

OASIS ITEM:
<p>(M0476)* Status of Most Problematic (Observable) Stasis Ulcer:</p> <p> <input type="checkbox"/> 1 - Fully granulating <input type="checkbox"/> 2 - Early/partial granulation <input type="checkbox"/> 3 - Not healing <input type="checkbox"/> NA - No observable stasis ulcer </p> <p>*At Follow-up, following the item number (M0476) insert the phrase "skip this item if patient has no stasis ulcers."</p>
DEFINITION:
<p>Identifies the degree of healing present in the most problematic, observable stasis ulcer. The "most problematic" ulcer may be the largest, the most resistant to treatment, one which is infected, 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 stasis ulcer, that ulcer is the most problematic. • Insert directions at follow-up to skip this item if the patient has no stasis ulcers. • "Nonobservable" stasis ulcers include <u>only</u> those that are covered by a nonremovable dressing.
ASSESSMENT STRATEGIES:
<p>Inspect each ulcer to determine its status. Based on this information and that from the health history, use clinical reasoning to determine the most problematic (observable) stasis ulcer.</p>