

WAGNER'S GRADING OF FOOT LESIONS

- Grade 0** The grade 0 foot has intact skin. It has been found that this is the greatest protection to the diabetic foot. There may be bony deformities such as bunions, claw toes, depressed metatarsal heads, and Charcot breakdown with bony prominences. There may be hyperkeratic lesions or under bony deformities.
- Grade 1** The grade 1 foot has a superficial ulcer. The base may be necrotic or may be viable with early granulation tissue.
- Grade 2** This lesion is deeper and extends to bone, ligament, tendon, joint capsule or deep fascia. There is yet no abscess or osteomyelitis.
- Grade 3** Progression of the previous lesions has resulted in a deep abscess, osteitis, or osteomyelitis. The exact extent of the lesion is frequently difficult to determine from superficial examination.
- Grade 4** In a grade 4 lesion some portion of the toes or forefoot is gangrenous. The gangrene may be moist or dry.
- Grade 5** A grade 5 foot represents such complete involvement that no foot healing or local procedure is possible.