Creation of a Sacral Wound Consult Pathway

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Problem

• Sacral pressure wounds are a common issue in hospitals, leading to high costs and prolonged hospital stays.
• Plastic surgery, wound care, and physical therapy teams are all involved in care of these wounds, but these roles have not been made clear to consulting services, and the wrong team is often mistakenly consulted, leading to a waste of time and resources for multiple parties.
• This project is in alignment with the UCM Annual Operating Plan.

Goal

• This project aims to establish an Epic pathway to assist consulting teams in choosing the correct consult service. This in turn will reduce wasted time and resources for unnecessarily consulted teams, and will also result in lower costs for the medical center.

Intervention Design

• Implementation of this pathway will be done through the RedCAP system.
• Success will be measured by the number of incorrectly placed consults.
• Each team can quantify the number of consults they receive for sacral wounds as well as the number of sacral wound consults that are incorrectly placed.
• The key players for this are the plastic surgery, wound care, and physical therapy teams.
• This project will be implemented at the University of Chicago Medical Center.
• QI tools utilized for this process were literature review and brainstorming.

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