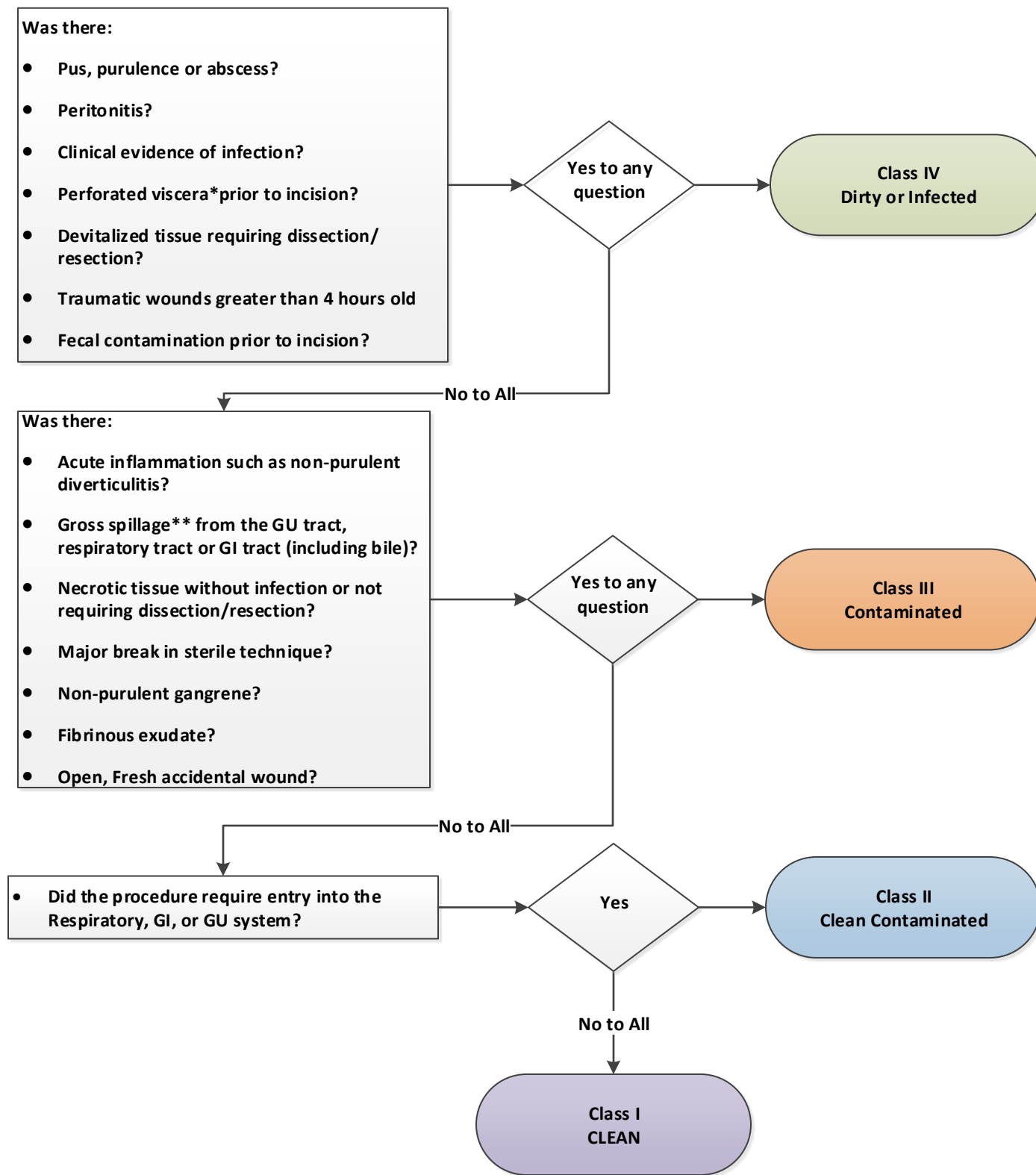


## Wound Classification Algorithm

Wound classification is a team responsibility. It should be determined at the end of the procedure. It needs to be a communication between surgeon, the nurse and other members of the team. The objective is to classify the wound at the time of the surgery to reflect and capture any events that may have occurred during the procedure.

Use the Algorithm below to help determine wound classification for surgical procedures.

### During the Procedure:



**Note:**  
 \*Perforated viscera may include bowel perforation, ruptured appendix, anastomotic leak, perforated gastric ulcer, or fistula  
 \*\*Gross spillage includes any spillage that occurs during the case that can be seen with the naked eye  
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