

APWCA Member Survey Concerning the Proposed Changes to the Pressure Ulcer Staging System

What statement best describes your feelings toward ‘pressure injury’ and ‘pressure ulcer’ from a terminology perspective

#	Answer	%	Count
1	I believe 'pressure ulcer' to be the most acceptable	40%	61
2	I believe the term 'pressure injury' to be the most acceptable	12%	19
3	I believe that both 'pressure injury' and 'pressure ulcer' are acceptable	30%	46
4	I believe both ‘ulcer’ and ‘injury’ fall short	18%	27
	Total	100%	153

What statement best describes your feelings toward ‘Stage 1 ulcers’ and ‘deep tissue injury’

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Lesions with an intact skin should be separated from open lesions as embodied by Stage 2, 3 and 4 ulcers.	42%	61
2	The benefits of including Stage I ulcers and DTI within the staging of pressure ulcers outweigh the drawbacks of including both open and closed lesions	58%	84
	Total	100%	145

What statement best describes your feelings about use of the term ‘stages’ versus ‘categories’.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	I prefer to keep the term ‘stages’ to describe different levels of ulceration or injury	43%	63
2	I do not believe there to be a meaningful difference between ‘stages’ and ‘category’ to describe pressure ulcers or injuries.	29%	43
3	I prefer the use of ‘categories’ to describe different levels of ulceration or injury	28%	42
	Total	100%	148

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With regard to the etiology of these lesions, which statement best reflects your opinion

#	Answer	%	Count
1	Pressure ulcer is more reflective of etiology	37%	54
2	Pressure injury is more reflective of etiology	17%	25
3	I believe both to be equally reflective	38%	55
4	I do not think either pressure injury or pressure ulcer is adequate	8%	12
	Total	100%	146

Which statement best reflects your opinion about the terminology change with respect to documentation and policy.

#	Answer	%	Count
1	I have little or no concern that this change will adversely impact clinical documentation and policy	10%	15
2	I believe that this change in terminology should first be addressed by the entities responsible for standardized nomenclature (i.e., ICD-10, LONIC, SNOMED) before being used in clinical documentation	43%	62
3	I have a high level of concern that this change will adversely impact clinical documentation and policy.	33%	48
4	I am unable to comment on the policy and documentation impact at this time	14%	20
	Total	100%	145

Which of the following best reflects your opinion about the medico-legal impact of the change in terminology?

#	Answer	%	Count
1	'Pressure injury' reflects an implication of harm that may be unintended but exists	70%	102
2	I do not believe that the use of 'pressure injury' will imply harm or a lack of care.	21%	31
3	I am not comfortable stating an opinion at this time.	9%	13
	Total	100%	146