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**Cushion equipment selection guide in the prevention and management of pressure damage.**

Mild risk

Braden score 15 - 18

Moderate risk

Braden score 13-14

High risk

Braden score 10-12

Severe risk

Braden score 9 or less

No pressure damage

No pressure damage or up to Existing category 2 pressure damage

Pressure damage category 3-4 on sacrum and/or ischial tuberosity

No pressure damage or Existing pressure damage up to category 2

Unable to walk/ using a stand aid for transfers

Can maintain posture and has core stability.

Or if the pressure ulcer is not improving.

Consider length of time sitting

Hoist transfer

Unable to alter position

Moves independently

Able to stand and walk with a frame

Help of 1-2 to transfer

Consider length of time spent sitting

Foam Essentials

(Up to 17st/107 Kg)

Alternating dynamic air – \*Baros

(Up to 19 st/121Kg)

Static Air – \*ROHO/ \*Starlock.

(No weight limit)

Foam with gel- Transflo/FlowForm Ultra 90 (up to 20st/127Kg)

Static air – Repose

(Up to 20ST/Kg)

Sitting for long periods consider

This should be used as a tool for nursing staff following a full risk assessment including patient mobility and patient choice. This is a guide – clinical judgement is essential.

For advice on specialist cushion requirements email Tissue Viability service on [tissueviability@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk](mailto:tissueviability@oxfordhealth.nhs.uk)

Key \* =Equipment request form needed to be sent to Tissue Viability Service.

When ordering cushions from Tissue Viability the following measurements and information are required for cushion requests:

Chair measurements

* From front to back.
* Side to side inside the armrests.
* The height of the arm rests from the seat of the chair.

Information required about the chair.

* The type of chair the cushion is for.
* If the chair cushion is removable.

Please note Tissue Viability does not provide cushions for wheelchairs – the Wheelchair service is responsible for these cushions