# Avoidable versus Unavoidable

This decision tree was developed by Martha R Kelso to determine if a wound is avoidable or unavoidable per the criteria defined in the federal guidelines by CMS

| 1. Evaluate the resident's clinical condition and risk factors | 2. Define and implement interventions that are consistent with resident needs, resident goals, and professional standards of practice | 3. Monitor and evaluate the impact of the interventions | 4. Revise interventions as appropriate |
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| If the answer is yes, proceed to the SECOND criteria | If the answer is no, stop and proceed with coding the wound as avoidable | If the answer is yes, proceed to the THIRD criteria | If the answer is no, stop and proceed with coding the wound as avoidable | If the answer is yes, proceed to the FINAL criteria | If the answer is no, stop and proceed with coding the wound as avoidable | If the answer is yes, proceed with coding the wound as UNAVOIDABLE | If the answer is no, stop and proceed with coding the wound as avoidable |