

# RL Skin & Tissue Events: PRESSURE INJURIES

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Report all types of skin and tissue events (e.g. skin tears, bruises, lacerations and all stages of Pressure Injuries).

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If more than one pressure injury needs to be reported, submit the one with the highest stage and report additional wounds in the narrative section.

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Report all Stage 3, 4, and Unstageable Pressure Injuries as a Critical Incident (CI). A Patient Safety Consultant reviews the file to confirm whether the event is classified as a CI.

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If submitting a potential Critical Incident, then severity level is either moderate, severe, or death (e.g. a Stage 4 pressure injury cannot only cause minimal harm for a person).

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Include interventions that were put in place **before** the wound was identified. Details of the interventions can be added in the narrative, along with factors that might have contributed to making the prevention strategies less effective.

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If person is admitted with an existing pressure injury, confirm RL report was submitted by sending site and document in IPN. If unable to confirm or report not submitted, complete RL report and include location of sending site.