

## Unit 4222-334 Undertake tissue viability risk assessments (HSC 3051)

**Level:** 3  
**Credit value:** 3  
**UAN:** Y/601/9022

### Unit aim

This unit is aimed at health and social care staff undertaking tissue viability risk assessment in relation to pressure area care and the risk of skin breakdown.

### Learning outcomes

There are **four** learning outcomes to this unit. The learner will:

1. Understand the need for tissue viability risk assessment
2. Be able to undertake tissue viability risk assessment
3. Be able to record and report on tissue viability risk assessment
4. Understand when the risk assessment should be reviewed

### Guided learning hours

It is recommended that **26** hours should be allocated for this unit, although patterns of delivery are likely to vary.

### Details of the relationship between the unit and relevant national standards

This unit is linked to CHS 4.

### Support of the unit by a sector or other appropriate body

This unit is endorsed by Skills for Care and Development.

### Assessment

This unit must be assessed in accordance with Skills for Care and Development's QCF Assessment Principles.

Learning outcomes 2 and 3 must be assessed in a real work environment.

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## **Assessment Criteria**

### **Outcome 1 Understand the need for tissue viability risk assessment**

The learner can:

1. describe the anatomy and physiology of healthy skin
2. describe the changes that occur when damage caused by pressure develops
3. explain when an initial tissue viability risk assessment may be required
4. describe what to look for when assessing the skin
5. describe pre-disposing factors which may exacerbate risk of impaired tissue viability and skin breakdown
6. describe external factors, including shearing forces, which may exacerbate risk of impaired tissue viability and skin breakdown.

### **Outcome 2 Be able to undertake tissue viability risk assessment**

The learner can:

1. identify individuals who may be at risk of impaired tissue viability and skin breakdown
2. apply standard precautions for infection prevention and control
3. inspect the general condition of an individual's skin
4. identify the sites where pressure damage might occur using appropriate assessment tools
5. complete a tissue viability risk assessment within an appropriate time scale, as determined by organisational policy
6. use safe handling techniques when assisting the individual to move during the assessment
7. encourage the active participation of the individual and others where possible and appropriate.

### **Outcome 3 Be able to record and report on tissue viability risk assessment**

The learner can:

1. complete tissue viability risk assessment documentation
2. share findings with appropriate staff and the individual
3. notify appropriate staff of any immediate concerns.

### **Outcome 4 Understand when the risk assessment should be reviewed**

The learner can:

1. explain why the tissue viability risk assessment should be regularly reviewed and repeated
2. explain when the tissue viability assessment tool, or the current review cycle may no longer be appropriate due to changes in the individual's condition or environment.