



Fig. 2.1: The NPUAP staging guideline illustrations of the various stages / severities of pressure ulcers. © National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel, used with permission.

tendon or muscle are not exposed. Slough may be present but does not obscure the depth of tissue loss. *May* include undermining and tunnelling.

Stage IV

Full thickness tissue loss with exposed bone, tendon or muscle. Slough or eschar may be present on some parts of the wound bed. Often include