+ Evidence in focus

LEAF® Patient Monitoring System is a cost effective alternative to standard care for prevention of hospital-acquired pressure injuries (HAPIs)

HAPIs are a considerable problem ...

Pressure injuries (including HAPIs) are largely considered preventable with regular patient turning, as recommended by most recent guidelines.¹⁻⁴ However, **low adherence to turning protocols²** in clinical practice mean:



>2.5 million

patients develop a PI in the USA each year¹



60,000

deaths as a direct result of developing a PI¹



\$21,767

cost to treat one HAPI⁴



Increased

length of hospital stay with a HAPI versus without⁴

Previously, a **43% improvement** in turning practices (p<0.001) and **73% reduction** in HAPI rates (p=0.012) has been shown with implementation of the LEAF System compared with standard care in a randomized controlled trial (RCT) of 1,312 patients⁵

Aim: To expand on previous clinical studies by demonstrating the cost effectiveness of the LEAF System in the prevention of HAPIs in acutely ill patients versus standard care alone²

···· Cost effectiveness of the LEAF System ···

An economic evaluation was conducted using data from a number of previous studies, including the RCT,⁵ to compare the effect of the LEAF System with standard care²

The LEAF System has been projected to improve clinical benefits compared with standard care in the form of **reduced HAPI incidence and increased quality-adjusted life years with reduced overall costs** over a 52-week period²

77%

Significant reduction in HAPIs with LEAF System versus standard care

\$6,621
estimated cost
savings per person

\$39,580

\$46,201

LEAF System

Standard care



For 1,000 patients an estimated:

203 HAPIs avoided, **\$6,621,113** cost reduction per year

Conclusions



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The LEAF System helped to reduce the incidence of HAPIs and was cost saving compared with standard care. The authors note that hospitals and payers would benefit financially, clinically, and reputationally should they choose to implement the LEAF System.²

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