

FP8F 04 (SFH CHS4) — Undertake Tissue Viability Risk Assessment for Individuals

Overview

This standard covers undertaking risk assessment in relation to pressure area care and the risk of skin breakdown. This assessment will take place across a variety of health and social care settings, throughout hospitals, including operating departments, hospices, nursing and residential homes, day centres, and individual's own homes. Risk assessment will include the use of different assessment tools selected for use to fit the individual and the environment. The assessment could be undertaken by a variety of staff within the varied care settings and is an ongoing process demanding constant review and evaluation.

Users of this standard will need to ensure that practice reflects up to date information and policies.

Additional Information

External Links

This standard links with the following dimension within the NHS Knowledge and Skills Framework (October 2004):

Dimension: HWB2 Assessment and care planning to meet people's health and wellbeing needs

Performance Criteria — What you do in your job

You must provide evidence to meet all the 17 Performance Criteria for this Unit. The Performance Criteria are grouped under headings to assist you with planning how best to meet these points.

Place the number of the piece of work where this Performance Criteria has been met in the evidence box after each criteria.

	Performance Criteria	Evidence Number where this criteria has been met
1	Apply standard precautions for infection prevention and control and other appropriate health and safety measures.	
2	Identify individuals in your care environment/case load who may be at risk of impaired tissue viability and skin breakdown.	
3	Identify any pre-disposing factors which might exacerbate risk.	
4	Identify any external factors which you should consider in your assessment.	
5	Undertake risk assessment within an appropriate time scale after admission/referral of the individual to the care environment in which you work.	
6	Work within your own sphere of competence and involve the individual or other carers in the assessment as appropriate, referring to others when the assessment is outside of your remit.	
7	Collect the relevant documentation, including agreed assessment tool for use before starting the assessment.	
8	Involve the individual concerned asking them to assess their risk where possible and appropriate, communicating to them in a manner which they understand and can respond to.	

	Performance Criteria	Evidence Number where this criteria has been met
9	Obtain the individual's permission before undertaking the assessment.	
10	Assess the individual's risk of tissue breakdown using the criteria laid down in the assessment tool you are using.	
11	Inspect the general condition of the individuals skin, identifying risk factors, using safe handling techniques when assisting the individual to move during the assessment.	
12	Inspect specific areas of skin for pressure or risk of pressure, identifying risk against the tool and 'scoring' the risk of pressure area damage.	
13	Document all findings and/or pass on your findings to others involved in the care of the individual, including the individual themselves and incorporate the risk assessment into the overall plan of care for that individual.	
14	Agreed, in consultation with others, how often the risk assessment should be reviewed and record the frequency of assessment in the care plan and other relevant records.	
15	Undertake the review as necessary using the criteria involved in the initial assessment if appropriate.	
16	Identify when the current assessment tool, or frequency of review are no longer appropriate due to changes in the individuals condition or environment.	
17	Where applicable, record and report your findings to the appropriate person.	

Knowledge and Understanding — Why and how you do what you do in your job

You must provide evidence of your knowledge and understanding to meet all the 25 knowledge points for this Unit. The knowledge points are grouped under headings to assist you with planning how best to meet them.

Place the number of the piece of work where each knowledge point has been met in the 'evidence number' box after each point.

	Knowledge and Understanding <i>You need to know and understand:</i>	Evidence Number where this knowledge point has been met
1	The current European and National legislation, national guidelines, organisational policies and protocols in accordance with Clinical/Corporate Governance which affect your work practice in relation to undertaking tissue viability risk assessment for individuals.	
2	Your responsibilities and accountability in relation to the current European and National legislation, national guidelines and local policies and protocols and Clinical/Corporate Governance.	
3	The duty to report any acts or omissions in care that could be detrimental to yourself, other individuals or your employer.	
4	The importance of working within your own sphere of competence when undertaking assessment of risk of skin breakdown and seeking advice when faced with situations outside your sphere of competence.	
5	The importance of applying standard precautions to undertaking the assessment of skin breakdown and the potential consequences of poor practice.	
6	Relevant research that has been undertaken in respect of risk assessment for pressure area care.	
7	How you might involve the individual and their carers.	

	Knowledge and Understanding <i>You need to know and understand:</i>	Evidence Number where this knowledge point has been met
8	The risk assessment in relation to the holistic care of individuals.	
9	Other health and social care staff who might be involved in the assessment of risk in the context of this competence.	
10	What you will look for when you assess the skin.	
11	When initial assessment should take place and why.	
12	The frequency of review and re-assessment.	
13	The degree of help needed by the individual.	
14	The anatomy and physiology of the healthy skin.	
15	The changes that occur when damage caused by pressure develops.	
16	What is meant by 'shearing forces'.	
17	The pre-disposing factors to pressure sore development.	
18	The sites where pressure damage may occur.	
19	The assessment tools available for use in the assessment of risk of pressure sore formation.	
20	Safe handling techniques.	
21	The importance of sharing your findings with other care staff and the individual concerned.	
22	The importance of accurately reporting and recording required information related to pressure area care and risk assessment.	
23	The information which should be recorded in relation to pressure area care and risk assessment.	

	Knowledge and Understanding <i>You need to know and understand:</i>	Evidence Number where this knowledge point has been met
24	The types of change in patients' condition which should be reported and/or recorded.	
25	The importance of immediately reporting any issues which are outside your own sphere of competence without delay to the relevant member of staff.	

The candidate and assessor must only sign below when all Performance Criteria and knowledge points have been met.

Unit assessed as being complete

Candidate's name	
Candidate's signature	
Date submitted to Assessor as complete	

Assessor's name	
Assessor's signature	
Date assessed complete	

Internal Verification

To be completed in accordance with centre's internal verifier (IV) strategy.

Evidence for this Unit was sampled on the following date/s	Internal verifier's signature	Internal verifier's name

This Unit has been subject to an admin check in keeping with the centre's IV strategy.

Date of admin check	Internal verifier's signature	Internal verifier's name

Unit completion confirmed

Internal verifier's name	
Internal verifier's signature	
Date completed	