




# DRESSING SELECTION GUIDE SPECIFIC TO SKIN TEAR

Wound type	NO SKIN LOSS (Flap tear which can be repositioned to cover the wound bed).	PARTIAL SKIN LOSS (Skin loss which cannot be repositioned to cover the wound bed).	TOTAL SKIN LOSS (Total skin loss exposing the entire wound bed).
			
Wound Contact Layer	<b>SilTact*</b> Wound Contact Layer	<b>SilTact*</b> Wound Contact Layer	<b>SilTact*</b> Wound Contact Layer
Fluid Absorption	+	<b>Xupad*</b> Absorbent Dressing Pad	<b>Xupad*</b> Absorbent Dressing Pad
Fixation	<b>Bandage</b>	<b>Bandage</b>	<b>Bandage</b>
Management action	<p>Before applying any dressings, ensure the wound is cleaned using lukewarm water or saline solution. If the skin has partially separated, reapproximate the skin flap back into place with gloved fingers before applying the <b>SilTact</b> wound contact layer. <b>SilTact</b> can stay in place for up to 7 days.</p> <p>If the skin tear is not bleeding, simply wrap a bandage around the <b>SilTact</b> and use tape to fix it in place. If the skin tear is bleeding, place the absorbent <b>Xupad</b> over the <b>SilTact</b>. Secure the <b>Xupad</b> with a bandage and some medical tape.</p> <p>After applying the appropriate dressings, mark an arrow indicating the direction in which to remove the dressings. This arrow should follow the direction of the skin flap.</p> <p>The <b>Xupad</b> and bandage should be changed when required for observation or cleansing. This ensures that the <b>SilTact</b> can stay in place to prevent disturbing the wound bed.</p>		

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