short term caused by medical issues such as a urinary tract infection, constipation, or medication
- It can also be long term due to physiological issues





Is incontinence expected in the elderly?



What types of urinary incontinence are there?

Physical:

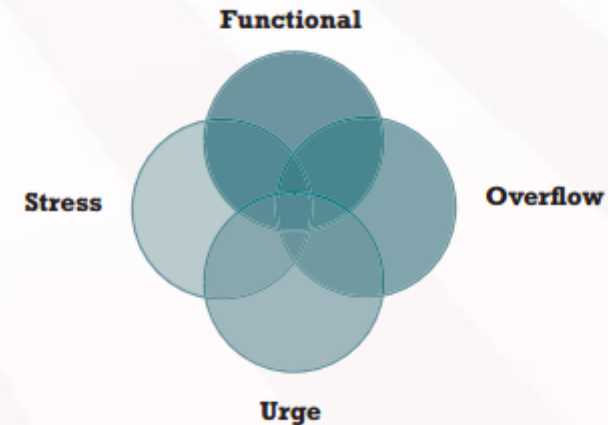
- **Stress:** Coughing, laughing, etc.
- **Urge:** The sudden need to go immediately
- **Overflow:** Leaking

Functional:

- Patient needs assistance (ie. Ambulating)

Transient:

- Short term incontinence issues



RNAO, 2006

What can affect urinary incontinence?

- Medical pathology
- Cognitive impairment
- Medical & surgical history
- Obesity
- Aging which leads to a loss of pelvic muscle tone and atrophic changes
- Urinary tract infections
- Decreased fluid intake
- Caffeine and alcohol intake
- Constipation
- Decreased mobility
- Environmental factors
- Medications



How can we assess the cause?

Use of the TOILETED Mnemonic

Thin, dry vaginal and urethral epithelium

(Atrophic urethritis or vaginitis)

Obstruction (Stool impaction/Constipation)

Infection

Limited mobility (Restricted mobility)

Emotional (Psychological, Depression)

Therapeutic medications (Pharmacological)

Endocrine disorders (Diabetes)

Delirium



Take an Interprofessional approach

How can we reduce urinary incontinence?

- Prompted voiding
- Habit retraining
- Fluid management
- Pelvic floor training for stress incontinence
- Lifestyle modifications
- Urge inhibition techniques



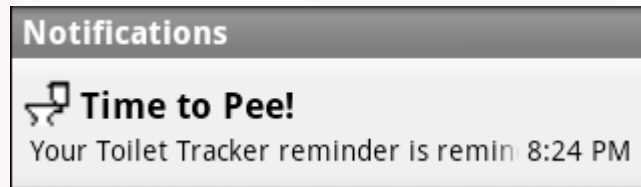
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What is the prompted voiding approach?


Prompted voiding is a behavior therapy approach, which places the patient on an individualized voiding plan. Staff toilet the patient on a schedule made specifically for their patient at specific times during the day. These times are strategically chosen to reduce the occurrence of incontinence episodes.



Completing a voiding record

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Date: _____



Bladder Diary/Record

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	06:00-07:00 AM						
	07:00-08:00 AM						
	08:00-09:00 AM						

A bladder diary should be completed each day for a minimum of three days prior to determining the best times of the day for patient toileting



Review the voiding record


On review of the bladder diary a number of variables can be determined:

- How often the patient is toileted
- How often the patients incontinence products are changed
- The amount of liquid intake during the day
- Bowel issues such as constipation
- Possible reasons for the incontinence episode

Based on review of this document, individualized set times throughout the day and night should be determined that the patient should be brought to the bathroom to void.



Implementing Prompted Voiding

- Nursing staff and PCAs will track fluid intake and urinary output using the bladder diary
- Patients who are participating in prompted voiding will have a  symbol on the spine of their chart
- There will be a laminated clock found in the patients room on their whiteboard, which will be completed by the assessing nurse who determines the toileting schedule



Work with the patient

When the patient would normally void the nurse or PCA should:

- **Monitor** - Ask the patient if he/she needs to use the toilet
- **Prompt** - Remind the patient to use the toilet and try not to void between prompted voiding sessions
- **Praise** - Give positive feedback to patient to reinforce dryness and appropriate toileting



Encouraging Voiding

Tips & Tricks

- Use terms such as toilet instead of bathroom
- Ask the patient to return to their room to “check them”
- Walking towards the bathroom can trigger the need to void
- If the patient is in a wheel chair it may work better to tell them your bringing them to the toilet and begin to bring them rather than asking them if they need to go to the toilet. This will vary by patient.



Who will benefit the most?

- Patients who are mobile
- Patients who can follow simple instructions
- Newly incontinent patients
- May be beneficial with those who have physical, mental, and cognitive impairments
- All patients who are incontinent may benefit from prompted voiding and can be trialed

- **YOU!** It is faster for staff to assist with voiding rather than completing a brief change



Successes

Patient success:

- Increased dignity and self esteem
- Reduced falls, urinary tract infections, and continence associated dermatitis
- Increased fluid intake during the day

Staff Success:

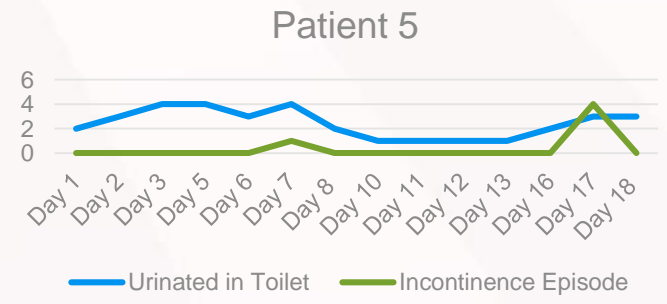
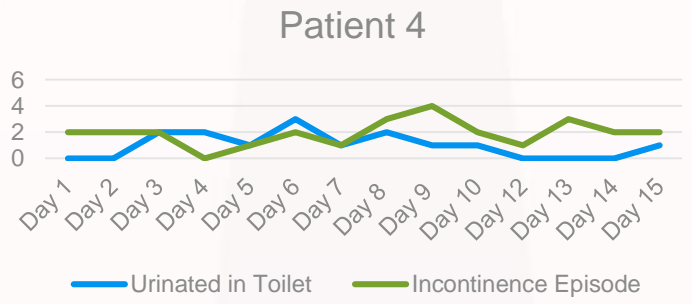
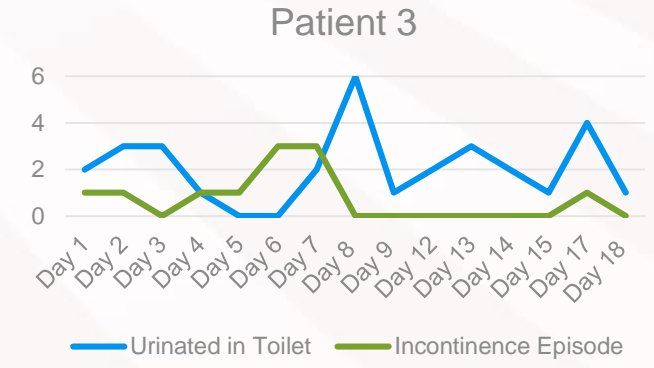
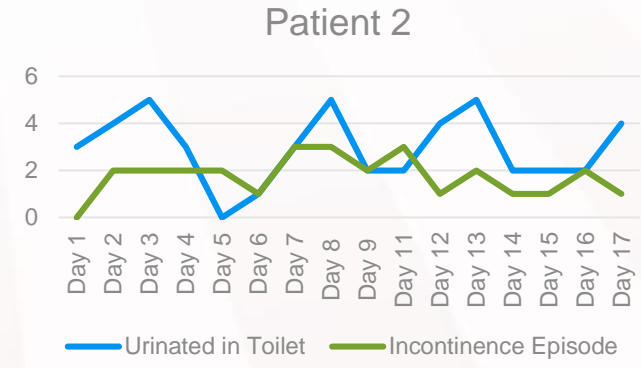
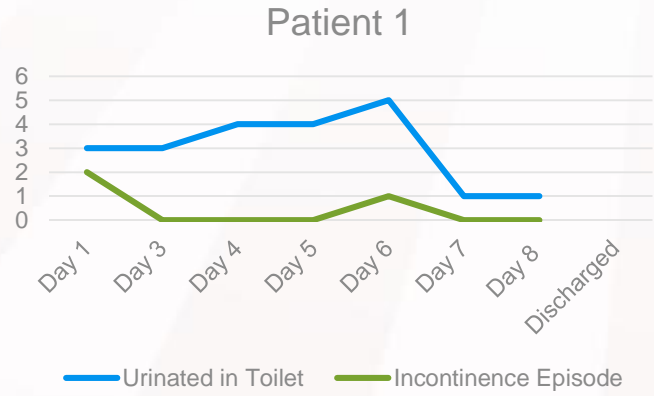
- Decreased workload

Organization Success:

- Decreased use of continence products
- Improved patient quality of life and satisfaction



Outcomes



Staff Evaluation



1 What do you feel worked well with this pilot project?

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What difficulties did you experience during this pilot project?



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Do you have any recommendations for future implementation of this Best Practice Guideline or any further comments you would like to make note of?



Staff Evaluation

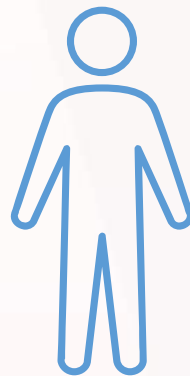
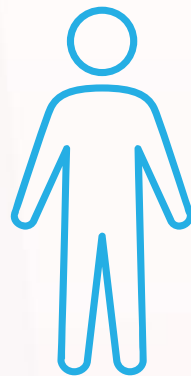
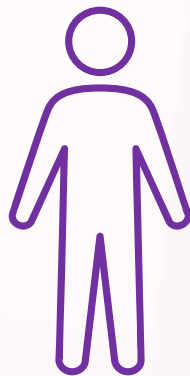
I didn't have time to complete the documentation and some staff didn't know about the program

Those who most benefitted were patients who were mobile and understood commands

Even with less incontinence episodes the patients mood didn't improve

Fecal incontinence needs to be addressed

The toileting wasn't time consuming it was the extra documentation



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