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# A Guide to Managing **Skin Tears**

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## Don't Underestimate Skin Tears

Despite the common perception that skin tears are minor wounds, they can be painful, slow healing, and impact a patients' quality-of-life. Skin tears often are challenging because of the co-morbidities and the physical changes that come with aging.<sup>1</sup>

## Best Practice Consensus Statement

International Skin Tear Advisory Panel (ISTAP) provides "Practice Pearls" for wound dressing selection. The following is their consensus statement on skin tears and best practice:<sup>2</sup>

Care should be taken to choose a topical dressing that will:

- Decrease trauma to the wound and peri-wound skin
- Provide moist wound healing
- Manage exudate
- Decrease pain
- Be cost-effective

## Where Do ACELITY™ Products Fit In?

Each component of the Skin Tear Product Selection Guide was voted on by the ISTAP group of expert reviewers, and more than 80% agreement was achieved on each component.<sup>3</sup>

Below shows the ISTAP reviewers degree of product agreement on products within each category:<sup>3</sup>



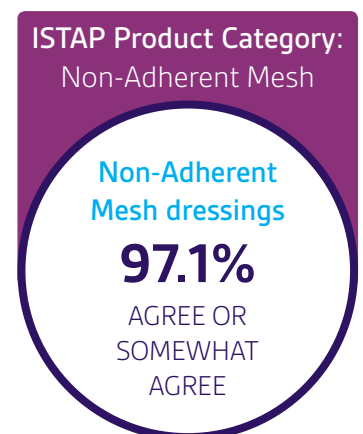
### Available ACELITY™ Products:

- PROMOGRAN PRISMA™ Matrix
- SILVERCEL™ NON-ADHERENT Antimicrobial Alginate Dressing with EASYLIFT™ Precision Film Technology



### Available ACELITY™ Products:

- TIELLE™ Silicone Border Hydropolymer Dressing with Silicone with LIQUALOCK™ Technology
- TIELLE ESSENTIAL™ Silicone Adhesive Foam Dressing



### Available ACELITY™ Products:

- ADAPTIC™ Non-Adhering Dressing
- ADAPTIC TOUCH™ Non-Adhering Silicone Dressing

## A PERVASIVE CHALLENGE IN LONG-TERM CARE (LTC) SETTINGS

Because elderly and the chronically or acutely ill have an increased risk of skin tears they are commonplace in LTC settings. Some researchers have hypothesized that the prevalence rates of skin tears are equal or greater than those of pressure ulcers.<sup>4,5</sup>

Several studies of LTC settings have reported skin tear prevalence rates between **14%** and **42%**.<sup>6,7-9</sup>



### Dressing Selection Specific to Skin Tears

Do not suture or staple due to the fragility of the skin.

	Wound Characteristics	ACELITY™ Primary and Cover Dressing Application Instructions
	<p><b>Skin tear without tissue loss</b></p> <p>No skin loss (linear) or flap can be repositioned to cover the entire wound bed</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>1. Prepare the wound bed:</b> Cleanse wound of debris and blood clots, dry surrounding skin</li> <li><b>2. Follow institutional protocol to secure flap (if applicable)</b></li> <li><b>3. Assess the level of exudate and apply PROMOGRAN PRISMA™ Matrix (for partial or total flap loss):</b> For minimal to low exudate, use saline to moisten the matrix and initiate transformation into gel</li> <li><b>4. Cover with an appropriate cover dressing from the TIELLE™ Dressings Family per clinician preference, such as:</b> TIELLE™ Non Adhesive Hydropolymer Dressing with LIQUALOCK™ Technology or TIELLE™ Silicone Border Hydropolymer Dressing with Silicone with LIQUALOCK™ Technology                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• If TIELLE™ Non Adhesive Dressing is used, secure in place with an appropriate secondary dressing</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>5. Reapply PROMOGRAN PRISMA™ Matrix:</b> If gel has not biodegraded it is not necessary to remove. When product is no longer visible, reapply per clinician recommendation</li> </ol>
	<p><b>Partial flap loss</b></p> <p>Flap cannot be repositioned to cover the entire wound bed</p>	
	<p><b>Total flap loss</b></p> <p>Entire wound bed is exposed</p>	

## PROMOGRAN PRISMA™ Matrix

Size	UOM packaged	SKU	HCPCS code
4.34 sq. in Hexagon	10 eaches/CT 4 CT/BX	MA028	A6021
19.1 sq. in Hexagon	10 eaches/CT 4 CT/BX	MA123	A6022

## TIELLE™ Non-Adhesive Hydropolymer Dressing with LIQUALOCK™ Technology

Size	UOM packaged	SKU	HCPCS code
2" x 2"	10 eaches/CT 5 CT/BX	TLN0505EN	A6209
4" x 4"	10 eaches/CT 5 CT/BX	TLN1010EN	A6209
6" x 6"	10 eaches/CT 5 CT/BX	TLN1515EN	A6210
7" x 7"	5 eaches/CT 5 CT/BX	TLN1717EN	A6211
8" x 8.6"	5 eaches/CT 5 CT/BX	TLN2122EN	A6211

## TIELLE™ Silicone Border Hydropolymer Dressing with Silicone with LIQUALOCK™ Technology

2 3/4" x 3 1/2"	10 eaches/CT 5 CT/BX	TLSB0709EN	A6212
4" x 4"	10 eaches/CT 5 CT/BX	TLSB1010EN	A6212
5" x 5"	10 eaches/CT 5 CT/BX	TLSB1212EN	A6212
7" x 7"	10 eaches/CT 5 CT/BX	TLSB1717EN	A6213
8 1/4" x 8 5/8"	10 eaches/CT 5 CT/BX	TLSB2122EN	A6213

## ADAPTIC TOUCH™ Non-Adhering Silicone Dressing

Size	UOM packaged	SKU	HCPCS code
2" x 3"	10 eaches/CT 5 CT/BX	500501	A6206
3" x 4 1/4"	10 eaches/CT 5 CT/BX	500502	A6206
5" x 6"	10 eaches/CT 5 CT/BX	500503	A6207
8" x 12 1/4"	10 eaches/BX	500504	A6208

To learn more about the benefits PROMOGRAN PRISMA™ Matrix and TIELLE™ Non-Adhesive Dressings, call **800-275-4524** or visit **acelity.com**

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