

Skin Tear Management with ISTAP* Classification Tool

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I
Identify

- Correctly identify on first presentation

S
Stop the
bleeding
and clean

- Control superficial bleeding
- Select appropriate cleanser
- Gently clean wound bed



T
Tissue
alignment

- Align skin flap and classify according to ISTAP classification system (measure and document)



Type 1
No skin loss. Flap can be repositioned.



Type 2
Partial flap loss. Flap will not fully cover wound bed.



Type 3
Total flap loss. Exposing entire wound bed.

A
Assess
and dress

- Use [TIME Clinical Decision Support Tool \(CDST\)](#) to set goals of treatment
- Mark the dressing with an arrow to indicate correct direction of removal and add the date the dressing was applied



Scan for the TIME CDST



P
Prevent
recurrence

- Consider limb protector and support if clinically indicated
- Use SECURA No-Sting Barrier Film for periwound protection and moisturise twice a day with SECURA Moisturising Lotion
- Implement Risk Reduction tool from ISTAP guidelines



Product Solutions

- ▶ **ALGISITE[®] M**
to assist with control of bleeding



Product Solutions

- ▶ **ALLEVYN[®] LIFE**
OR
- ▶ **ALLEVYN[®] Gentle Border/ Gentle Border Lite**
OR
- ▶ **ALLEVYN[®] Ag Gentle Border**



Product Solutions

- ▶ **SECURA[®] No-Sting Barrier Film & Moisturising Lotion**

ISTAP Skin Tear Classification*



Type 1: No Skin Loss

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



Type 2: Partial Flap Loss

Partial Flap loss which cannot be repositioned to cover the wound bed.



Type 3: Total Flap Loss

Total Flap loss exposing entire wound bed.

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