

Table 3. Support Surfaces

Class	Type	Principle	Examples
I	Simple	Pressure-relieving pad or mat	3- to 5-inch foam mattress, gel overlay, egg-crate mattress
II	Advanced	Powered air* overlay for mattress with low air loss feature; nonpowered advanced pressure-reducing mattress replacement or powered air* floatation bed with or without low air loss feature	Roho dry floatation mattress system, Pegasus Renaissance mattress
III	Air fluidized	Floatation by filtered air* flow pumped through porcelain beads	Clinitron bed

*Long-term use of powered air devices is relatively contraindicated for patients with chronic obstructive lung disease, such as chronic bronchitis, emphysema, and asthma.