

The Royal College of Emergency Medicine

Safety Alert

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Early to Bed



Pressure Ulcers

"At times of extreme pressure on the hospital system..."

- Frail older patients can develop a pressure ulcer within an hour on a trolley
- Risk assess and action "Early to Bed" in the ED if no ward immediately available

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