

Classification of Partial Rotator Cuff Tears

O - Normal Cuff

I – Minimal, Superficial Fraying < 1 cm

II – Fraying and Failure of Fibers < 2 cm

III – More severe Fraying and Fragmentation < 3 cm

IV – Severe Partial Tear/Sizeable Flap Tears > 3 cm

Articular Component (A)

Bursal Component (B)

For Example: A-II, B-III

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