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## INTERNATIONAL SKIN TEAR ADVISORY PANEL (ISTAP) CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

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# Skin Tear Classification

Type 1: No Skin Loss

Type 2: Partial Flap Loss

Type 3: Total Flap Loss



Linear or Flap\* Tear which can be repositioned to cover the wound bed

Partial Flap Loss which cannot be repositioned to cover the wound bed

Total Flap Loss exposing entire wound bed

\* A flap in skin tears is defined as a portion of the skin (epidermis/dermis) that is unintentionally separated (partially or fully) from its original place due to shear, friction, and/or blunt force. This concept is not to be confused with tissue that is intentionally detached from its place of origin for therapeutic use e.g. surgical skin grafting.

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## ORIGINAL ISTAP CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

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