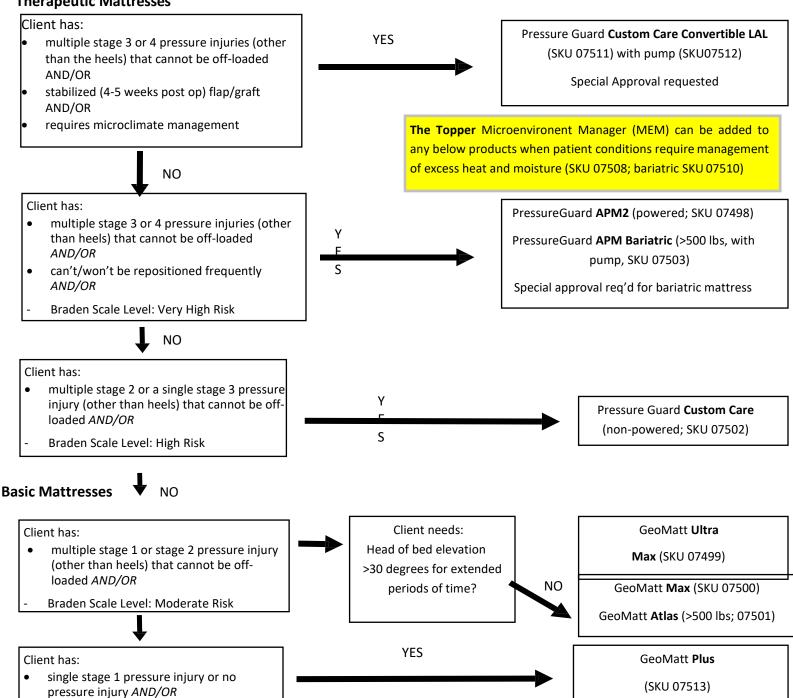


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This algorithm is meant as a guide, not a substitute for clinical judgment. It should be used only as an adjunct to a full patient assessment.

## **Therapeutic Mattresses**



## Notes/Clinical References:

Braden Scale Level: At Risk

- If patient has a flap or graft that is less that 4 weeks post-op, total off-loading (proning) is required. Avoid sliding patient on surface during repositioning, ADLs, & transfers. Only float or alternating pressure modes (not lateral rotation) should be used when the patient is placed directly on the flap or graft. Source: Wounds Care Practice. Sheffield, P. 1st edition, 2004, chapter 17, p. 345. Heel injuries are difficult to heal and should be elevated off of the bed
- As bariatric products, the APM Bariatric is not designed to ensure sufficient pressure redistribution and comfort for users less than 500 lbs. For these users, non-bariatric PressureGuard models in standard (35" W) or extra wide widths should be selected.