


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



Year to Date Performance	3.5%	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 for 2023/24 is less than or equal to 3.0%.

Lower rates are better.

How are we doing?

As of the first quarter of 2023/24, Island Health was not meeting the target. The rate has been improving, though.

What actions are we taking?

Since the successful pilot of a Wound Care Clinic at The Summit in Victoria, work is underway to explore extending the clinic to other care homes within Island Health.

Virtual wound care consults will 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 training for nurses is rolling out at sites across Island Health. In-person education and support are also being provided to care homes not meeting target.