
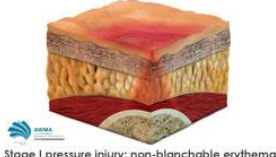

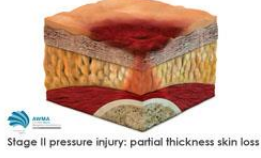

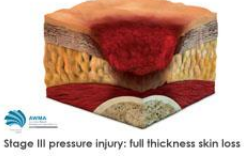



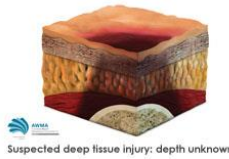

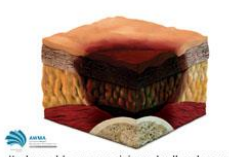



Pressure Injury Classification System

Definition: A pressure injury is localised injury to the skin and/or underlying tissue usually over a bony prominence, as a result of pressure, or pressure in combination with shear. A number of contributing or confounding factors are also associated with pressure injuries; the significance of these factors is yet to be elucidated.

Stages		<p>Stage 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Intact • Non-blanchable erythema (redness remains under finger pressure) 		} 4
		<p>Stage 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partial thickness skin loss • Shallow • No slough or bruising • May be serum filled blister 		
		<p>Stage 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full thickness skin loss • Three layers eroded - epidermis, dermis, down to subcutaneous fat • May be undermining or tunnelling 		
		<p>Stage 4</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Full thickness tissue loss • All the way – exposed bone, tendon or muscle. • May be undermining or tunnelling 		
2 Temporary Categories		<p>Suspected Deep Tissue Injury</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depth unknown • Purple or maroon localised area of discoloured intact skin • May be a blood-filled blister 		} +2
		<p>Unstageable</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Depth unknown • Full thickness tissue loss • Base of wound covered in slough and/or eschar 		
1 Mucosal Category		<p>Mucosal</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Localised • Always device related • Shallow open ulcer on any mucous membrane 	Mucous membranes line the tongue, GIT, nasal passages, urinary tract and vaginal canal	} +1

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Reference: National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel, European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel and Pan Pacific Pressure Injury Alliance. Prevention and Treatment of Pressure Ulcers: Clinical Practice Guideline. Emily Haesler (Ed.). Cambridge Media: Perth, Australia; 2014.