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Inservicing Tip: Develop A Training 'Quid Pro Quo' With

To share is to improve care ... and a "training exchange" with your referring hospitals can improve care of residents in both settings.

Offer to inservice hospital nursing staff on pressure ulcer prevention - and ask the hospital if they'd like to coach your staff on how to improve their acute-care skills.

"While long-term care nurses are very good at chronic care issues and preventing pressure ulcers, etc. ... they can often use inservicing in triage for acute conditions," says **Beth Klitch**, president of **Survey Solutions Inc.** in Columbus, OH. Failure to recognize a constellation of symptoms warranting immediate emergency attention is a weak area in long-term care, in general - and a common cause of lawsuits, Klitch notes. (For details on an emerging survey focus on this issue, see the February Long-Term Care Survey Alert.)