

Perforator flaps

Dear Sir,

I would like to draw attention to the term "Perforator based flaps". In the article "Distal perforator based cross leg flaps for leg and foot defects", published in the June 2005 issue. The photographs do not show the flap to be exclusively based on perforators, rather they can be called distally based fasciocutaneous flaps. Though I am aware that latter is a term based on composition and not vascular supply, all flaps in limbs except muscles are perforator based flaps as the supply is through arborisations of musculo or septocutaneous vessels. I would like to know if we can call non-islanded flaps as perforator based flaps or not.

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