New Classification of Skin Injury

Deep Tissue Injury

- Purple or maroon localized area of discolored intact skin or blood-filled blister due to damage of underlying soft tissue from pressure and/or shear.
- The area may be preceded by tissue that is painful, firm, mushy, boggy, warmer or cooler as compared to adjacent tissue.
- Deep tissue injury may be difficult to detect in individuals with dark skin tones.
- Evolution may include a thin blister over a dark wound bed. The wound may further evolve and become covered by thin eschar.
- Evolution may be rapid exposing additional layers of tissue even with optimal treatment.

- New for the November 28th CalNOC Prevalence Study!