

TOPClass classification system

Class 1: minimal disease

Minimal symptoms & anorectal disease burden, minimal intervention over time.

Class 2: chronic symptomatic fistulae

Class 2a: Repair

Symptomatic fistulae suitable for combo medical & surgical closure or repair. Goal: fistula closure.

Class 2b: Symptom control

Chronic symptoms related to fistulae (pain & discharge) that affect QoL. Currently unsuitable for surgical repair.

Goal: symptom control.

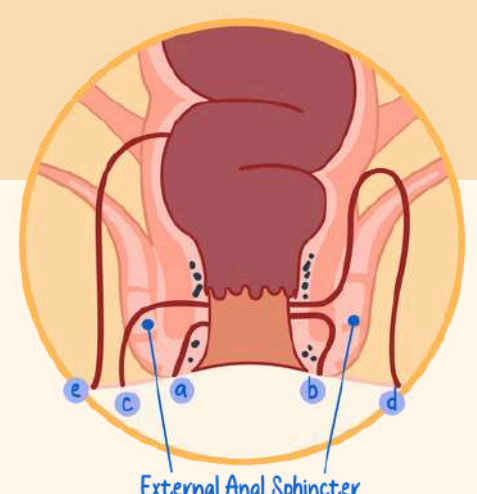
Class 2c-i: Early and rapidly progressive disease

Early rapidly progressive disease destructive to the perineum or to QoL (or both), early intervention with defunctioning ostomy & sometimes early proctectomy.

Class 2c-ii: Gradually debilitating disease

Gradually debilitating symptomatic fistulae unsuitable for surgical repair, severe symptoms, limiting QoL so markedly that defunctioning ostomy is required.

Goal: symptom control.



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Class 3: Severe disease exhausted perineum & adverse features

Severely symptomatic disease (despite defunctioning), with irreversible perineal destruction, or symptoms limiting QoL so markedly that proctectomy is required.

Class 4: Perineal symptoms after proctectomy

Class 4a: Repair

Symptomatic sinuses or wounds suitable for combo medical & surgical closure or repair. Goal: sinus closure.

Class 4b: Symptom control

Chronic symptoms related to sinuses/wounds that affect QoL and unsuitable for surgical repair. Goal:symptom control.

