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| **Category 1**: Skin tears without tissue loss | 1A – Linear:  
* Full thickness or flap partial thickness | ![Image](image1.jpg) |
|                    | 1B - Flap Type:  
* Partial thickness  
* Epidermis and dermis are separated  
* Flap can be completely approximated or approximated to expose no more than 1mm of the dermis | ![Image](image2.jpg) |
| **Category 2**: Skin tears with partial tissue loss | 2A - Scant Category II Skin Tear:  
* 25% or less of the epidermal flap is lost | ![Image](image3.jpg) |
|                    | 2B - Moderate Category II Skin Tear:  
* More than 25% of the epidermal flap is lost | ![Image](image4.jpg) |
| **Category 3**: Skin tears with complete tissue loss |  
* Epidermal flap is absent | ![Image](image5.jpg) |

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