



USING CIPE® FOR DOCUMENTING PRESSURE ULCERS

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Problem: Keeping records is an extremely important issue in the provision of Nursing Care. In addition to its legal importance, it is clearly a form of scientific information and analysis of clinical practices, and as such it facilitates their improvement. The use of the International Classification for Nursing Practice – ICNP® (Portuguese CIPE®) creates a challenge to improve recording tools usable and adaptable to every situation. Documentation on Pressure Ulcer (PU) diagnosis, treatment, and progress may thus be reformulated, becoming reliable, systematic, and capable of responding to the new challenges of Nursing which demands a lot of itself.

Methodology: An intervention project was initiated to monitor and evaluate PUs within the ICNP® Language. The established strategy was: to approach the PU phenomenon according to the Nursing Documentation Standard; to formulate PU diagnoses; to build a PU assessment/monitoring tool; to use this tool.

Results: At the end of the intervention, the PU assessment/monitoring tool is diagnosed and completed for all service users with PUs.