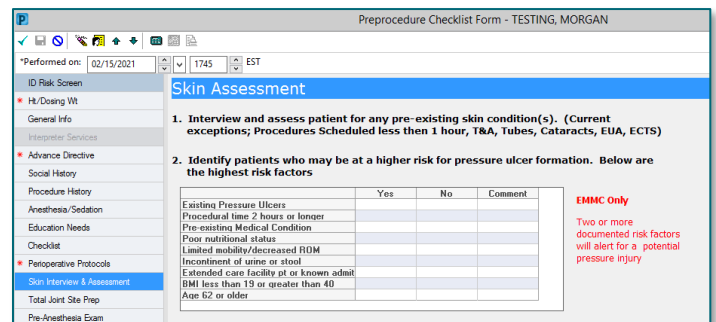


Scott-Triggers Discern Alert is a new tool that will identify patients at risk for developing perioperative pressure ulcers. This risk assessment tool will increase accurate and timely skin assessments and interventions in the perioperative areas to the inpatient units. This will help decrease perioperative pressure ulcers.

The process will start with the skin assessment documentation in the preoperative areas and flow to the inpatient units if the patient is admitted. The alert is a quality improvement initiative to help identify “at risk” patients to decrease the incidences of perioperative pressure ulcers and ensure continuity of care throughout the patient’s stay.

➤ What will fire off the Scott-Triggers Alert?

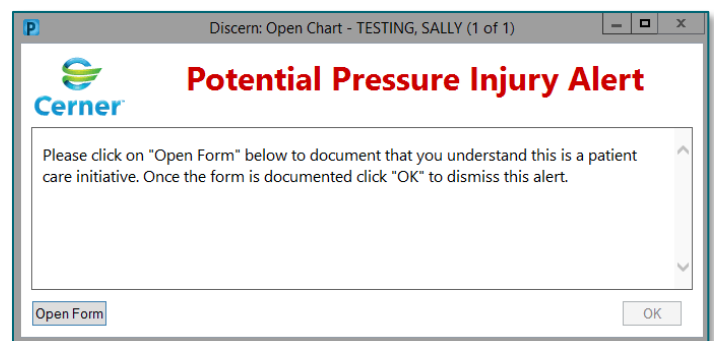
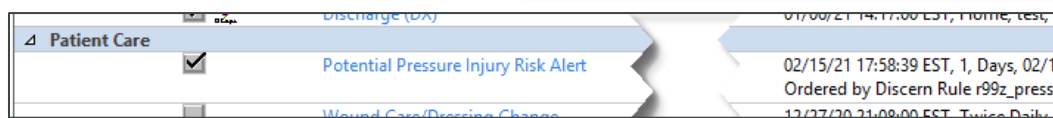
- When the preoperative nurse completes the **Skin Interview & Assessment** section in the Preprocedure Checklist form and two or more risk factors are identified, the alert will fire to any other nurse or nurse support who subsequently opens the chart.



Risk Factor	Yes	No	Comment
Existing Pressure Ulcers			
Procedural time 2 hours or longer			
Pre-existing Medical Condition			
Poor nutritional status			
Limited mobility/decreased ROM			
Incontinence of urine or stool			
Extended care facility at or known admit			
BMI less than 19 or greater than 40			
Age 62 or older			

➤ What are the next steps once the patient is identified by the system to be at risk for pressure injury?

- A **Potential Pressure Injury Risk Alert** order will be placed by the system under Patient Care in the Orders profile. Open the form and follow the instructions on how to complete the documentation.

NOTE: If the Preprocedure Checklist is “uncharted,” it does not cancel the order. To cancel the order and to stop the alert from firing, the order must be discontinued.

➤ How can I suppress the alert for my shift?

- In order to suppress the alert for at least 12 hours, the **Silicone Dressing Assessment** field in Interactive View and I&O needs to be filled out.
 - This is located in the **Quick View** navigation band under **Activity of Daily Living** section.
- After 7 days, the system will discontinue the order.
- This will require documentation of the silicone dressing every shift.

➤ If the patient does develop a pressure ulcer within the 7 days, the alert does not apply. What can be done to stop the alert?

- Discontinue the order in the **Orders** profile.
- Follow your hospital policies and guidelines for documenting and reporting the pressure injury.

