

# PERINEAL TRAUMA REDUCTION

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## Classification of Third-Degree Lacerations

Third-degree lacerations have been subdivided into 3a, 3b, and 3c categories (see chart below). Some research shows that 3a lacerations have similar long-term morbidity to first- or second-degree lacerations, while 3b and 3c have similar morbidity to fourth-degree lacerations.

3a laceration	Involves less than 50% of EAS
3b laceration	Involves more than 50% of EAS
3c laceration	Disrupts IAS