

### Deep Tissue Injury

Intact or non-intact skin with localized area of persistent non-blanchable deep red, maroon, purple discoloration or epidermal separation revealing a dark wound bed or blood f lled blister.

#### Stage 1

Non-blanchable erythema of intact skin with a localized area of nonblanchable erythema, which may appear differently in darkly pigmented skin.

### Stage 2

Partial-thickness loss of skin with exposed dermis. The wound bed is viable, pink or red, moist, and may also present as an intact or ruptured serum-f lled blister.

### Stage 3

Full-thickness skin loss, in which adipose (fat) is visible in the ulcer and granulation tissue and epibole (rolled wound edges) are often present. Slough and/or eschar may be visible.

### Stage 4

Full-thickness skin and tissue loss with exposed or directly palpable fascia, muscle, tendon, ligament, cartilage or bone in the ulcer.

## Unstageable

Full-thickness skin & tissue loss in which the extent of tissue damage within the ulcer cannot be confirmed because it is obscured by slough or eschar.

## Medical Device Related Pressure Injury

Medical device related pressure injuries result from the use of devices; resultant pressure injury generally conforms to the pattern or shape of the device. The injury should be staged using the staging system.

## Mucosal Membrane Pressure Injury

Mucosal membrane pressure injury is found on mucous membranes with a history of a medical device in use at the location of the injury.

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# Pressure Injury Staging

















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