

Unit 145: Undertake Tissue Viability Risk Assessments

Level:	3
Unit type:	Optional
Credit value:	3
Guided learning hours:	16

Unit Aim

The aim of this unit is to equip learners with the knowledge and skills required to ensure that individuals maintain skin integrity as far as is practicably possible.

Assessment requirements

This unit must be assessed in line with *Skills for Health Assessment Principles for Qualifications that Assess Occupational Competence* document. Detailed information can be found in *Annexe A* of the qualification specification.

Evidence for skills within learning outcomes 2 and 3 must come from real work activities.

Learning outcomes The learner will:	Assessment criteria The learner can:
1 Understand the need for tissue viability risk assessment	1.1 Describe the anatomy and physiology of healthy skin
	1.2 Describe changes that occur when damage caused by pressure develops
	1.3 Explain when an initial tissue viability risk assessment may be required
	1.4 Describe what to look for when assessing the condition of the skin
	1.5 Describe pre-disposing factors which may exacerbate risk of impaired tissue viability and skin breakdown
	1.6 Describe external factors, including shearing forces, which may exacerbate risk of impaired tissue viability and skin breakdown

Learning outcomes The learner will:	Assessment criteria The learner can:
2 Be able to undertake tissue viability risk assessment	2.1 Identify individuals who may be at risk of impaired tissue viability and skin breakdown
	2.2 Apply standard precautions for infection prevention and control
	2.3 Inspect the general condition of an individual's skin
	2.4 Identify the sites where pressure damage might occur, using appropriate assessment tools
	2.5 Complete a tissue viability risk assessment within an appropriate time scale, as determined by organisational policy
	2.6 Use safe handling techniques when assisting the individual to move during the assessment
3 Be able to record and report on tissue viability risk assessment	3.1 Complete tissue viability risk assessment documentation
	3.2 Share findings with appropriate staff and the individual
	3.3 Notify appropriate staff of any immediate concerns in line with local policies and guidance
4 Understand when the risk assessment should be reviewed	4.1 Explain why the tissue viability risk assessment should be regularly reviewed and repeated
	4.2 Explain when the tissue viability assessment tool or the current review cycle may no longer be appropriate

Additional information about the unit

Exemplification of terms used in assessment criteria:

Individual refers to someone requiring care or support; it will usually mean the person or people supported by the learner.