Pressure Relief Surface Protocol

**Pressure Relief Surface Selection**

All KUH mattresses are appropriate to prevent or treat Stage I pressure ulcers. Consult the Wound Team for stage II, III, IV, DTI and Unstageable ulcers

**Critical Care Units**

- Total Care with LAL module
  - Stage II
    - Continue using Total Care with LAL module
  - Stage III, IV, DTI and Unstageable
    - Change to Envision Mattress

- Total Care without LAL module
  - Stage II, III, IV, DTI and Unstageable
    - Change to Envision Mattress

**Non-Critical and Acute Care Units**

- VersaCare P500
  - Stage II
    - Change to Envision Mattress
  - Stage III, IV, DTI and Unstageable
    - Change to Envision Mattress
  - Stage II, III, IV, DTI and Unstageable
    - Change to Envision Mattress

- Advanta/VersaCare
  - Stage II, III, IV, DTI and Unstageable
    - Change to Envision Mattress

When a pressure ulcer develops even when a specialty mattress is being used, consult the Wound/Ostomy Team to recommend an escalation pressure relief surface.
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Patient Outcomes:
1. Patients with intact skin will be free from pressure ulcers.
2. The patient with an existing pressure ulcer will progress toward healing.

Non-physician Licensed Professionals authorized to implement this protocol:
- X Registered Nurse
- Respiratory Therapist
- Pharmacist
- Physical Therapist
- Speech Therapist
- Occupational Therapist
- Registered Dietitian
- Imaging Technician
- Other (list) __________________________

Supportive Material:
Links to References, forms, etc.
- Pressure Ulcer Prevention Protocol (Link here)
- Pressure Ulcer Treatment Protocol (Link here)
- Skin Care Nursing Policy (need to include link here)
- Lippincott Procedure: Pressure Ulcer Prevention (need to include link here)

References:
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