

HAPU Prevention:

DID YOU KNOW:

- ✓ Pressure ulcers can add nearly \$45,000 in cost to a hospital stay (AHRQ <http://www.ahrq.gov/professionals/systems/hospital/pressureulcertoolkit/putool1.html>)
- ✓ Pressure Redistribution Surfaces have been shown to reduce the risk of HAPU in patients with mobility, friction/shear, and moisture risk factors
- ✓ **Placing patients on specialty surfaces as soon as risk is identified helps prevent pressure ulcers from developing.**

4 Basic Surfaces:

1. Regular Self-Adjusting Mattress (hospital bed)
2. First Step Air Overlay
3. BariMaxx
4. BariMax Air ETS

*Refer to the Specialty Bed Algorithm (<http://mhs/mmc/Nursing/Shared%20Documents/Gen-IMC%20Specialty%20Bed%20Algorithm.pdf>) to assist in decision-making

**Specialty areas may have additional options

Process to Order:

1. Discuss plan for specialty bed with the patient and family, validating agreement to go on the new surface before placing order.
2. Place an order for “**Specialty Bed Referral**,” request _____ mattress per bed surface algorithm. **Nursing Order/Anita Bed, RN.**
3. A member of the MOWS team will contact you to confirm the patient’s needs according to the algorithm and order the bed. [Note: If order is placed after 1pm, page the MOWS team at #6115 in order to assure delivery that evening.]
4. If the MOWS nurse is not-in-house (after 1630), the nursing supervisor (8-3184) can order the bed for delivery the following evening.
5. As soon as the bed arrives, place the patient on the specialty bed/surface.

Additional Preventative Measure:

Patients on specialty mattresses may also need a preventative Mepilex on Sacrum/Coccyx to help manage Friction/Shear

