

OASIS ITEM:
<p>(M0460)* Stage of Most Problematic (Observable) Pressure Ulcer:</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Stage 1 <input type="checkbox"/> 2 - Stage 2 <input type="checkbox"/> 3 - Stage 3 <input type="checkbox"/> 4 - Stage 4 <input type="checkbox"/> NA - No observable pressure ulcer </p> <p>*At Follow-up, following the item number (M0460), insert the phrase "skip this item if patient has no pressure ulcers."</p>
DEFINITION:
<p>Identifies the most problematic pressure ulcer of those noted in M0450. "Most problematic" may be the largest, the most advanced stage, the most difficult to access for treatment, the most difficult to relieve pressure, etc., depending on the specific situation.</p>
TIME POINTS ITEM(S) COMPLETED:
<p>Start of care Resumption of care Follow-up Discharge from agency – not to inpatient facility</p>
RESPONSE—SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If the patient has only one pressure ulcer, then that ulcer is the most problematic. • In evaluating the most problematic ulcer, do not include any ulcer to which response "e" in M0450 applied. If that is the only ulcer, mark "NA." • Insert directions at follow-up to skip this item if the patient has no pressure ulcer(s). • "Nonobservable" pressure ulcers include <u>only</u> those that cannot be observed due to the presence of eschar or a nonremovable dressing (see M0450).
ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES:
<p>Incorporate the information from M0450 and the status of each pressure ulcer and utilize clinical reasoning to determine the most problematic (observable) ulcer.</p>