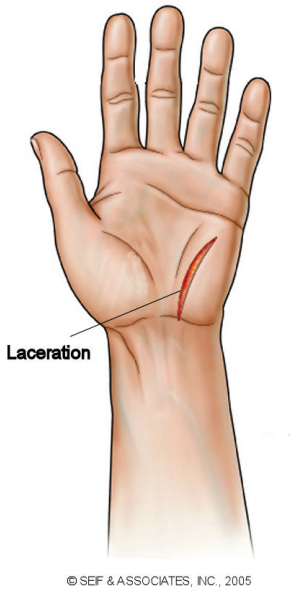
Laceration Care Using Skin Glue

A cut can be closed with skin glue. Skin glue can be used on small cuts, instead of stitches.



HOME CARE

- Keep the cut dry.
- **Do not** scratch, pick at, or rub the glue.
- **Do not** put tape or ointment over the cut.
- Stay out of the sun and tanning beds.
- Use sunscreen/sunblock after the cut has healed.
- Only take medicine as told by your doctor.

YOU MIGHT NEED A TETANUS SHOT IF:

- You cannot remember when your or your child's last tetanus shot was.
- You or your child has never had a tetanus shot.
- The object that caused the wound was dirty.

GET HELP RIGHT AWAY IF:

- There is redness, puffiness (*swelling*), or more pain in the wound.
- You see a red line going up the arm or leg from the wound.
- Fluid (*pus*) is coming from the wound.
- You or your child has a temperature by mouth above 102° F (38.9° C), not controlled by medicine.
- Your baby is older than 3 months with a rectal temperature of 102º F (38.9º C) or higher.
- **Your baby is 3 months old or younger with a rectal temperature of 100.4º F (38º C) or higher.**
- You notice a bad smell coming from the wound.
- The glue falls off and the wound opens up.

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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