Control bleeding and clean

- Select appropriate cleanser
- Assist in bleeding control
- Clean wound if needed

Tissue alignment

- Align skin flap (where possible) over wound
- Use moistened glove to roll skin flap if able

Assess and dress

- Consider factors affecting wound healing (holistic health assessment)
- Assess surrounding skin
- Categorise using STAR\(^{1,2}\) classification
- Select appropriate dressing
- In the direction of the skin flap, draw an arrow on top of the dressing

Product solution

ALLEVYN\(^{®}\) GENTLE BORDER Foam Dressing

For full STAR classification system for reassessment refer overleaf

Review and re-assess

- Reassess within 5 days unless signs and symptoms of infection, if concerned, or if dressing needs changing (see ALLEVYN When to Change Poster)
- Determine date of wound review and dressing change; document
- Remove the dressing in the direction of the arrow
- Monitor for changes in the wound and exudate
- Assess surrounding skin integrity
**STAR\(^1,2\) skin tear classification chart**

**Category 1a**
A skin tear where the edges can be realigned to the normal anatomical position (without undue stretching) and the skin or flap colour is not pale, dusky or darkened.

**Category 1b**
A skin tear where the edges can be realigned to the normal anatomical position (without undue stretching) and the skin or flap colour is pale, dusky or darkened.

**Category 2a**
A skin tear where the edges cannot be realigned to the normal anatomical position and the skin or flap colour is not pale, dusky or darkened.

**Category 2b**
A skin tear where the edges cannot be realigned to the normal anatomical position and the skin or flap colour is pale, dusky or darkened.

**Category 3**
A skin tear where the skin flap is completely absent.

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**References**

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