96% of inpatient facilities undertook a survey in 2017 (172 facilities across 17 LHD/SHNs).

84% of patients consented to a skin inspection (11,059 people total).

67% of patients received a comprehensive risk assessment (including a skin assessment and use of a validated tool) within 8 hours of admission to the facility.

PRESSURE INJURY PREVALENCE

7.7% Overall
The range varied across participating organisations between 0% and 13.8%.

4.0% Hospital-acquired
The range varied across participating organisations between 1.8% and 7.7%.

HOSPITAL-ACQUIRED PRESSURE INJURIES

Location
41% were located on the sacrum or buttocks and
27% on the heels.

Classification
54% were Stage 1
31% were Stage 2.

Of the patients receiving a comprehensive risk assessment, 49% were identified at risk of developing a pressure injury (at risk or higher) on the initial assessment.

Where a patient was identified as being at risk or higher on the initial risk assessment 73% had a documented pressure injury prevention care plan.

Where a patient was recorded as having one or more pressure injuries, 29% had a wound management record or chart documenting every current pressure injury.