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Bed sores not only medically important but legally as well

Detection of pressure ulcers in a hospitalized patient could lead to a medical negligence litigation. But it is possible that mere detection of a pressure ulcer does not mean poor care, as there may be many reasons for the development of the pressure ulcers of which several are beyond the control of the care givers. Document the measures taken to detect and prevent bed sores (pressure ulcers) and also uprise the relatives about the same. Document the pre-existing pressure ulcers while accepting patients transferred from other hospitals.

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