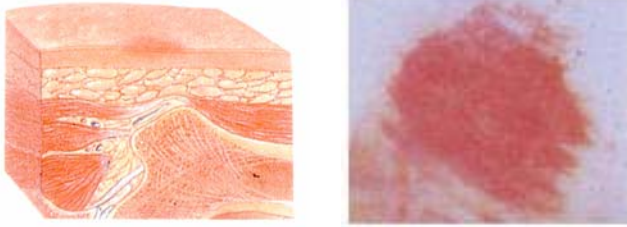




## Pressure Ulcer Stages

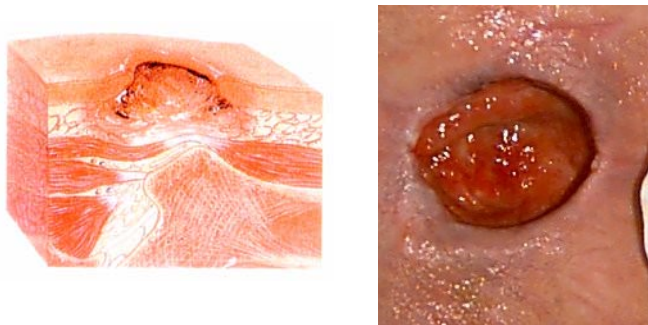
**Stage I** – Defined area of persistent redness. An observable, pressure-related changes in color, skin temperature, stiffness, pain



**Stage II** - Partial thickness skin loss involving epidermis and/or dermis. Superficial, abrasion, blister, shallow crater



**Stage III** - Full thickness, damage or necrosis of deep tissue, to but not through fascia. Deep crater, with or without undermining.



**Stage IV** - Full thickness. Extensive destruction, tissue necrosis, or damage to muscle, bone, or supporting structures.

