

1 – Uninfected	No systemic or local symptoms or signs of infection
2 - Mild infection	<p>At least 2 of the following items are present:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local swelling or induration • Erythema > 0.5 cm* around the wound • Local tenderness or pain • Local warmth • Purulent discharge <p>- Other causes of an inflammatory response of the skin should be excluded (e.g., trauma, gout, acute Charcot neuro-osteoarthropathy, fracture, thrombosis, venous stasis)</p> <p>- Infection involving only the skin or subcutaneous tissue (without involvement of deeper tissues and without systemic manifestations as described below).</p> <p>- Any erythema present extends < 2 cm* around the wound</p> <p>- No systemic signs or symptoms of infection</p>
3 - Moderate infection	<p>: Infection involving structures deeper than skin and subcutaneous tissues (e.g., bone, joint, tendon, muscle) or erythema extending >2 cm* from the wound margin.</p> <p>No systemic signs or symptoms of infection (see below).</p>
4 - Severe infection	<p>Any foot infection with the systemic inflammatory response syndrome (SIRS), as manifested by ≥ 2 of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Temperature >38 or <36C • Heart rate >90 beats/minute • Respiratory rate >20 breaths/minute or PaCO₂ < 4.3 kPa (32 mmHg) • White blood cell count >12,000 or <4,000/mm³, or >10% immature (band) forms.