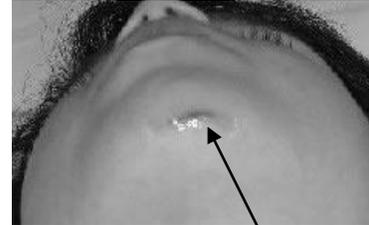


Wound Skin Adhesive: Home Care

What is a skin adhesive?

A skin adhesive is a type of glue that can be used to hold the wound edges together. It is used on small wounds instead of stitches. It hardens to make a film that stays in place for 5 to 10 days. After 5 to 10 days, the film will fall off on its own.



Skin adhesive

Special Information

- Do not let your child scratch, rub or pick on the film. This may loosen it before the wound is healed.
- If you think your child will pick at the film, keep the area covered. Use a bandage or dressing until the film falls off. Replace the bandage or dressing if it gets wet. Do not let the adhesive of the bandage or dressing come in contact with the film.
- Do not put the tape directly on the film. If this happens the tape may pull the film off.
- Do not put any liquid or ointment medicine on the wound.
- It is okay for your child to take a shower or bath but keep the amount of time in the water short. Do not soak or scrub the wound.
- After a shower or bath, gently blot the wound dry with a soft towel. Put on a new, dry bandage or dressing if your doctor has told you to do so.
- Do not swim until the film has fallen off.
- After the wound heals, use a good amount of sunscreen with #30 or higher SPF when your child is in the sun. Re-apply the sunscreen every 2 hours.

ALERT: Call your child's doctor, nurse, or clinic if you have any questions or concerns or if your child has:

- Any sign of infection in the wound, such as more pain, warmth, redness, swelling, pus or drainage.
- A wound edge that reopens or separates.
- Special health care needs that were not covered by this information.

This teaching sheet is meant to help you care for your child. It does not take the place of medical care. Talk with your healthcare provider for diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up.