PICOT Question and Literature Search

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### **Summary of Clinical Issue**

### Clinical Problem: Pressure Ulcers Associated with Immobility and Cerebrovascular Accident

Bedsores or pressure ulcers are injuries of the skins which are caused by prolonged pressure on the skin. The majority of the patients who are exposed to bedsores are limited to change of body positions, thus increasing the time spent on the bed. The patient is at high risks of pressure ulcers when interruption of blood flow or the death of brain tissues. The cerebrovascular accident is related to immobility, poor sensory perceptions, poor hydration, and poor nutrition. Wound dressing and nutritional supplementation can improve patients' outcomes in a one-year medication intervention program. A patient who is confined in the bed is likely to suffer from different conditions like ulcers. Also, pressure ulcers are likely to develop among hospitalized patients, especially on skin that covers the bony area.

In many healthcare organizations in the United States, there are increased issues of pressure ulcers among hospitalized patients. The research study indicates that about 15% - 50% in Intensive Care Units centres is the prevalence rates of reported incident among patients. The length of stay in intensive care Units determines the level of prevalence rate among hospitalized patients. More than 2.5 million patients in the United States have pressure ulcers, while about 60,000 patients have bed ulcers pose (Afridi & Rathore, 2020). This clinical information about bed ulcer pose can form a strong background for the research literature search. Therefore, the research insights will evaluate risk factors associated with immobility and cerebrovascular accident to improve patient outcomes.

# **PICOT Question**

Among patients suffering from pressure ulcers due to immobility and cerebrovascular accident (P), do patients who receive wound dressing treatment and nutritional supplementation (I) experience reduced length of stay in hospital (O) compared to those who go untreated (C) in one year?

# Literature Evaluation

| Criteria  | Article 1                                   | Article 2                                    |
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| APA-      | Afridi, A., & Rathore, F. A. (2020). Are    | Chitambira, B., & Evans, S. (2018).          |
| Formatted | Risk Assessment Tools Effective for the     | Repositioning stroke patients with pusher    |
| Article   | Prevention of Pressure Ulcers Formation?:   | syndrome to reduce the incidence of pressure |
| Citation  | A Cochrane Review Summary With              | ulcers. British Journal Of Neuroscience      |
| with      | Commentary. American Journal of Physical    | Nursing, 14(1), 16-21. DOI:                  |
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| How Does      | This research article generates some          | The research journal provides essential         |
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| the Article   | evidence and information on the prevention    | information on various terms of repositions     |
| Relate to the | of pressure ulcers through risk assessment    | to decrease the prevalence rate of pressure     |
| PICOT         | tools. The PICOT questions are supported      | ulcers. The PICOT question offers additional    |
| Question?     | by evidence of various complications          | or alternative strategies for reducing pressure |
|               | associated with pressure ulcers, according to | ulcers to hospitalized patients.                |
|               | Cochrane Review.                              |   |
| Quantitative  | Qualitative                                   | Qualitative                                     |
| , Qualitative | This is because the research was developed    | The research study is based on numerical        |
| (How do       | according to the Cochrane Review of           | data and statistics collected from different    |
| you know?)    | different published sources.                  | sources.  |
| Purpose       | The main aim of the study is to assess the    | The primary purpose of the research study is    |
| Statement     | effectiveness of systematic and structured    | to assess various risks factors associated with |
|               | pressure ulcer risk assessment in any         | difficulty in repositioning and reduced         |
|               | healthcare setting.                           | mobility.                                       |
| Research      | What is health intervention taken in any      | How does the repositioning of patients affect   |
| Question      | health care setting to prevent pressure       | the incidence of pressure ulcers?               |
|               | ulcers?                                       |   |
| Outcome       | To reduce the prevalence rate of pressure     | Patients can reduce the rate of infection by    |
|               | ulcers through different risk assessment      | placing two pillows on the affected side.       |
|               | tools.  |   |
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| Setting       | Cochrane Rehabilitation in any health care  | Britain  |
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| (Where did    | setting.                                    |  |
| the study     |   |  |
| take place?)  |   |  |
| Sample        | People with compromised mobility (elderly   | Patients were admitted to the rehabilitation   |
|               | patients, wheelchair and hospitalized)      | and hyperacute stroke units for a period of 2- |
|               |   | months.  |
| Method        | The Cochrane Review search for evidence     | To gather information on the pusher            |
|               | was used.                                   | syndrome and stroke patients.                  |
| Кеу           | Different risk assessment tools were useful | Different practices on repositioning can be    |
| Findings of   | in the prevention of pressure ulcers in any | used to control pressure ulcer.                |
| the Study     | health care setting.                        |  |
| Recommend     | Tools and scales of risk assessment are     | Healthcare providers should practices good     |
| ations of the | recommended as reliable and valid           | repositioning practices, especially to stroke  |
| Researcher    | strategies for pressure ulcer prevention.   | patients.                                      |

| Criteria         | Article 3                           | Article 4                                  |
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| APA-Formatted    | DiVita, M. A., Granger, C. V.,      | Liao, X., Ju, Y., Liu, G., Zhao, X., Wang, |
| Article Citation | Goldstein, R., Niewczyk, P. M., &   | Y., & Wang, Y. (2019). Risk factors for    |
| with Permalink   | Freudenheim, J. L. (2018). Mandated | pressure sores in hospitalized acute       |
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|                   | quality of care metrics for Medicare     | ischemic stroke patients. Journal of    |
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|                   | patients: examining new or worsened      | Stroke and Cerebrovascular Diseases,    |
|                   |  |   |
|                   | pressure ulcers and rehabilitation       | 28(7), 2026-2030.                       |
|                   | outcomes in United States inpatient      | Permalink                               |
|                   | rehabilitation facilities. Archives of   |   |
|                   | physical medicine and                    | https://pubmed.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/310055  |
|                   | rehabilitation, 99(8), 1514-1524.        | <u>62/</u>                              |
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| How Does the      | The research study article provides some | The article identifies risk factors     |
| Article Relate to | quality indicators in nursing practices  | associated with pressure sores based on |
| the PICOT         | that can help improve pressure ulcers    | the admission condition of acute        |
| Question?         | condition, which is the primary purpose  | ischemic stroke. The issues of pressure |
|                   | of PICOT questions.                      | sores can be addressed by intervention  |
|                   |  | provided in the PICOT question.         |
| Quantitative,     | Quantitative                             | Quantitative                            |
| Qualitative (How  | The research study involves nearly       | It has numeric data for patients        |
| do you know?)     | 500,000 Medicare participants that were  | hospitalized with pressure sores.       |
|                   |  | nospitalized with pressure soles.       |
|                   | discharged in one year.                  |   |
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| Purpose Statement   | To examine the relationship between the  | To identify risk factors for acute          |
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|                     | quality indicator of Medicare pressure   | ischemic stroke patients with pressure      |
|                     | ulcer and rehabilitation outcomes.       | sores and treatment measures.               |
| Research Question   | Is there any association between quality | What are the risks factor associated with   |
|                     | indicators and rehabilitation outcomes   | pressure sores and appropriate preventive   |
|                     | among Medicare patients?                 | and treatment approaches?                   |
| Outcome             | Patients are likely not to achieve       | The risk factor for pressure sore ulcers is |
|                     | functional independence with poorer      | spread among old age, peripheral            |
|                     | rehabilitation outcomes.                 | vascular disease, and low hemoglobin        |
|                     |  | patients.                                   |
| Setting             | United States                            | China                                       |
| (Where did the      |  |   |
| study take place?)  |  |   |
| Sample              | About 500,000 participants were          | A total of 12,415 patients were sampled     |
|                     | sampled.                                 |   |
| Method              | Retrospective descriptive study          | A multivariate analysis approach was        |
|                     |  | adopted to evaluate the risk factors of     |
|                     |  | pressure sores.                             |
| Key Findings of the | Poorer rehabilitation outcomes are       | Patients who were unmarried and had a       |
| Study               | associated with an increased rate of     | history of diabetes mellitus were risk      |
|                     | pressure ulcer quality indicator.        | factors for pressure sores.                 |

| Recommendations   | There is no need to preclude admission  | There need to initiate a continuous        |
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