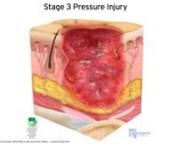


## How to Stage Pressure Injuries (PIs)

Pressure Injury Stage 1	Pressure Injury Stage 2	Pressure Injury Stage 3	Pressure Injury Stage 4
			
			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Area of <u>intact</u> skin with local <u>non-blanchable</u> erythema (redness) with a change in temperature or firmness.</li> <li>• In darkly pigmented skin, the colour of area may differ from adjacent skin.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Partial thickness tissue loss showing viable, pink or red, moist with a distinct wound margin.</li> <li>• May present as an intact or ruptured serum-filled blister.</li> <li>• Slough/eschar are not present</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full thickness tissue loss with just the subcutaneous adipose layer exposed.</li> <li>• Slough/eschar is initially present.</li> <li>• The bridge of the nose, the ear, the occiput, the malleolus and the foot has minimal depth of subcutaneous tissue and these Stage 3 PIs will be shallow in depth.</li> <li>• Healing wounds show granulation tissue.</li> <li>• Rolled edges (epibole) may be visible in chronic wounds.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Full thickness tissue loss, with the damage going through the subcutaneous adipose layer; fascia, muscle, tendon, ligament, cartilage &amp;/or bone may be exposed.</li> <li>• Slough/eschar is initially present.</li> <li>• The bridge of the nose, the ear, the occiput, the malleolus and the foot has minimal depth of subcutaneous tissue and these Stage 4 PIs will be shallow in depth.</li> <li>• Healing wounds show granulation tissue.</li> <li>• Rolled edges (epibole) may be visible in chronic wounds.</li> </ul>
Unstageable	Deep Tissue Injury	Medical Device Injury	Mucosal Injury
		<p>Injury can have the appearance of any one of the Stages or be Unstageable or a DTI</p>	<p>Injury can have the appearance of any one of the Stages or be Unstageable or a DTI but it, itself, is not staged</p>
			<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p style="text-align: center;">Coming Soon</p> </div>
<p>Dry, stable eschar firm cap. OR Moist, boggy eschar cap.</p>	<p>Dusky, boggy, or discoloured area of purple, maroon, ecchymosis, or a blood-filled blister</p>	<p>Usually conforms to the pattern or shape of the device e.g wheel chair footrest support bar as in the above photo</p>	<p>Usually conforms to the pattern or shape of the device.</p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• When the wound bed is covered with slough/eschar, it is staged as an Unstageable PI; once visible, the PI is then re-staged either a Stage 3 PI or Stage 4 PI</li> <li>• Never back-stage/reverse stage a PI; as a Stage 4 PI heals, it is not reverse-staged to a Stage 3, Stage 2, then Stage 1; it is charted as a healing Stage 4 PI.</li> <li>• When a pressure injury wound as varying depths, it is to be staged based upon the deepest depth visible.</li> </ul>			