Supplemental Digital Content 4.
HOW TO STAGE A PRESSURE ULCER BEFORE AND AFTER DEBRIDEMENT

This unstageable pressure ulcer was present on admission

“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.”

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

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.”

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

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

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