# M0300E: Unstageable Pressure Ulcers/Injuries Related to Non-removable Dressing/Device

E. Unstageable - Non-removable dressing/device: Known but not stageable due to non-removable dressing/device		
Enter Number	1.	Number of unstageable pressure ulcers/injuries due to non-removable dressing/device - If 0 $\rightarrow$ Skip to M0300F, Unstageable - Slough and/or eschar
Enter Number	2.	Number of <u>these</u> unstageable pressure ulcers/injuries that were present upon admission/entry or reentry - enter how many were noted at the time of admission/entry or reentry

#### **Item Rationale**

### **Health-related Quality of Life**

 Although the wound bed cannot be visualized, and hence the pressure ulcer/injury cannot be staged, the pressure ulcer/injury may affect quality of life for residents because it may limit activity and may be painful.

### **Planning for Care**

• Although the pressure ulcer/injury itself cannot be observed, the surrounding area is monitored for signs of redness, swelling, increased drainage, or tenderness to touch, and the resident is monitored for adequate pain control.

#### **DEFINITION**

# NON-REMOVABLE DRESSING/ DEVICE

Includes, for example, a primary surgical dressing that cannot be removed, an orthopedic device, or cast.

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### **Steps for Assessment**

- 1. Review the medical record for documentation of a pressure ulcer/injury covered by a non-removable dressing/device.
- 2. Determine the number of documented pressure ulcers/injuries covered by a non-removable dressing/device. Examples of non-removable dressings/devices include a dressing or an orthopedic device that is not to be removed per physician's order, or a cast.
- 3. Identify the number of these pressure ulcers/injuries that were present on admission/entry or reentry (see page M-7 for assessment process).

## **Coding Instructions for M0300E**

### M0300E1

- **Enter the number** of pressure ulcers/injuries that are unstageable related to non-removable dressing/device.
- **Enter 0** if no unstageable pressure ulcers/injuries related to non-removable dressing/device are present and skip to M0300F, Unstageable Slough and/or eschar.

#### M0300E2

- **Enter the number** of these unstageable pressure ulcers/injuries related to a non-removable dressing/device that were first noted at the time of admission/entry AND—for residents who are reentering the facility after a hospital stay, that were acquired during the hospitalization (i.e., the unstageable pressure ulcer/injury related to a non-removable dressing/device was not acquired in the nursing facility prior to admission to the hospital).
- **Enter 0** if no unstageable pressure ulcers/injuries related to non-removable dressing/device were first noted at the time of admission/entry or reentry.

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