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What is Tissue Glue?

Tissue glue is an adhesive that holds the edges of a wound together. The glue usually stays in place for 5 to 10 days and then naturally falls off the skin. This type of adhesive cannot be used on all cuts. It works best on small cuts that are not deep, jagged, or bleeding and not under a lot of tension or pressure. (An example of a cut with tension would be a cut on a joint, such as a knuckle.) It works very well on cuts to the face, especially in children. Sometimes, the health care provider will add steri-strips to increase the strength of the glue.

How do I take care of my laceration?

Check how the wound looks.

- > Some swelling, redness, and pain is common with all wounds and normally will go away as the wound heals. If swelling, redness, or pain increase or if the wound feels warm to touch, call your health care provider.
- > If the wound seems to be opening up or you notice any drainage, call your health care provider.

Keep the wound dry.

- > Keep the wound dry for the first 4 hours after the skin adhesive is put on.
- > After the first 4 hours, you may occasionally and briefly wet the wound in the shower or bath. After showering or bathing, gently pat the wound dry with a soft towel.
- > Do not soak or scrub the wound.

Protect the wound.

- > If a bandage or steri-strips are on the wound, replace the bandage every day until the adhesive film has fallen off, unless your health care provider gives you different instructions about bandages.
- > Protect the wound from repeat injury until the skin has had time to heal.
- > Do not scratch, rub, or pick at the adhesive film. This may loosen the film before the wound is healed.
- > If there are steri-strips over the wound, do not remove them before the time advised by the physician (usually 5 - 7 days) because removing the tape may also remove the glue.
- > You do not need to put liquid or ointment medications or any other product on the wound while the glue is in place. They may loosen the glue before the wound is healed.

Removing the glue and after care of the wound.

- > Gently pick off the glue according to the physician's instructions (generally 5 - 7 days).
- > Avoid direct sunlight and/or use sunscreen for 3 - 6 months to prevent having a more pigmented scar.
- > Return to the emergency department if you notice redness, swelling, pain, or you develop a fever.
- > You may require a tetanus shot if it has been longer than 10 years since your last vaccination.