### INDICATOR DESCRIPTION

**RIS INDICATOR NAME**  
DECUBITUS (PRESSURE) ULCERS IN LONG-TERM CARE

**RIS INDICATOR ID NUMBER**  
118

**DATE LAST REVIEWED (YYYY-MM-DD)**  
2011-07-29

**OTHER NAMES FOR THIS INDICATOR**  
Pressure ulcers (stage 2-4) reported in long-term care homes

**INDICATOR DESCRIPTION**  
Detailed description of indicator  
a) Number and b) percent of residents in long-term care homes (LTCH) with a stage 2-4 pressure ulcer reported on at least one assessment.

**DOES THIS INDICATOR SUPPORT AN ACCOUNTABILITY AGREEMENT(S)?**

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| **NUMERATOR** | **CALCULATION** | a) Total number of LTCH residents with a stage 2-4 pressure ulcer reported on at least one assessment excluding admission assessments  

b) Total number of LTCH residents with a stage 2-4 pressure ulcer reported on at least one assessment excluding admission assessments, multiplied by 100 |
| **DATA SOURCE** | Continuing Care Reporting System (CCRS), Canadian Institute for Health Information (CIHI) |
| **EXCLUSION/INCLUSION CRITERIA** | Includes (for both a & b):  

1) LTCH residents with a stage 2-4 pressure ulcer reported on at least one assessment, excluding admission assessments  

2) LTCH residents who had at least one assessment, other than an admission assessment, during the time period of interest  

3): LTCH residents with valid health card numbers  

Excludes (for both a & b):  

1. Admission assessments |
| **DENOMINATOR** | **CALCULATION** | a) NA  

b) Total number of LTCH residents with an assessment, excluding admission assessments |
| **DATA SOURCE** | CCRS, CIHI |
| **EXCLUSION/INCLUSION CRITERIA** | Includes:  

1. LTCH residents who had an assessment, other than an admission assessment, during the time period of interest  

2. LTCH residents with valid health card numbers  

Excludes:  

1. Admission assessments |
| **GEOGRAPHY & TIMING** | **TIMING/FREQUENCY OF RELEASE** | Data are updated annually with all admission records to June (approximately) of the previous fiscal year  

**E.g. Be as specific as possible.....data are released annually in mid-May** |
| **LEVELS OF COMPARABILITY** | Data are available at the provincial, LHIN, and LTCH levels |
| **TRENDING** | Data are available from June 2005, however only 53 homes reported in that year. The number reporting increased every year, with full reporting from almost all LTCHs as of Oct. 1, 2009. |
### LIMITATIONS

Specific limitations

As mentioned above, data for all LTCHs are only available beginning Oct. 1, 2009 (start of the third fiscal quarter).

### COMMENTS

Additional information regarding the calculation, interpretation, data source, etc.

A pressure ulcer is a sore caused by pressure that causes damage to the underlying tissue. Patients who develop pressure ulcers while in long-term care are at greater risk for other medical problems, including infection, and can require transfer to hospital care. Pressure ulcers are also called *decubitus ulcers* or *bed sores*.

Stratifications should be done by the LHIN of LTCH.

Ontario totals may be different than the total summed across LHINs because a resident could reside and have assessments in more than one LTCH or in more than one quarter during the time period reported.

### REFERENCES

Provide URLs of any key references *E.g. Diabetes in Canada, HTTP://....*

N/A