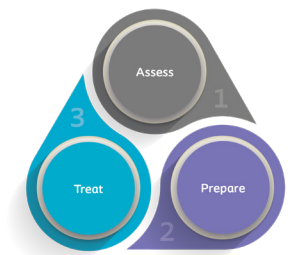


Skin Tear Pathway



Complete holistic and wound assessment. Stop bleeding and document using ISTAP classification system¹



Type 1.
No Skin Loss
Linear or flap tear which can be repositioned to cover the wound bed



Type 2.
Partial Flap
Partial skin loss which cannot be repositioned to cover the wound bed



Type 3.
Total Flap Loss
Total skin loss exposing entire wound bed

Cleanse wound with tepid water or saline. Alprep[®] Pad may be used to support wound cleansing and remove any debris from the wound bed.
Approximate wound edges if possible using a gloved finger.

Apply an appropriate size Biatain[®] Silicone dressing, ensuring the foam overlaps the wound edge by approximately 1-2cm.
Draw arrow on the dressing and write the date of application. The dressing should be removed in the same direction as the arrow suggests, to prevent further trauma

 Reassess



- Adhesive strips are no longer the preferred method of closure¹
- Excess depth, uncontrolled bleeding, suspected bone or tendon injury, or debris lodged in wound should be treated with extreme caution and may require inpatient treatment.

Simplifying wound care for you

The Coloplast 3 Step Approach, Product Selection Guide

Step 1: Assess

Complete holistic assessment of patient and wound assessment.

Step 2: Prepare

Prepare the wound for healing.
Use Alprep® Pad or follow local guidance.

Step 3: Treat

Treat the wound in accordance with underlying aetiology and specific wound treatment objectives.

Alprep® Pad



Non - low exuding wounds

Biatain® Silicone Lite



Low - high exuding wounds

Biatain® Silicone



This information is for general guidance only and should not replace clinical judgement. If you are unsure, seek TVN advice. For further product information, including product indications, please refer to the Instructions for Use packaged with the product. Biatain Silicone and Biatain Silicone Lite conformability may vary across product design.

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