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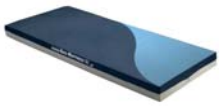
Support Surfaces

Medicare Part B Coverage Guidelines

This is only a summary. Consult your DME MAC, or your supplier manual for complete guidelines.

Group 1

Geo-Mattress® HC



Code: E0184

Therapeutic foam mattress

Gel 80™

Code: E0185

Gel/foam mattress overlay

Covered for a patient under a comprehensive care plan* who is <u>either</u>…

- ✓ completely immobile

<u>OR</u>

- ✓ has limited mobility or has pressure ulcer (any stage) on trunk or pelvis, <u>and</u> has any of the following:
  - impaired nutritional status
  - fecal urinary incontinence
  - altered sensory perception
  - compromised circulatory status

Group 2

PressureGuard CFT®

Code: E0373 – Non-powered

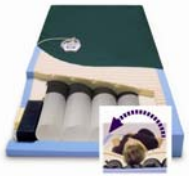
"Constant Force Technology" Non-powered advanced pressure relieving mattress

PressureGuard® APM, APM2 , APM2 Safety Supreme™

Code: E0277 – Powered

Alternating pressure mattress replacements; [APM2 models also provide lateral rotation]

PressureGuard Turn Select®



Code: E0277 – Powered

Pendant controlled, programmable lateral rotation mattress replacement

PressureGuard Easy Air®

Code: E0277 – Powered

Low air loss therapy with alternating pressure. [Easy Air LR model also provides lateral rotation]

Covered for a patient who…

- ✓ has multiple stage II ulcers on trunk or pelvis
  <u>and</u>
- ✓ has been on a comprehensive ulcer treatment program* for at least 30 days, including the use of a Group 1 support surface
  <u>and</u>
- ✓ ulcers have worsened or remained the same over the past month

<u>OR</u>

- ✓ has large or multiple stage III or IV pressure ulcer(s) on the trunk or pelvis

<u>OR</u>

- ✓ has had skin graft or flap surgery for ulcer on trunk or pelvis within last 60 days
  <u>and</u>
- ✓ has been on a Group 2 or 3 surface immediately prior to discharge from hospital or nursing facility within the past 30 days

*Documented comprehensive care plan/treatment program should generally include: education for patient and caregiver on prevention/management of pressure ulcers; regular assessment by a licensed practitioner; appropriate turning and positioning; appropriate wound care; appropriate management of moisture/incontinence; nutritional assessment and intervention.

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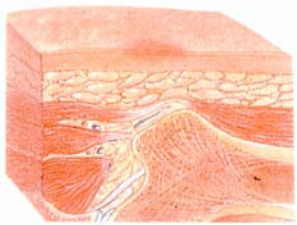
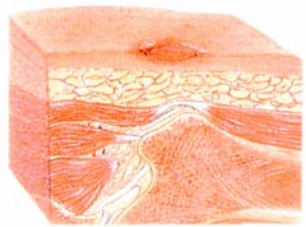
Pressure Ulcer Stages

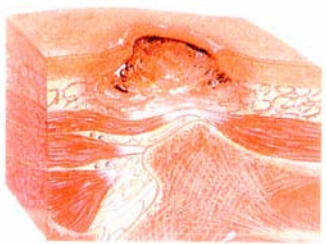
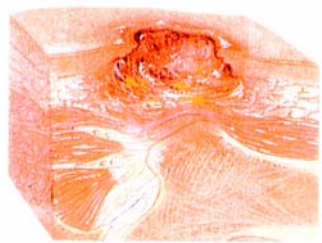
Stage I – Defined area of persistent redness. An observable, pressure-related changes in color, skin temperature, stiffness, pain.



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.