The SACS™ Instrument
Assessing and Classifying a Peristomal Skin Lesion
*Face-, Content Validated*¹,²

**Type of Lesion (L)**

L1  
Hyperemic Lesion  
Peristomal redness with intact skin

L2  
Erosive Lesion  
Open lesion not extending into subcutaneous tissue; partial-thickness skin loss

L3  
Ulcerative Lesion  
Open lesion extending into subcutaneous tissue and below; full-thickness skin loss

L4  
Ulcerative Lesion  
Full thickness skin loss with non-viable, dead tissue (necrotic, fibrinous)

LX  
Proliferative Lesion  
Abnormal growths present (ie, hyperplasia, granulomas, neoplasms)

**Topographical Location (T)**

TI  - Patient’s Left Upper Peristomal Quadrant (12 to 3 O’Clock)

TII  - Patient’s Left Lower Peristomal Quadrant (3 to 6 O’Clock)

TIII  - Patient’s Right Lower Peristomal Quadrant (6 to 9 O’Clock)

TIV  - Patient’s Right Upper Peristomal Quadrant (9 to 12 O’Clock)

TV  - All Peristomal Quadrants

**SACS™ Classification Example**


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