

**Stanford Health Care Statement Regarding Reporting of Adverse  
Events  
November 19, 2014**

Patient safety is always our top priority at Stanford Health Care. As an academic medical center, Stanford Health Care treats some of the sickest patients in the nation, many of whom have comorbidities (multiple medical conditions), and illnesses that are much more complex than typically seen at community hospitals.

Stanford Health Care is known for setting the highest standards for patient care and for establishing internationally recognized best practices. For instance, we have implemented new processes and technologies to prevent serious pressure ulcers (Stage III & IV). Our ongoing efforts have been highly effective and since January 2014, we have had no incidents of Stage IV pressure ulcers and only eight cases of Stage III ulcers.

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