

<b>OASIS ITEM:</b>
<p><b>(M0474)</b> Does this patient have at least one <b>Stasis Ulcer that Cannot be Observed</b> due to the presence of a nonremovable dressing?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> 0 - No  <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Yes</p>
<b>DEFINITION:</b>
<p>Identifies the presence of a stasis ulcer which is covered by a dressing that home care staff are not to remove (e.g., an Unna's paste-boot).</p>
<b>TIME POINTS ITEM(S) COMPLETED:</b>
<p>Start of care  Resumption of care  Discharge from agency – not to inpatient facility</p>
<b>RESPONSE—SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS:</b>
<p>"Non-observable" stasis ulcers include <u>only</u> those that are covered by a nonremovable dressing.</p>
<b>ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES:</b>
<p>The past health history and current referral information provide knowledge of the reason for any nonremovable dressing. Uncertainty regarding the reason for the nonremovable dressing can be resolved through communication with the physician.</p>