

NSW HEALTH 2017 RESIDENTIAL AGED CARE (RAC) PRESSURE INJURY PREVALENCE SURVEY

97%

of RAC facilities undertook a survey in 2017 (67 facilities across 10 LHD/SHNs).

88%

of residents consented to a skin inspection (910 people total).

PRESSURE INJURY PREVALENCE



7.8% Overall

The range varied across participating organisations between 0% and 9.5%.



5.9% Hospital/Health Service-acquired

The range varied across participating organisations between 0% and 7.5%.

58%

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

HEALTH SERVICE-ACQUIRED PRESSURE INJURIES

Location

39%

were located on the sacrum or buttocks and

25%

on the heels.

Classification

51%

were Stage 1

26%

were Stage 2.

Of the resident receiving a comprehensive risk assessment, 66% were identified at risk of developing a pressure injury (at risk or higher) on the initial assessment.

Where a resident was identified as being at risk of developing a pressure injury on the initial risk assessment 84% had a documented pressure injury prevention care plan.

Where a resident was recorded as having one or more pressure injuries 48% had a wound management record or chart documenting every current pressure injury.