**THE PROBLEM:**
**HOSPITAL-ACQUIRED PRESSURE ULCERS**

Hospital associated pressure injuries (HAPIs) affect 2.5M patients each year and result in 60,000 deaths annually. These pressure injuries are often caused by a combination of prolonged pressure, moisture, friction and shear. As a result, safe patient handling and wound care professionals dedicate their efforts in research, education and prevention of pressure injuries to improve the quality of patient care. Patient repositioning systems provide solutions needed for healthcare professionals to safely and easily support turning and positioning protocols. These systems typically contain three components: a repositioning sheet, positioning wedges, and a disposable underpad used in combination. In terms of effectiveness, it is important to assess the breathability of the sheet, absorbency of the underpad, the level of friction, and repositioning support used to offload pressure and minimize skin moisture.

When repositioning patients, it is also critical to focus on the risk and impact to the healthcare worker. 80% of nurses report that they frequently work with musculoskeletal pain and 48% of hospital worker injuries that result in lost workdays are related to patient handling. This occupational risk is mitigated by implementing a friction reducing repositioning sheet that will assist with patient handling and minimize risk to the healthcare worker.
The Solution: Ansell Patient Repositioning System

The SANDEL Z-TAP™ Patient Repositioning System helps minimize the risk of pressure injuries, maintains patient skin integrity and reduces the risk of injury to healthcare workers. It promotes safe patient handling while supporting patient turning protocols. The unique combination of highly breathable and absorbent materials used makes it an ideal solution to help prevent patient skin injury. The Z-TAP™ Patient Repositioning sheet offers low friction, easy grip handles and is PROVEN more breathable when compared to other repositioning sheets, helping to maintain patient skin integrity.

Z-TAP™ Patient Repositioning Sheet:
- Reduces the risk of pressure injuries to patients
- Reduces the risk of musculoskeletal injuries to healthcare workers
- Helps achieve compliance with Q2 turning protocols
- Highly breathable to maintain patient skin integrity
- Low friction level to easily reposition patients
- Non-slip upper layer helps hold underpad in place
- Can be left under the patient to allow repositioning, boosting or transfer at any time

Z-WEDGE™ Patient Positioning Wedges
- Z-WEDGE™ non-slip and fluid resistant wedges help facilitate patient turning to offload pressure from the sacrum.

Z-SORB™ Disposable Underpad
- Z-SORB™ disposable underpads absorb and trap fluids to minimize moisture contact with patient skin to help maintain patient skin integrity.

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