CONSIDERING THE CLINICAL PRACTICE GUIDELINES IN THE SELECTION OF BED SUPPORT SURFACES

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This interactive presentation will discuss the advantages and limitations of various bed support surface designs and technologies. Following discussions, the participants will be more informed of the various types of bed support surfaces, and all the clinical decision making that is required to provide the most appropriate surface for their clients.

A brief overview of the four extrinsic risk factors for pressure ulcers will be discussed, with an emphasis on how bed support surface design can affect the different risk factors. While discussing bed support surface selection, different clinical practice guidelines will be referenced for guidance in the use and support for the use of different technologies. Bed support surface features and categories, as defined by the National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel’s Support Surface Standards Initiative, will be highlighted; as will preventative and treatment surfaces in an effort to reinforce appropriate clinical decision making regarding bed support surfaces.

References:

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