

Care instructions for a wound closed with skin glue

Glue

Skin glue keeps the edges of the wound together during healing. The glue usually stays in place for 5–10 days, after which it peels off.

Removing dressings

Wash your hands before handling the wound area. The dressings covering the wound may be removed 24 hours after the procedure. There is no need to dress the wound if there is no exudate.

If there is blood or other exudate seeping from the wound, cover it with clean dressings. If the dressing is soiled or wet, replace it with a clean one. Wound dressings are available at stores that sell wound care products or at pharmacies. The dressings do not have to be sterile.

Getting the wound wet

Taking a shower is allowed the day after the procedure. Do not use soap on the wound or rub it. Going to the sauna, taking a bath and swimming is allowed after 10 days.

Other

Physical exertion and heavy lifting is not allowed if the wound is in a place that comes under strain or tension (such as the stomach). During convalescence, strain to the wound area may be increased gradually.

Please get in touch if:

- there is increasing pain in the wound
- there is constant bleeding or other exudate from the wound
- the edges of the wound separate
- there is a fever (above 38°C)
- there is increasing warmth, redness or swelling in the wound

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