

# 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

LeBlanc et al 2013

## Available Languages:

Arabic, Chinese, Czech, Danish, Dutch, English, French, German, Hebrew, Italian, Japanese, Portuguese, Spanish, Swedish, Turkish



## UPDATED:

### International Skin Tear Advisory Panel: Skin Tear Definition

“A skin tear is a traumatic wound caused by mechanical forces, including removal of adhesives. Severity may vary by depth (not extending through the subcutaneous layer)” LeBlanc et al, 2018

## UPDATED:

**Definition of a “flap”:** *“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”* Van Tiggelen et al 2020