

Use of the LEAF[◇] Patient Monitoring System in at-risk intensive care unit (ICU) patients helped to reduce hospital-acquired pressure injury (HAPI) incidence

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Key points

67%
relative reduction in
sacrococcygeal HAPI incidence
following introduction of the
LEAF System

Zero
HAPIs in patients with the
LEAF Sensor and high turn
adherence

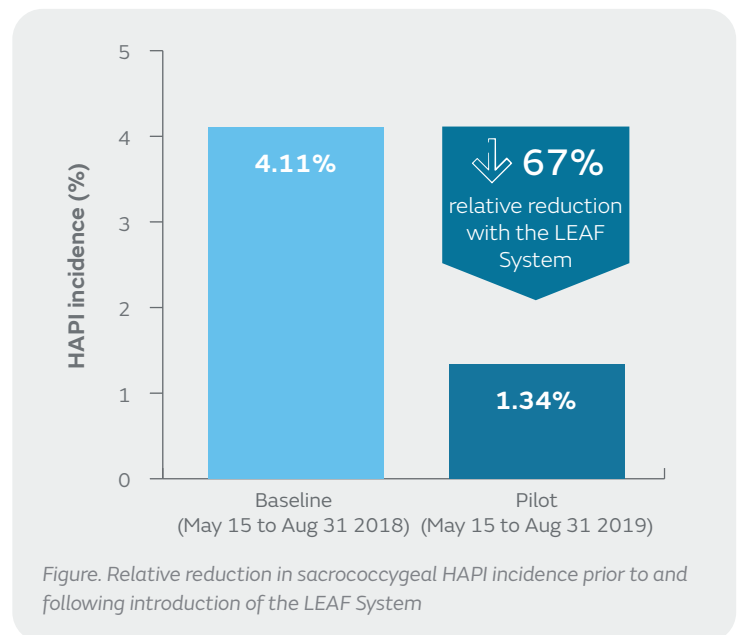
\$536,000
return on
investment (ROI)
within 3.5 months

Overview

- Pilot study to determine the impact of introducing the LEAF System over a 3.5-month period
- Patients at risk of developing HAPIs and an expected ICU stay ≥ 48 hours were assigned a LEAF Sensor and a two-hour turn protocol
- Staff received general refresher training and were encouraged to respond to visual turn cues from the LEAF System

Results

- 105 patients monitored for 11,341 care hours
- 56% improvement in turn protocol adherence following introduction of the LEAF System compared with the national average
- 67% relative reduction in the incidence of sacrococcygeal HAPIs with the LEAF System compared with baseline (Figure)
- No patients with the LEAF Sensor and high turn adherence developed a HAPI
- In a subset of patients (n=102) that were mechanically ventilated, 92% of patients with increased turning adherence remained free of ventilator-associated events
- Over the 3.5-month period, ROI was \$536,000 and was estimated to be \$3.4 million if implemented hospital-wide, based on 2018 data



Conclusions

Use of the LEAF System for at-risk ICU patients improved turn protocol adherence, reduced HAPI incidence and provided substantial ROI within the 3.5-month pilot.

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