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RE: Letter of Recommendation

I am writing this letter as a testimonial for the successful use of the Blue Sky Versatile I Closed System that was started on resident # 2034 on 3/9/2004.

This resident was admitted to our facility on 1/27/2003. Resident # 2034 is a 66 year old white male with a diagnosis of Quadriplegia (344.0), Anemia (285.9), Depression (311), COPD (496) and Neurogenic Bladder (596.54). Upon admission he was provided with a gel mattress and was on an aggressive q 1 hour turning and positioning schedule. The resident also has a powered scooter with a tilt type powered seat that reclines; this is operated by the resident's hand control.

The resident developed a pressure ulcer on 3/3/2003 to his left buttock, the pressure ulcer continued to advance from a Stage II to a Stage III. The pressure ulcer started to develop tunneling at 9 o'clock (5.5cm), 10 o'clock (5.0cm) and 11 o'clock (5.5cm). The base of the area was 4.0cm deep to center, 1.5cm long and 2 cm wide, soon after Osteomyelitis developed. The resident's Osteomyelitis was treated with a 10-week regimen of IV Vancomycin and a regime of pain medications. Peak and Troughs were completed in order to keep antibiotic and blood levels therapeutic. The resident was sent to the local hospital's wound clinic for assistance to heal this difficult wound. The resident was put on a bed rest schedule. The resident's pressure ulcer dressing changes and measurements were completed by our Wound Care Nurse during the week and the LPN Charge Nurse on the weekends. The pressure wound continued to decline despite our aggressive efforts. This resident is fed by staff and his intake was adequate.

The resident's albumin level was 3.0 slightly sub-therapeutic so a protein supplement was added to his regime and his weight remained stable with positive gains noted. The facility also started Vitamin C (500mg) and Zinc Sulfate (220mg) po every day. Arginaid drink was given B.D at lunch and supper.

The facility started to assess the wound to have a minimal healing from week to week, no epiboly noted and giving adequate time for a change in wound care products to improve the healing status of this pressure area. The Hospital Wound Clinic did see minimal healing results while changing his wound care products 8 times over the past year. I had received a memo through Extencicare Health Service in March of 2004, on the new product the Blue Sky Versatile 1 Closed Suction System would be on trial at Extencicare's long term care centers. I called Bud Harris, a representative for Specialty Medical Products to inquire about the Blue Sky Versatile 1 Closed Wound Suction System. Mr. Harris had Nancy Schueftan, RN, CWS, Corporation Clinical Consultant call me and I was able to explain the difficulty we were having with this pressure ulcer. I explained the case to Nancy Schueftan, RN, CWS, she felt the facility was being aggressive with the treatment of the pressure ulcer but she wanted to assess the pressure ulcer before giving any recommendations. The facility received a visit from Ms. Schueftan, RN, CWS within a few days with the Blue Sky Versatile 1 closed Wound Suction System in hand.

The resident was assessed and the Blue Sky Versatile 1 Closed Suction System was started on resident #2034 on 3/9/2004. Nancy Schueftan, RN, CWS inscruiced 6 of our staff nurses on how simple the dressing changes were and the over all operation of the system. She left her business card and instructions to call her with any issues that we might have.

The facility also had her assess another resident's skin area while she was present.

Resident's # 2034 pressure area started to show improvement within 2 weeks.

On 3/8/2004 it was 0.8cm in length, 0.4cm in width and 2.8 cm at the base of the pressure wound. Tunnel tracking was at 9 o'clock (4.5cm), 10 o'clock (4.2cm) and 11 o'clock (4.2cm).

STAGE	DATE	LENGTH	WIDTH	BASE	TUNNELING		
					9	10	11
III	3/8/04	0.8CM	0.4CM	2.8 CM	4.5	4.2	4.2
III	3/15/04	1.0CM	0.5CM	2.8CM	3.5	3.5	4.0
III	3/22/04	1.0CM	0.5CM	2.6CM	3.5	3.5	4.0
III	3/29/04	1.0CM	0.5CM	2.6CM	3.5	3.5	3.5
III	4/5/04	1.0CM	0.6CM	2.6CM	3.5	3.2	3.2
III	4/12/04	1.2CM	0.8CM	2.5CM	3.5	3.0	3.0
III	4/19/04	1.0CM	0.6CM	2.4CM	2.5	2.8	3.0
III	4/26/04	1.0CM	0.6CM	2.4CM	2.5	2.6	2.8
III	5/3/04	1.0CM	0.6CM	2.4CM	2.5	2.6	2.8

As per documented measurements with just 8 weeks of using the Blue Sky Versatile 1 Closed Wound Suction System the above tunneling areas are closing at 9 o'clock from 4.5cm to 2.5 cm, at 10 o'clock from 4.2cm to 2.6cm and at 11 o'clock from 4.2cm to 2.8cm.

The results we have experienced here at Clarview Nursing and Rehabilitation Center with Resident #2034 have far exceeded my expectations. At this present time it will be a financial gain to continue to use the Blue Sky Versatile 1 Closed Suction System.

The facility should see the tunneling areas closed within the next 6 to 8 weeks provided the wound continues to heal the tunneling areas as exhibited by the first 8 weeks of therapy.

The Blue Sky Versatile I Closed Suction System has provided Resident #2034 with the positive outcomes of healing of his tunneling areas of 9, 10 and 11 o'clock. The facility can order filters and drain kits by calling Blue Sky Medical and is able to deliver the products over night or by regular ground transport. I am very satisfied with the support and the results we have experienced with the use of the Blue Sky Versatile I Closed Suction System.

Per my dealings with Buc Harris, representative of Special Medical Products, Inc. and Nancy Schueftan, RN, CWS and Blue Sky Medical have far exceeded my expectations by their professionalism and clinical support.

Sincerely,

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