Abrasions

An abrasion is a scraped area on the skin. Treatment depends on how large and how deep the abrasion is.

HOME CARE

- If a bandage is used, change it once a day.
- If the bandage sticks, soak it off with warm, soapy water.
- Wash the area with soap and water.
- Change the bandage right away if it gets wet or dirty.
- You can stop covering the scrape if it is not bleeding or when a scab starts to form.
- "Road rash" is often treated like a burn. Special cream may be used.
- Only take medicine as told by your doctor.

GET HELP RIGHT AWAY IF:

- There is more pain.
- You or your child has signs of infection, such as redness, puffiness (*swelling*), tenderness, or fluid (*pus*) coming from the wound.
- You or your child has a temperature by mouth above 102° F (38.9° C), not controlled by medicine.
- A bad smell is coming from the wound or bandage.

MAKE SURE YOU:

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

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