

Patients Under Pressure

Putting pressure injuries into perspective for NPWT

Questions with a Clinician



We asked Deborah Pias, RN, BSN, WOCN, PED and Senior Clinical Consultant at Cardinal Health, three frequently asked questions about pressure injuries:

Who is at a greater risk for pressure injuries?

Immobile residents and patients with a history of incontinence or malnutrition are at a greater risk for pressure injuries.

What pressure injury stages have you seen NPWT applied?

I've seen Stage 3 with a full-thickness dermis, Stage 4 with full thickness skin and tissue loss and Unstageable but only after wound is debrided. Typically, Unstageable has obscured full thickness and tissue loss where the extent of tissue loss is unknown. It's staged after layers have been exposed.

What other conditions may be indicated for NPWT?

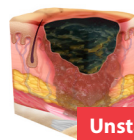
Various other conditions can benefit from NPWT including diabetic foot ulcers, dehiscid surgical wounds, chronic wounds, venous stasis ulcers, acute or traumatic wounds. A physician should always be consulted on the best course of treatment for patients.



Stage 3



Stage 4



Unstageable

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¹<http://www.npuap.org/resources/educational-and-clinical-resources/npuap-pressure-injury-stages/>

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³<https://npiap.com/store/download.aspx?id=CE07E9B2-DF42-4BB1-A0B6-71966205CB0E>

⁴Preventing Pressure Injuries in Hospitals. Content last reviewed October 2014. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, Rockville, MD. <https://www.ahrq.gov/patient-safety/settings/hospital/resource/pressureulcer/tool/pu1.html>

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Patient impact



More than **2.5 million people** develop pressure injuries in the United States each year³



\$9.1-11.6 billion estimated yearly cost of treating pressure injuries in the United States⁴



Patient care cost per pressure injury is **\$20,900- \$151,700**⁵



60,000 patients die every year as a direct result of pressure injuries⁶