

WATERLOW PRESSURE ULCER PREVENTION/TREATMENT POLICY

RING SCORES IN TABLE, ADD TOTAL. MORE THAN 1 SCORE/CATEGORY CAN BE USED

BUILD/WEIGHT FOR HEIGHT	◆	SKIN TYPE VISUAL RISK AREAS	◆	SEX	AGE	◆	MALNUTRITION SCREENING TOOL (MST) (Nutrition Vol.15, No.6 1999 - Australia)				
AVERAGE BMI = 20-24.9	0	HEALTHY	0	MALE		1	A - HAS PATIENT LOST WEIGHT RECENTLY YES - GO TO B NO - GO TO C UNSURE - GO TO C AND SCORE 2	B - WEIGHT LOSS SCORE 0.5 - 5kg = 1 5 - 10kg = 2 10 - 15kg = 3 > 15kg = 4 unsure = 2			
ABOVE AVERAGE BMI = 25-29.9	1	TISSUE PAPER	1	FEMALE	14 - 49	2					
OBESE BMI > 30	2	DRY	1		50 - 64	2					
BELOW AVERAGE BMI < 20	3	OEDEMATOUS	1		65 - 74	3					
BMI=Wt(Kg)/Ht (m) ²		CLAMMY, PYREXIA	1		75 - 80	4					
		DISCOLOURED GRADE 1	2		81 +	5					
		BROKEN/SPOTS GRADE 2-4	3				C - PATIENT EATING POORLY OR LACK OF APPETITE 'NO' = 0; 'YES' SCORE = 1		NUTRITION SCORE if > 2 refer for nutrition assessment / intervention		
CONTINENCE		◆	MOBILITY		◆	SPECIAL RISKS					
COMPLETE/ CATHETERISED	0	FULLY	0			TISSUE MALNUTRITION		◆	NEUROLOGICAL DEFICIT		◆
URINE INCONT.	1	RESTLESS/FIDGETY	1			TERMINAL CACHEXIA	8		DIABETES, MS, CVA		4-6
FAECAL INCONT.	2	APATHETIC	2			MULTIPLE ORGAN FAILURE	8		MOTOR/SENSORY		4-6
URINARY + FAECAL INCONTINENCE	3	RESTRICTED	3			SINGLE ORGAN FAILURE (RESP, RENAL, CARDIAC.)	5		PARAPLEGIA (MAX OF 6)		4-6
		BEDBOUND	4			PERIPHERAL VASCULAR DISEASE	5		MAJOR SURGERY or TRAUMA		
		e.g. TRACTION CHAIRBOUND	4			ANAEMIA (Hb < 8)	2		ORTHOPAEDIC/SPINAL		5
		e.g. WHEELCHAIR	5			SMOKING	1		ON TABLE > 2 HR#		5
									ON TABLE > 6 HR#		8
SCORE						MEDICATION - CYTOTOXICS, LONG TERM/HIGH DOSE STEROIDS, ANTI-INFLAMMATORY MAX OF 4					
10+ AT RISK											
15+ HIGH RISK											
20+ VERY HIGH RISK											

Scores can be discounted after 48 hours provided patient is recovering normally

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