Date of Visit: January 24, 2013

Name and Address of Contact: Sharon Fritzley/UPMC St. Margaret

Dear Sharon:

The goal of Pennsylvania Hospital Engagement Network’s (PA-HEN) Pressure Ulcer Prevention project is to prevent the occurrence of pressure ulcers in hospitalized patients by providing education and technical assistance to hospitals participating in the project. Hospitals in the project must also commit to sharing data with the Pennsylvania Hospital Engagement Network to monitor progress toward adherence to selected practices and pressure ulcer outcomes. In order to understand how best to assist and provide support to hospitals, the PA-HEN believes that it is important to learn what the barriers and challenges are in relation to fully implementing evidence-based practice; what issues contribute to pressure ulcer development in hospitalized patients; and how best to structure or deliver education and resources to hospitals in the project. As part of the PA-HEN Pressure Ulcer Prevention Project, the PA-HEN is very excited to provide your organization with the opportunity to meet with a Skin Care Safety Advisor for a one-day intensive on-site consultative opportunity.

In order to maximize your on-site consultative experience, please review the attached following list of expectations of our facility, the PA-HEN Skin Care Safety Advisor, and the PA-HEN Pressure Ulcer Prevention project manager.

If you have any additional questions or require clarification, please contact Janette Bisbee, RN, MSN, project manager, PA-HEN at (717) 561-5372 or jbisbee@haponline.org. You may also contact me at (717) 561-5367 or lmartin@haponline.org.

Sincerely,

Lynda Martin
PA-HEN Project Director