

Appendix F: University of Texas Health Science Center San Antonio Diabetic Wound Classification System

GRADES				
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A	Pre- or post-ulcerative lesion	Superficial wound, not involving tendon, capsule or bone	Wound penetrating to tendon or capsule	Wound penetrating to bone or joint
B	Pre- or post-ulcerative lesion, completely epithelialized with infection	Superficial wound, not involving tendon, capsule or bone with infection	Wound penetrating to tendon or capsule with infection	Wound penetrating to bone or joint with infection
C	Pre- or post-ulcerative lesion, completely epithelialized with ischemia	Superficial wound, not involving tendon, capsule or bone with ischemia	Wound penetrating to tendon or capsule with ischemia	Wound penetrating to bone or joint with ischemia
D	Pre- or post-ulcerative lesion, completely epithelialized with infection and ischemia	Superficial wound, not involving tendon, capsule or bone with infection and ischemia	Wound penetrating to tendon or capsule with infection and ischemia	Wound penetrating to bone or joint with infection and ischemia

Note. From “Validation of a diabetic wound classification system: The contribution of depth, infection and ischemia to risk of amputation,” by D.G. Armstrong, L.A. Lavery and L.B. Harkless, 1998, *Diabetes Care*, 21(5), p. 855-859. Reprinted with permission.