



From Silence to Safety: The Power of Voice in Preventing Surgical Injuries



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BACKGROUND

- Injuries related to patient positioning remain a significant and underrecognized risk in the perioperative process.
- Underestimation of these risks contributed to an increase in reported injuries throughout the hospital.
- Gaps in communication between surgical and inpatient units contribute to delayed identification of positioning-related injuries.

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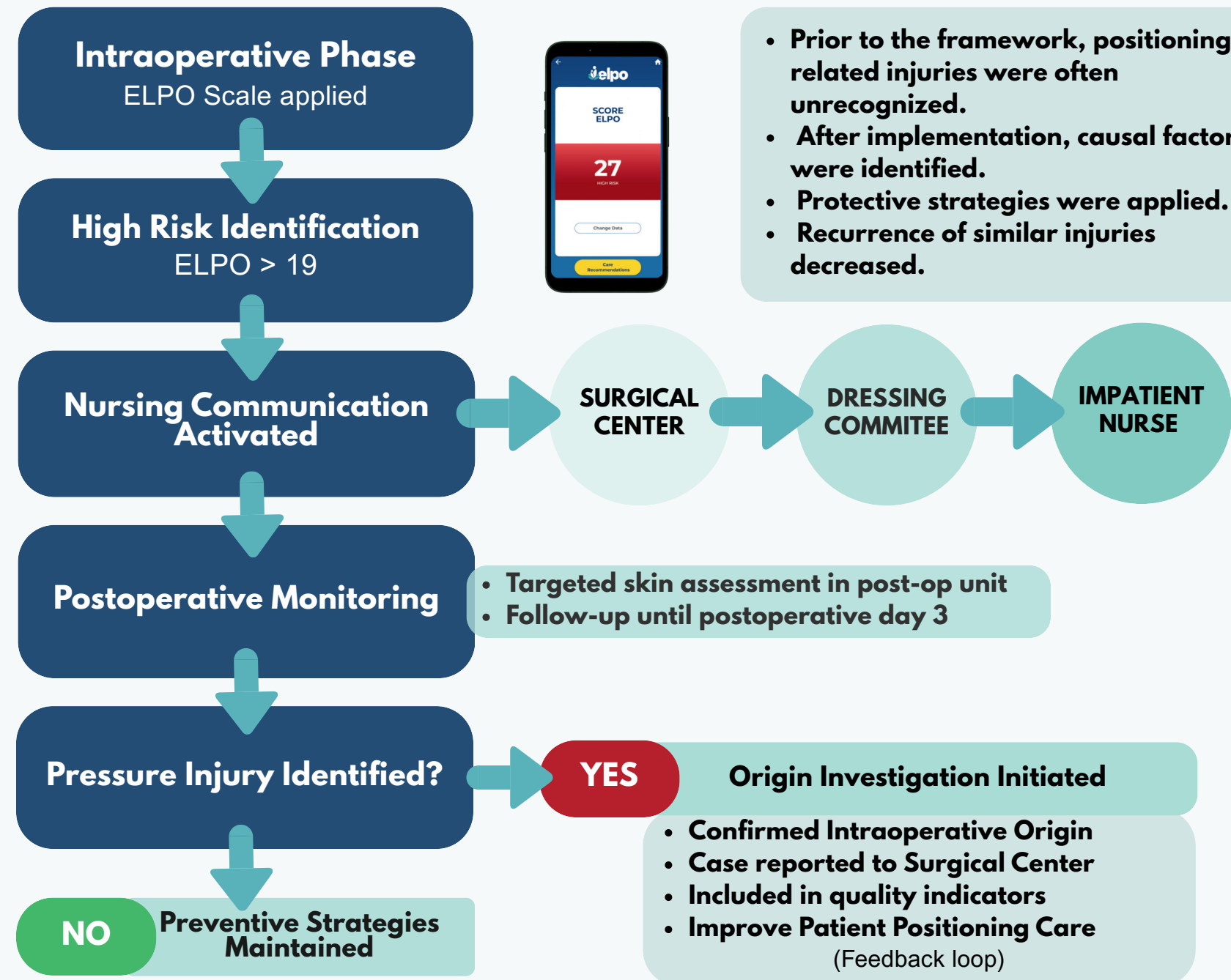
- To create and describe a communication strategy to improve injury tracking, facilitate the identification of positioning-related injuries, and consequently support preventive actions.

METHOD

- Descriptive, practice-based quality improvement initiative
- Conducted in a large tertiary university hospital (Rio de Janeiro, Brazil), January 2025 to present day.
- Population: perioperative and inpatient nurses
- Materials: ELPO Scale, secure nurse-to-nurse instant messaging, institutional PI prevention protocols

RESULTS

NURSE COMMUNICATION PATHWAY



CONCLUSION

- A nurse-led communication framework transformed patient positioning risk into coordinated postoperative care
- Integration of validated risk assessment strengthened continuity, accountability, and patient safety
- Empowered nursing communication functioned as a decisive clinical intervention.

IMPLICATIONS FOR PRACTICE

- This Nurse Communication strategy give voice that supports integration of intraoperative risk assessment into postoperative care planning
- Strengthens nurse-to-nurse communication across care transitions
- Enhances Pressure injury prevention related to patient positioning
- Offers a feasible, scalable model for diverse perioperative settings

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