



# The Modified Braden Q

One of the biggest changes in our current practice regarding acquired wound prevention, risk assessment, intervention and treatment is the use of the **Braden Q Scale**. This scale is just what it says, a modification of the original Braden Scale used in adult populations. This modification of the Braden was developed by two nurses, Dr. Martha Curley and Dr. Sandy Quigley. The evidence is very reliable that the Braden Q scale is effective in predicting pressure wounds in children, especially in the critical care area. Take a moment to examine it. It is a very quick assessment tool that will not only begin to appear in our paper charts in the next months, but also on Epic.

## Where is the evidence?

Remember, whenever we ask you to make a change in your clinical practice, your first question should be, "Where is the evidence?" Examine the research articles on the bulletin board. Not only will they convince you that using the Braden Q will help you predict who is at risk, but also dispel some of the myths we are holding onto when it comes to acquired wound prevention.