

# Midwest VA Facility

## REDUCED STAFF BURDEN AND PRODUCT UTILIZATION PROJECT



### Introduction

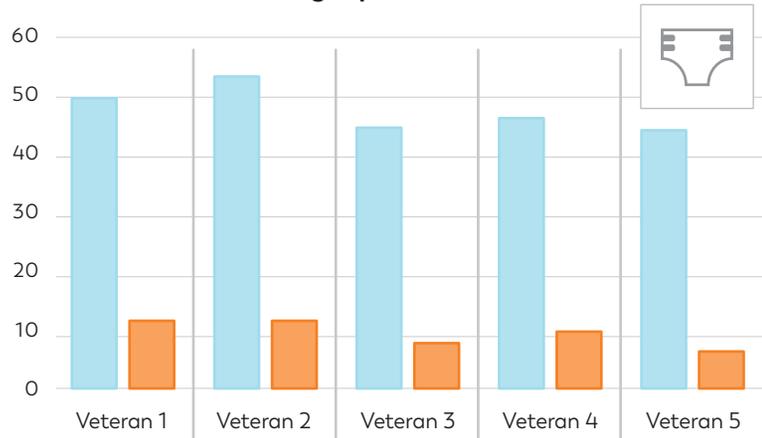
A VA facility in the Midwest conducted an independent two-week product evaluation for the purpose of capturing evidence that using Tranquility® Briefs would decrease the number of product, linen and clothing changes, and generate a reduction in incontinence management-related trauma experienced by Veterans with Alzheimer's or other forms of dementia.

The controlled trial involved ambulatory Veterans who were frequently toileted as a result of complete incontinence. During week one, the current incontinence products were used. During week two, Tranquility incontinence products were used. Staff recorded product, linen and clothing changes completed during each week.

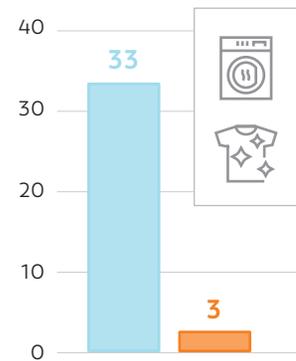
### Product Trial Results

■ Current Product (Week 1) VS. ■ Tranquility Products (Week 2)

#### Number of Product Changes per Week



#### Number of Bed Linen/ Clothing Changes per Week



### Evaluation Protocol



2-week period



5 Participants

### Clinical Observations:

**Veterans who wore Tranquility products were able to sleep** most nights without having to be changed.

**The amount of resistance and combative type behaviors** with dementia patients **decreased** because they did not have to be changed as often.

**Strain on the staff** also **decreased** when using Tranquility products because fewer changes were required.

### Conclusion

**Tranquility superabsorbent products could improve overall patient care and staff experience** in several areas:

- Significantly fewer brief and linen/clothing changes throughout the week
- Increased uninterrupted rest/sleep for patients
- Reduced resistance and combative-type patient behaviors
- Decreased strain on staff (reduced need for changes)

Interested in conducting a product evaluation at your facility? Contact **Linsee Nungester, LPN**, at **1-800-467-3224 x363** or **lnungester@pbenet.com**

**78%**

fewer product changes

**Product usage significantly decreased** when the high-performance Tranquility incontinence products were used.

**91%**

fewer linen/clothing changes

Bed linen/clothing changes due to incontinence leakage **decreased from 33 to 3** during the week Tranquility products were used.