

Table 1. Cierny classification of adult chronic osteomyelitis

		Anatomic Type			
		Type I (Medullary)	Type II (Superficial)	Type III (Localized)	Type IV (Diffuse)
Physiologic Class	A-Host (Good immune system and local vascularity)	Stage IA	Stage IIA	Stage IIIA	Stage IVA
	B^S-Host (Compromised systemically) <i>e.g.</i> ; malnutrition, renal failure, liver failure, diabetes mellitus, chronic hypoxia, immune deficiency/suppression, malignancy, age extremes, tobacco abuse.	Stage IB ^S	Stage IIB ^S	Stage IIIB ^S	Stage IVB ^S
	B^L-Host (Compromised locally) <i>e.g.</i> ; chronic lymphedema, venous stasis, peripheral vascular disease, extensive scarring, radiation fibrosis, insensate limb.	Stage IB ^L	Stage IIB ^L	Stage IIIB ^L	Stage IVB ^L
	C-Host (Minimal disability; treatment worse than the disease; not a surgical candidate)	Stage IC	Stage IIC	Stage IIIC	Stage IVC