

## Supplemental Digital Content 4.

### HOW TO STAGE A PRESSURE ULCER BEFORE AND AFTER DEBRIDEMENT



This unstageable pressure ulcer was present on admission

F. Unstageable - Slough and/or eschar: Known but not stageable due to coverage of wound bed by slough and/or eschar	
Enter Number	1. Number of unstageable pressure ulcers due to coverage of wound bed by slough and/or eschar - If 0 → Skip to M0300G, Unstageable: Deep tissue
Enter Number	2. Number of these unstageable pressure ulcers that were present upon admission/entry or reentry - enter how many were noted at the time of admission/entry or reentry



“Once the pressure ulcer is debrided of slough and/or eschar such that the anatomic depth of soft tissue damage involved can be determined, then code the ulcer for the reclassified stage. The pressure ulcer does not have to be completely debrided or free of all slough and/or eschar tissue in order for reclassification of stage to occur.”<sup>12</sup>

On Subsequent MDS- it is no longer unstageable, now a Stage 4 as into muscle

D. Stage 4: Full thickness tissue loss with exposed bone, tendon or muscle. Slough or eschar may be present on some parts of the wound bed. Often includes undermining and tunneling	
Enter Number	1. Number of Stage 4 pressure ulcers - If 0 → Skip to M0300E, Unstageable: Non-removable dressing
Enter Number	2. Number of these Stage 4 pressure ulcers that were present upon admission/entry or reentry - enter how many were noted at the time of admission/entry or reentry



Do not back or reverse stage as it heals

“If the pressure ulcer has ever been classified at a higher numerical stage that what is observed now, it should continue to be classified at the higher numerical stage.”<sup>12</sup>

“Nursing homes that carefully document and track pressure ulcers will be able to more accurately code this item”<sup>12</sup>

On Subsequent MDS- it continues to be a healing Stage 4

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