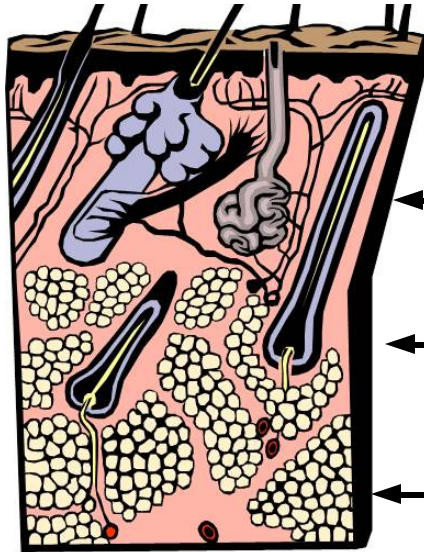


# Adult Pressure Injury Staging Quick Reference Guide

## STAGING OF PRESSURE INJURIES...



**Stage 1:** involves epidermis

**Stage 2:** involves epidermis & dermis

**Stage 3:** involves epidermis, dermis & subcutaneous layers

**Stage 4:** involves epidermis, dermis subcutaneous, & deep tissue such as tendon, muscle & bone

## WHAT TO LOOK FOR...

**Stage 1:** Intact skin, does not blanch, firm, warm, painful

**Stage 2:** Intact or ruptured serum filled blister, abrasion, or shallow crater, no slough

**Stage 3:** Subcutaneous tissue (fat visible), +/- slough and/or eschar

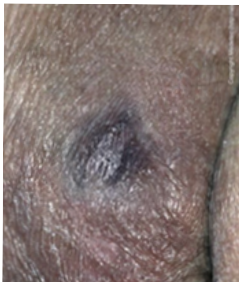
**Stage 4:** Structures (bone, muscle, tendon) in base of wound

**Unstageable:** Slough or eschar obscures base of wound

**Deep Tissue Pressure Injury (DTPI):** Intact skin, blood blister, maroon, purple

**Mucosal:** Present on mucosal tissue, not staged

## STAGE 1 AND DTPI ARE TRICKY ONES TO STAGE...



**Stage 1**  
Darker skin tone  
Ischial Tuberosity  
Started 12-24 hours ago



**Stage 1**  
Lighter skin tone  
Calcaneus  
Started 12-24 hours ago



**DTPI**  
Darker skin tone  
Sacral area  
Started 48-72 hours ago



**DTPI**  
Lighter skin tone  
Calcaneus  
Started 48-72 hours ago