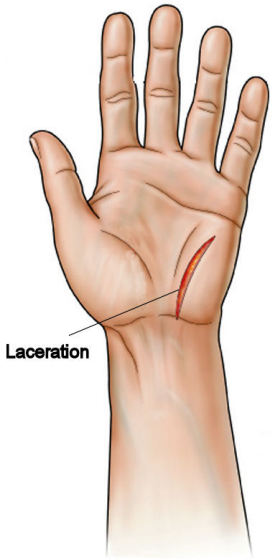
Skin Adhesive Wound Care

Cuts and wounds can be closed with skin adhesive. Adhesive is like glue. It holds the skin together and allows faster healing. This adhesive goes away on its own while the wound heals.



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- You can bathe or shower.
  - **Do not** use soaps or creams on your wound after it has been closed with adhesive.
  - **Do not soak** the area in water where adhesive was used.
- Keep the bandage used to cover the wound (*dressing*) dry.
  - Replace the dressing daily until the adhesive has fallen off.
- Do not scratch, pick or rub at the adhesive-covered area.
- Do not place tape over the adhesive-covered area.
- Protect the wound from the sun and tanning beds.
- Only take medicines as your doctor tells you.

If you did not get a tetanus shot today, **make sure to ask your doctor to see if you need one**.

GET HELP RIGHT AWAY IF:

- There is redness, swelling, pain in the wound, or a red line that comes from the wound.
- Pus comes out of the wound.
- A fever above 102º F (38.9º C) develops or as your doctor tells you.
- A bad smell comes from the wound.
- The wound breaks open.

MAKE SURE YOU:

- Understand these instructions.
- Will watch your condition.
- Will get help right away if you are not doing well or get worse.

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