



Typical experiences in general hospitals with mattresses and sitting support surfaces

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Early Identification of Risk

- Risk assessment within 6 hours of admission
- Visual skin inspection
- Clinical judgement – are we expecting too much
- Robust process required
- Prompt delivery and timely implementation
- Staff education

One surface does not fit all

- Ensure choice
- Patient preference
- Information – Why required?



Challenges

- Patient comfort



- Restricted ability to move in the bed





Challenges

Height of bed



Heels





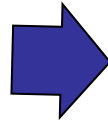
Sitting



- Changing culture
- Include multidisciplinary team
- Existing damage –
Minimal time sitting



Can't have one without the other



Working together to avoid this!



Solution for the future?

