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

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