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### **Decubitus ulcers present a health threat to regular users of wheelchairs.**

Ulcers are a serious problem for over 65,000 people with wheelchairs and cost our healthcare system more than \$2.8 billion. Pressure cannot be ignored as a contributing cause of decubitus ulcers, but research strongly suggests it is only part of the picture. One other part of that picture is friction and shear loading. Practitioners should actively consider methods to unload friction and shear from the body/seat interface.

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