

National Institute for Health and Care Excellence

Pressure Ulcers

Stakeholder Comments – Draft Guideline

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Stakeholder Organisation:	<u>British Association of Dermatologists</u>
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Name of commentator:	<u>Therapy & Guidelines sub-committee</u>
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1	NICE version	1.1.5	11	The document identify a skin assessment, which includes looking for 'dry or inflamed skin', by a trained healthcare professional as a key priority for implementation of the guideline. We do not think it would be useful for dermatologists to do this skin assessment, but in certain cases in the presence of dermatological disease, the guideline should recommend a dermatology review.
2	NICE version	1.1.9 and 1.1.10	12	It is not clear on what the difference is between an adult who has been assessed as being at risk, and an adult who is at elevated risk of developing a pressure ulcer. <i>(This also applies to 1.2.4 and 1.2.6 and to 1.2.5 and 1.2.7.)</i> The wording would be clearer if 1.1.10 was written as, “Encourage adults, who have been assessed as being at elevated risk of developing...” – the same applies to 1.2.6 and 1.2.7. It would be better stated as moderate and high risk.
3	NICE version	1.2.9	15	This also applies to adults but is not stated.
4	NICE version	1.4.18	21	This recommendation is given for adults but not stated for the paediatric population. There is a lack of evidence in both populations but it would be considered appropriate to state it for the paediatric population too.
5	NICE version	1.4.20 and 1.5.21	21 and 25	In point 1.5.21 it states: “Consider topical antimicrobial dressings to treat a pressure ulcer where clinically

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				indicated in neonates, infants, children and young people, for example, where there is spreading cellulitis". There is no mention of the use of topical antimicrobial dressings in the adult population.
6	NICE version	1.5.10	23	"Consider using specialist support surfaces (including dynamic support surfaces where appropriate) for neonates, infants and children and young people" – does this also apply to adults (it only recommends the use of a high-specification foam mattress and to consider the use of a dynamic support surface)? Recommendation 1.5.10 is based on a modified Delphi consensus technique. The quality of evidence is not great, and there are issues with the definition of a 'standard foam mattress', but there does appear to be a suggestion that other specialist support surfaces may provide some benefit for adults too.
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