



Establishing an Acute Care Foot and Toenail Trimming Service



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Introduction

- Large academic hospital did not have a toenail trimming service.
- Podiatry does not perform toenail trimming at this facility.
- Many patients with excessively long and hypertrophic toenails.
- WOC team has 2 certified foot care nurses (CFCN).

Problem

- Toenail disorders contribute to health concerns.
- Problems: pressure injury on adjacent toe(s), open wounds, infection, possible amputation and pain.
- Pain impedes ambulation, creates a fall risk, and can delay discharge due to inability to work with PT.

Method

- Literature search and contact with board of nursing.
- Collaboration with particular departments to determine how to order equipment, sterilize equipment, develop consult order, and staff education.
- Develop criteria for appropriate consult.



Results

- September 2022 service went live.
- 98 Total consults
- 23 Inappropriate consults (criteria not met)
- 75 Completed consults
- 100% Patient & provider satisfaction

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