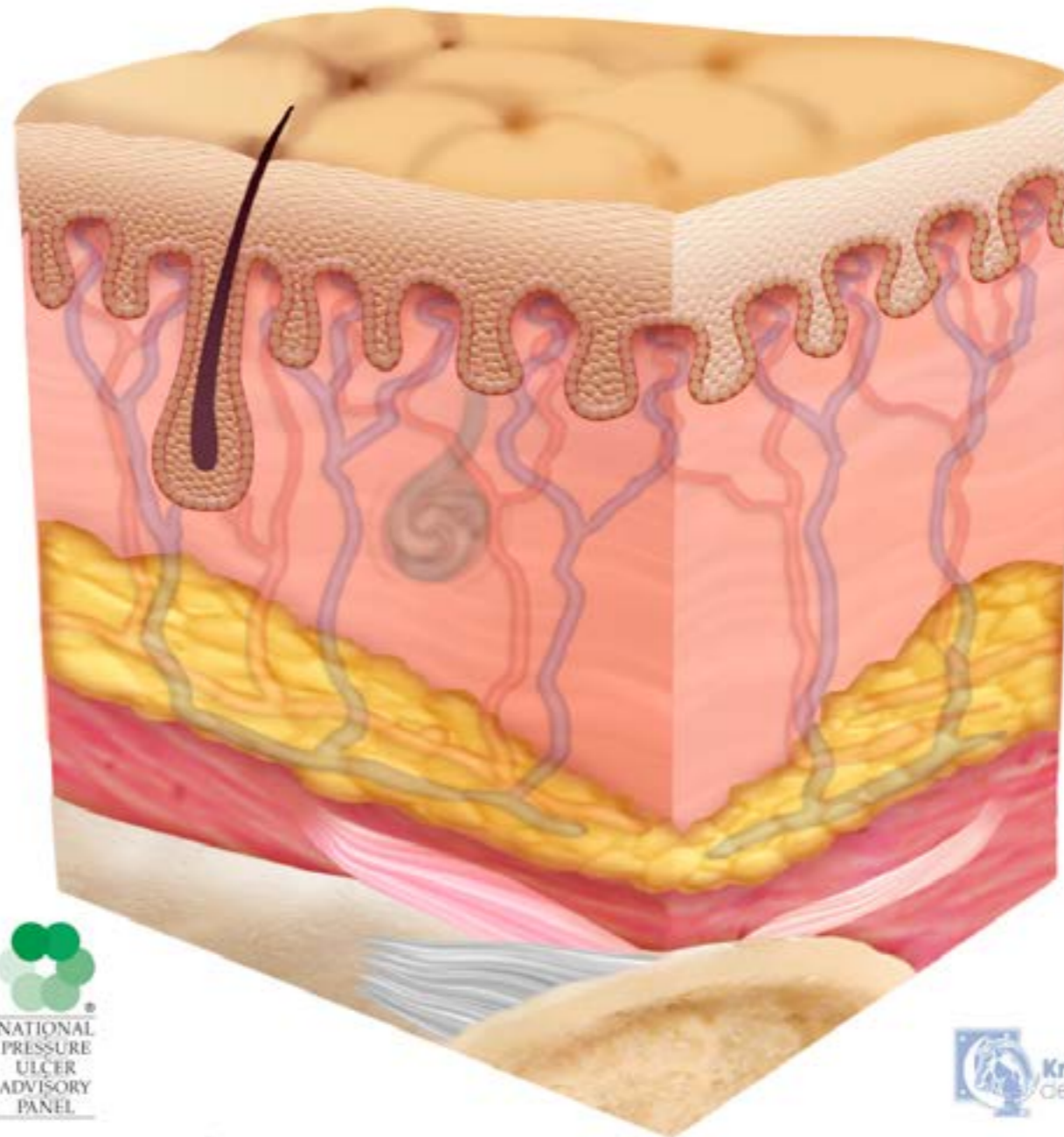


# STAGES OF BEDSORES

5 Phases of Pressure Injuries



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# DEEP TISSUE INJURY

# **STAGE 1 BEDSORE**

# **STAGE 2 BEDSORE**

# **STAGE 3 BEDSORE**

# **STAGE 4 BEDSORE**



# **UNSTAGEABLE BEDSORE**

# STAGES 1-4

**Pressure Injury:** A pressure injury is localized damage to the skin and underlying soft tissue, usually over a bony prominence. The injury occurs as a result of intense and/or prolonged pressure.

**Stage 1:** A sore or localized area of redness that may have changes in sensation, temperature, or firmness. Color changes do not include purple or maroon discoloration; these may indicate deep tissue pressure injury.

**Stage 2:** Partial-thickness skin loss with exposed dermis. The wound bed is viable, pink or red, moist, and may also present as an intact or ruptured blister.

**Stage 3:** Full-thickness loss of skin, in which fat is visible in the ulcer and granulation tissue and rolled wound edges are often present. The depth of tissue damage varies by anatomical location. Undermining and tunneling may occur. Fascia, muscle, tendon, ligament, cartilage and/or bone are not exposed.

**Stage 4:** Full-thickness skin and tissue loss with exposed or directly palpable fascia, muscle, tendon, ligament, cartilage or bone in the ulcer. Dead tissue may be visible. Epibole (rolled edges), undermining and/or tunneling often occur. Depth varies by anatomical location.

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# DEEP TISSUE AND UNSTAGEABLE

## **Unstageable Pressure Injury:**

Full-thickness skin and tissue loss in which the extent of tissue damage within the ulcer cannot be confirmed because it is obscured by slough or eschar (dead tissue)

## **Deep Tissue Pressure Injury:**

Persistent deep red, maroon or purple discoloration. A dark wound or blood filled blister. Pain and temperature change often precede skin color changes. This injury results from intense and/or prolonged pressure and shear forces at the bone-muscle interface. The wound may evolve rapidly to reveal the actual extent of tissue injury, or may resolve without tissue loss.

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