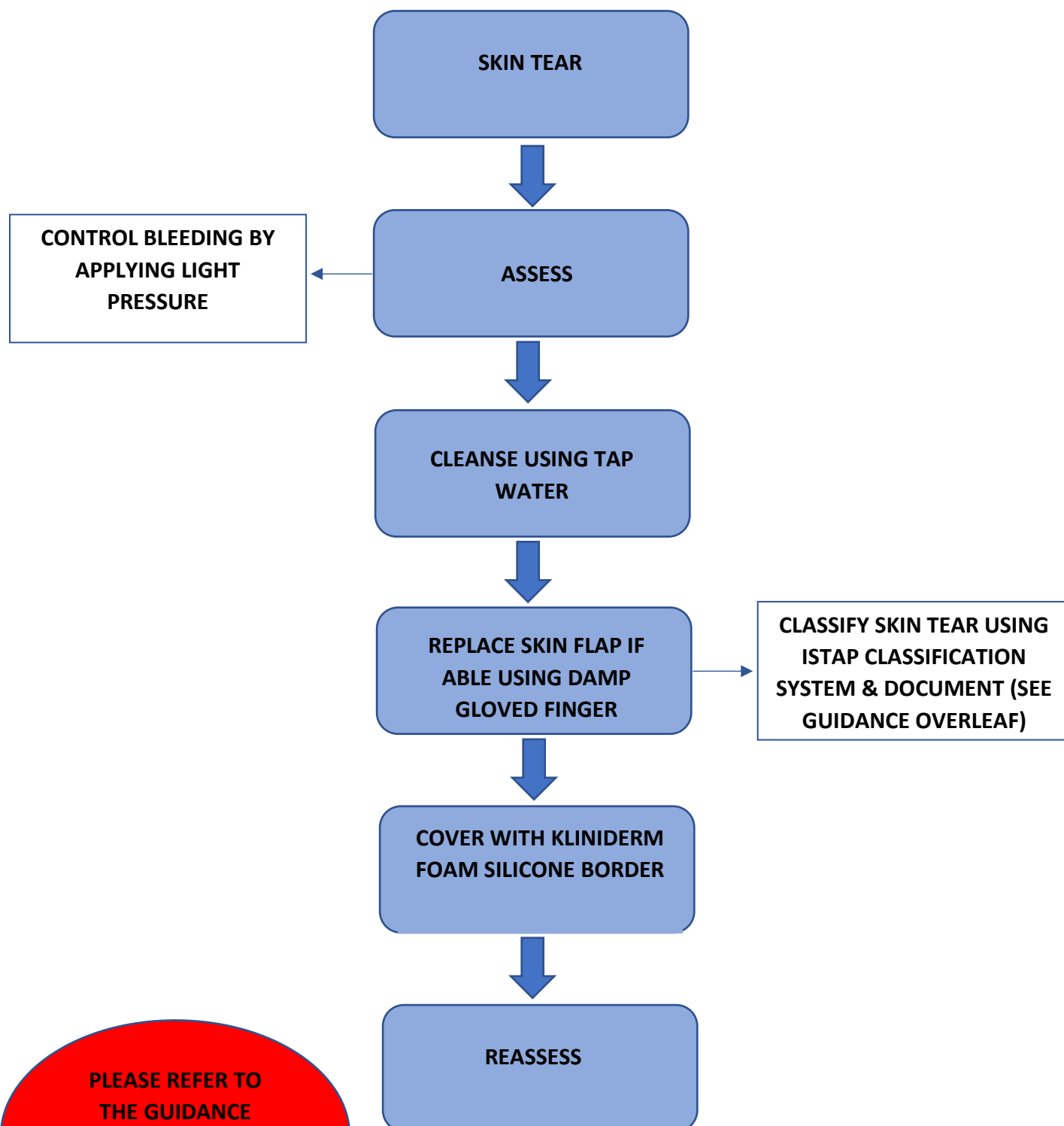


Skin Tear Pathway



PLEASE REFER TO THE GUIDANCE OVERLEAF WHEN USING THE PATHWAY

Guidance

- Assessment and reassessment of the skin tear should be based on the TIMES framework. Document your findings and escalate any concerns appropriately.

T – Tissue. What tissue is present? Epithelisation, granulation, slough, necrosis.

I – Infection. Different to normal inflammation. Use AMBL tool for guidance.

M – Moisture. There should be a moisture balance; neither too wet nor too dry.

E – Edge. Is the wound edge healthy and intact? Any problems such as dry, damaged, vulnerable, or macerated?

S – Skin. Check the rest of the surrounding skin. Note any problems with skin condition or integrity.

- Classify the skin tear as type 1,2 or 3 dependent on the degree of flap loss.

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

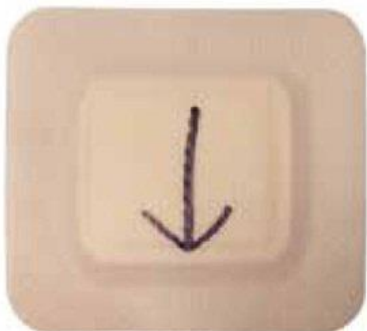
Total Flap Loss exposing entire wound bed



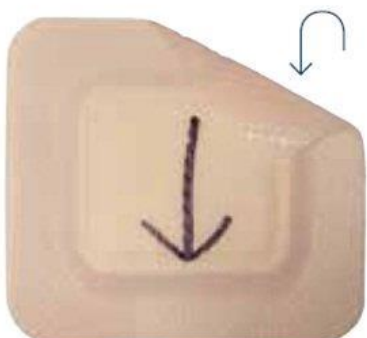
- Once the dressing is applied, draw an arrow on it to show the direction in which it should be removed. This should be with the direction of the skin flap so that you don't pull it back on removal.
- Date the dressing on application as it should be left in place for 7 days. Only change the dressing if exudate/blood is not being contained and has reached the border of the dressing OR if there are clear signs of wound bed infection whereby the dressing regime needs to be changed.
- Reassess the wound every 2-3 days by gently peeling the dressing back in the direction of the arrow but not removing it completely. You can then reapply the dressing after assessment of the wound.



Skin tear



Arrow to indicate direction of dressing removal



Remove in the direction of the arrow

Skin Tear Box Contents

- 1 x Box 7.5cm x 7.5cm Kliniderm Foam Silicone
- 1 x Box 10cm x 10cm Kliniderm Foam Silicone
- 1 x S/M Dressit Sterile Dressing Pack
- 1 x M/L Dressit Sterile Dressing Pack
- 1 x Sharpie Marker Pen
- 1 x Wound Measure Tapes

Kliniderm Foam Silicone dressings & Dressit sterile dressing packs can be obtained via the Halo online ordering system.