

INTRODUCTION

Community Health System, Inc. is one of the nation’s leading operators of general acute care hospitals including Physicians Regional Healthcare System. It is comprised of two premier hospitals with 201 licensed beds, affiliated multispecialty physician group and a medical staff of over 300, highly skilled, physicians. **The Physicians Regional Pine Ridge campus is a 365,000 square-foot, 109-bed acute care facility accredited by the The Joint Commission.**

Key thought leaders at CHS selected Physicians Regional Pine Ridge to conduct a trial of EHOB’s TruVue Heel Protector. Beverly Manno, Inpatient Wound Care Coordinator, and Ida Fistrovich SCR.N, BSN, RN, Critical Care and Neuro Spine Manager lead a three-week (October 19th through November 11th) Quality Improvement Project implementing the TruVue Heel Protector in the ICU.

OBJECTIVE

Evaluate the impact of the TruVue Heel Protector usage on rates of HAPIs and foot drop on the second floor units.

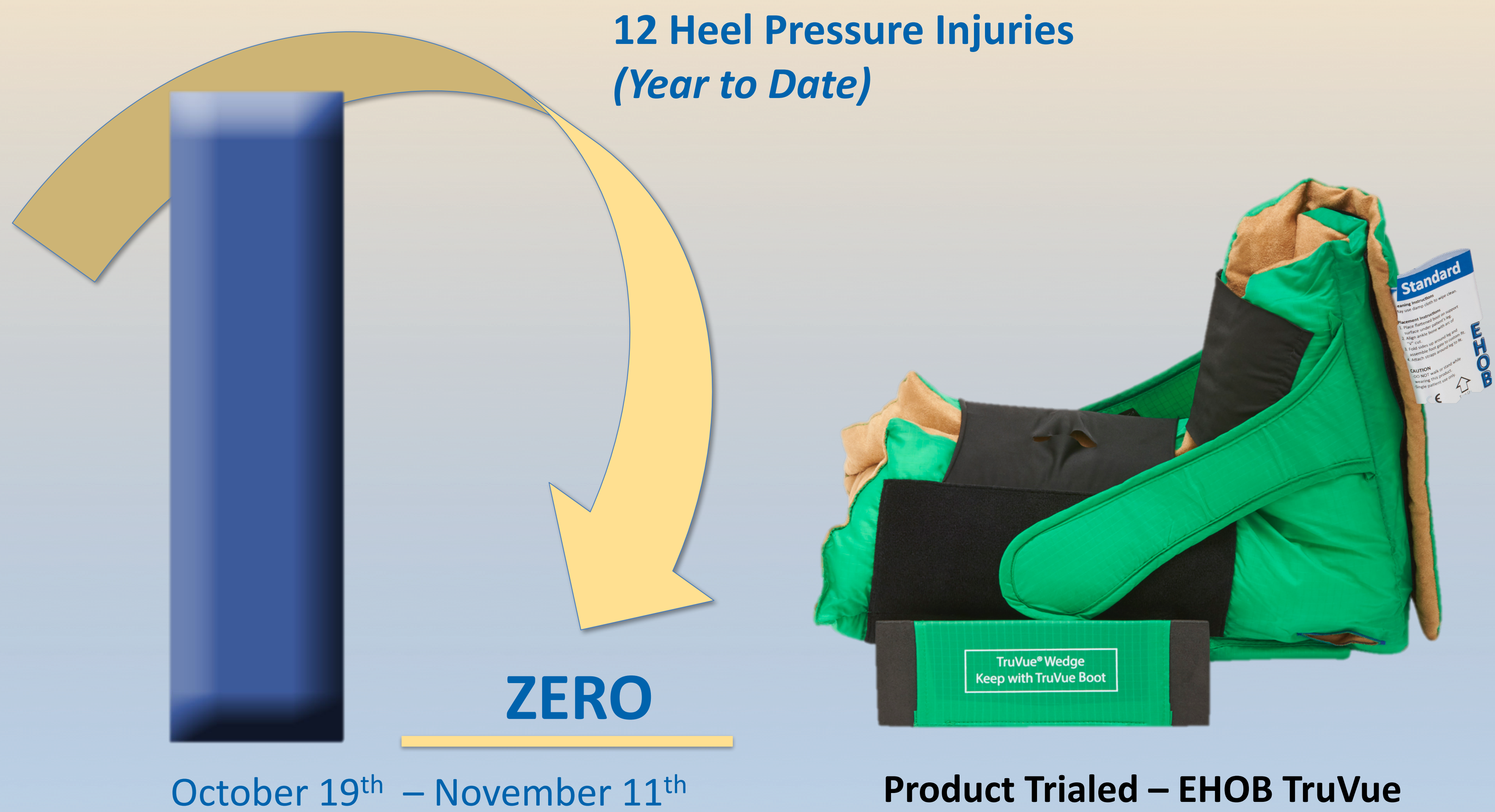
METHODS

- Pressure injury protocol was created and implemented using the TruVue Heel Protector
- The TruVue was placed on 25 patients for pressure injury prevention with a Braden Score of 18 or less, neuro patients and patients with foot drop concerns
- HAPI rates were documented for the three week trial period

Trial Evaluation Forms were distributed for each patient participating in the trial

RESULTS

- TruVue Heel Protectors were added to the Pressure Injury Protocol
- Within the three week trial period, HAPIs dropped to ZERO
- No incidence of Foot Drop was reported



CONCLUSION

Incorporating the EHOB TruVue Heel Protector into the new **Pressure Injury Prevention Protocol**, The Skin Champion Team was able to:

Decrease Hospital Acquired Heel Pressure Injuries and the Incidence of Foot Drop to ZERO in the ICU!

CHS network is currently considering implementing the TruVue at all of their system hospitals

Quality Improvement Project