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The Braden Q Scale for Predicting Pediatric Pressure Ulcer Risk (Braden Q Scale)

Availability:	<p>This instrument is freely available here: The Braden Q Scale</p> <p>Please contact Dr. Martha A. Q. Curley (curley@nursing.upenn.edu) to obtain necessary permissions for translation of the instrument.</p>
Classification:	Supplemental: Spinal Cord Injury (SCI) – Pediatric (children ≤ 8 years old)
Short Description of Instrument:	<p>The Braden Q Scale for Predicting Pediatric Pressure Ulcer Risk (Braden Q Scale) was developed by Sandy Quigley and Catherine Noonan.</p> <p>The Braden Q Scale is a widely used, valid, and reliable pediatric-specific pressure ulcer risk assessment tool. It was developed by adapting the adult-based Braden Scale for Predicting Pressure Sore Risk and includes the six original subscales (mobility, activity, sensory perception, moisture, friction and shear and nutrition) and adds a seventh subscale, tissue perfusion/oxygenation.</p>
Scoring:	<p>All seven subscales are rated from 1 (least favorable) to 4 (most favorable); patients receive one score per subscale.</p> <p>Total Braden Q scores range from 7 (highest risk) to 28 (lowest risk), with a score of 16 or lower identifying pediatric patients at risk for pressure ulcers.</p>
References:	<p>Key Reference: Noonan C, Quigley S, Curley M. Using the Braden Q Scale to predict pressure ulcer risk in pediatric patients. J Pediatric Nursing, Doi:10.1016/j.pedn.2010.07.006</p> <p>Other References: Bergstrom N, Braden BJ, Laguzza A, Holman V. The Braden scale for predicting pressure sore risk. Nur Res 1987;36(4):205–210.</p> <p>Curley M, Razmus IS, Roberts KE, Wypij D. Predicting pressure ulcer risk in pediatric population. The Braden Q Scale. Nur Res 2003;52(1):22–33.</p>