Pressure Injury (PI) Prevention and Management Flowchart

Patient’s first presentation

Assessed at the first presentation, two part PI assessment/screening process to be completed to guide clinical decision making.

a) Use a validated PI risk assessment tool/process appropriate for the patient population
b) Skin assessment based on visual inspection

Does the patient have existing PI?

Yes

- Reassess as per BOX A
- Complete an IIMS Notification for each PI using the NPUAP/EPUAP classification system
- For patients with PI, skin inspection and pain assessment should occur at each patient care intervention and/or each positioning change

No

Is the patient at risk?

Yes

- Develop the care plan in consultation with the patient and/or carer
- Implement prevention strategies appropriate to the level of risk e.g. equipment needs, repositioning
- Make referrals as appropriate
- Detailed documentation in patient health care record
- Communicate PI risk and management at handover and transfer of care

No

Reassess:
- If there is a change to health status or mobility
- On transfer of care
- If a PI develops

BOX A - Reassess:
Monthly PI risk assessment using the two part pressure injury assessment and:
- If there is a change to health status or mobility
- On transfer of care
- If a pressure injury develops