

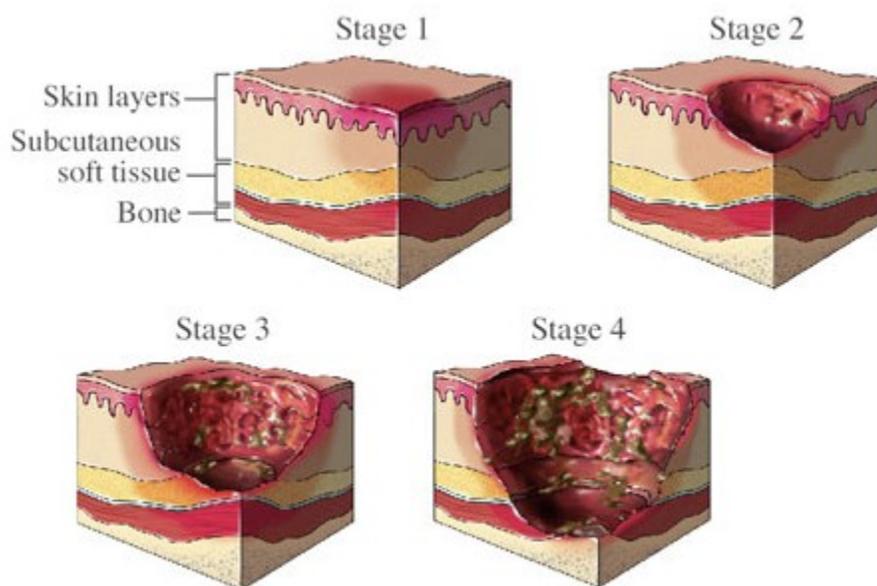
Jonathan Rosenfeld's Nursing Homes Abuse Blog

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[Despite Their Avoidability, Bed Sores Continue To Plague Nursing Home & Hospital Patients In All Demographics](#)

Although the news regarding the horrific physical and emotional impact of bed sores (also called decubitus ulcers, pressures sores or pressure ulcers) surely is on all respectable medical professionals radar screens, bed sores in nursing homes and hospitals continue to plague individuals in all demographics. In order to improve patient care, [bed sore prevention](#) must be a priority at all nursing homes and hospitals.

Should a bed sore develop, staff must be diligent in identifying the wound as quickly as possible and implement the use of medical equipment such as [pressure relieving mattresses](#) and other pressure relief devices such as [heel protectors](#) to prevent the wounds from advancing.



When bed sores are not timely treated, the wounds may progress and become an [advanced stage bed sore](#). A stage 3 or 4 bed sore typically requires more aggressive interventional medical

treatment may be required such as [surgical debridement](#), [flap reconstruction](#) or a [diverting colostomy](#) may be necessary.

By the time significant medical treatment has utilized, many patients are already suffering from complications such as: [osteomyelitis](#), [amyloidosis](#), [gangrene](#) or [sepsis](#).

In addition to the [pain that accompanies bed sores](#), the medical complications may claim the life of the person. In my practice, we commonly represent families in [wrongful death lawsuits](#) for people who have developed bed sores during an admission to a [hospital](#) or [nursing home](#).

Many of these commonly encountered situations are discussed at [BedSoreFAQ.com](#), where we receive thousands of visits every month from concerned family members and care givers. If you have a question, not discussed, feel free to contact me for a no-obligation consultation. (888) 424-5757. Toll-free. Anywhere