Skin Adhesive Strip Removal

Skin adhesive strips were used today to repair your wound. Skin adhesive strips are used to help a wound heal faster by holding the edges of the wound together. The skin adhesive strips can be removed when the wound has healed well enough for the wound to stay together after the skin adhesive strips are removed. A *dressing* (wound covering), depending on the location of the laceration, may have been applied. This may be changed once per day or as instructed. If the dressing sticks, it may be soaked off with soapy water.

SEEK IMMEDIATE MEDICAL CARE IF:

- There is redness, swelling, or increasing pain in the wound.
- Pus is coming from wound.
- An unexplained oral temperature above 102° F (38.9° C) develops.
- You notice a foul smell coming from the wound or dressing.
- There is a breaking open (not staying together) of the wound edges even after skin adhesive strips have been removed.

Only take over-the-counter or prescription medicines for pain, discomfort, or fever as directed by your caregiver.

YOU MIGHT NEED A TETANUS SHOT NOW IF:

- You have no idea when you had the last one.
- You have never had a tetanus shot before.
- Your cut had dirt in it.

If you need a tetanus shot, and you decide not to get one, there is a rare chance of getting tetanus. Sickness from tetanus can be serious.

If you got a tetanus shot, your arm may swell, get red and warm to the touch at the shot site. This is common and not a problem.

Return to your caregivers office in 7 days or as directed to have your skin adhesive strips removed. You may remove the skin adhesive strips yourself as instructed by your caregiver.

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