

# THE eCQM RACING GLOSSARY

To help you navigate the track, here is how the high-octane world of racing translates directly to your unit's pressure injury prevention goals:

## POLE POSITION

The coveted first starting spot on the race grid, earned by the fastest qualifying time.

**Clinical Parallel:** Having your EHR, protocols, and frontline staff completely optimized and ready before regulatory reporting deadlines hit. **Don't forget, eCQMs for Pressure Injuries become mandatory starting in 2027.**

## KISS THE BRICKS

The famous tradition where the Indy 500 winner and their crew kneel and kiss the 3-foot strip of original brick track at the start/finish line.

**Clinical Parallel:** Celebrating your ultimate goal: zero avoidable hospital-acquired pressure injuries and flawless eCQM compliance!

## CARB DAY (CARBURETION DAY)

The final practice session before the race where teams test their cars in race-day conditions and make final adjustments.

**Clinical Parallel:** Your final opportunity to audit documentation, test EHR workflows, and ensure the staff is trained before the new eCQM metrics officially count.

## THE CHASSIS

The structural frame of the race car that holds all the machinery together.

**Clinical Parallel:** Your Electronic Health Record (EHR). It needs to be sturdy, efficient, and capable of holding all your clinical data without breaking down.

## DRAFTING

A technique where a driver follows closely behind another car to take advantage of the reduced air resistance, allowing them to go faster with less effort.

**Clinical Parallel:** Borrowing proven EHR workflows, templates, or order sets from organizations that have already successfully implemented PI eCQMs.

## THE SNAKE PIT

A massive, high-energy, and notoriously chaotic infield party at the Indianapolis Motor Speedway during race weekend.

**Clinical Parallel:** The hectic, fast-paced reality of clinical units. Managing the "Snake Pit" means cutting through the noise to ensure documentation doesn't get lost in the daily chaos.

## THE PIT STOP

A brief pause during the race where the pit crew rapidly services the car (changing tires, refueling, swapping out broken parts) to keep it at peak performance.

**Clinical Parallel:** Scheduled, routine check-ins on the unit—like running quick baseline audits or touching base with unit managers—to adjust your strategy mid-course.

## PIT CREW

The specialized team of mechanics and engineers responsible for servicing the car during a race.

**Clinical Parallel:** Your multidisciplinary quality team, including WOC nurses, Unit Managers, IT/EHR analysts, and Quality Lead Specialists working together.

## FULL THROTTLE

Pushing the gas pedal completely to the floor for maximum speed and power.

**Clinical Parallel:** Deploying a fully integrated EHR strategy with hard stops, automated triggers, and highly trained staff all at once.



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