Decision Algorithm

Skin Tears

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Control Bleeding ← **Assess**

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Approximate Wound Edges → **Classify (measure & document)**

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Goals of Treatment

- Treat the cause
- Implement prevention protocol

- Moist wound healing
- Avoid trauma
- Protext periwound skin

- Manage exudate
- Avoid infection
- Pain control

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Treatment Options in Accordance with Local Wound Conditions

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 the entire wound bed