Topical Skin Adhesive

Your wound or your child's wound has been treated with a topical skin adhesive. This sterile skin glue holds wound edges together for 5 to 10 days and then falls off naturally. The wound appearance after healing is similar to the results with stitches. Some pain, redness and swelling are usually present with any wound, but this usually improves over 2 to 3 days.

HOME CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- If a dressing has been applied over the wound, keep it dry. Change the bandage daily and replace it if it gets wet.
- Showering is allowed, but do not soak or scrub the wound area.
- Do not scratch or rub at the glued area. This can loosen the film from the skin before the wound is healed.
- Avoid putting tape directly over the adhesive film because the glue may get pulled off when the tape is removed.
- Topical antibiotics or other ointments or creams should not be applied to the wound. Ointments and creams may loosen the adhesive before the wound is healed.
- Avoid prolonged exposure of the skin adhesive to sunlight.
- Protect the skin adhesive from tanning lamps.
- Protect the wound from further injury, even after the film has fallen off, until the skin is completely healed.

SEEK MEDICAL CARE IF:

- There is increased wound redness or swelling around the wound.
- There is increasing pain and tenderness at the wound site.
- There is pus draining from the wound.
- There are red streaks going away from the wound.
- You or your child has an oral temperature above 102° F (38.9° C).

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