

Classification of perineal lacerations

1st degree: Injury to vaginal epithelium or perineal skin only

2nd degree: Injury to perineal muscles, but not anal sphincter complex

3rd degree: Injury to the anal sphincter complex

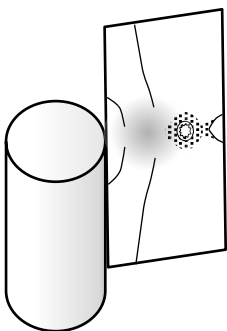
3a. <50% thickness of external anal sphincter torn

3b. >50% thickness of external anal sphincter torn

3c. Internal anal sphincter torn*

4th degree: Injury to the anorectal mucosa

*The internal anal sphincter is tonically contracted and is responsible for 80-85% of the anal canal resting pressure



ASSEMBLY INSTRUCTIONS

- 1 Cut along thick black lines
- 2 Fold along dashed line -- -- with text facing outwards
- 3 Overlap **TAB A** and **TAB B**, then staple ●—● to form tube
- 4 Fold along dotted line

TAB A

Right vaginal sulcus

Left vaginal sulcus

Hymenal remnant

Hymenal remnant

BSM

Superficial transverse perineal muscle

Perineal body

External anal sphincter

Internal anal sphincter

C

Legend

C: Coccyx

A: Anal canal

BSM: Bulbospongiosus muscle

Paper Perineum

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