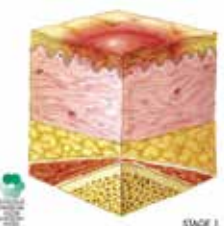













PRESSURE ULCER CLASSIFICATION

 <p>STAGE 1</p>		<p>Category / Stage I: Intact skin with non-blanchable redness of a localized area usually over a bony prominence. The area may be painful, firm, soft, warmer or cooler as compared to adjacent tissue. Category I may be difficult to detect in individuals with dark skin tones¹.</p>
 <p>STAGE 2</p>		<p>Category/ Stage II: Partial thickness loss of dermis presenting as a shallow open ulcer with a red pink wound bed, without slough. May also present as an intact or open/ruptured serum-filled or sero-sanguinous filled blister¹.</p>
 <p>STAGE 3</p>		<p>Category/ Stage III: Full thickness tissue loss. Subcutaneous fat may be visible but bone, tendon or muscle are not exposed. Slough may be present but does not obscure the depth of tissue loss¹.</p>
 <p>STAGE 4</p>		<p>Category/ Stage IV: Full thickness tissue loss with exposed bone, tendon or muscle. Slough or eschar may be present. Often includes undermining and tunnelling. Category/ Stage IV ulcers can extend into muscle and/or supporting structures (e.g., fascia, tendon or joint capsule)¹.</p>
 <p>UNSTAGEABLE</p>		<p>Unstageable/Unclassified: Full thickness skin or tissue loss – depth unknown Full thickness tissue loss in which actual depth of the ulcer is completely obscured by slough (yellow, tan, gray, green or brown) and/or eschar (tan, brown or black) in the wound bed.¹</p>
 <p>SUSPECTED DEEP TISSUE INJURY</p>		<p>Suspected Deep Tissue Injury – depth unknown Purple or maroon localized area of discolored intact skin or blood-filled blister due to damage of underlying soft tissue from pressure and/or shear. The area may be preceded by tissue that is painful, firm, mushy, boggy, warmer or cooler as compared to adjacent tissue.¹</p>

1. This extract has been taken from the Pressure Ulcer Prevention and Treatment EPUAP Review Guideline written by the European Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (2014). This poster is designed as a guide only and Invacare strongly recommend the full EPUAP guidelines are studied. Invacare accept no responsibility for medical intervention as a result of misinterpretation of the content of this poster.