

Care of Wound Closed with Dermabond

Your doctor used special skin glue called Dermabond to hold your wound together instead of using stitches or staples. The glue film will loosen from your skin on its own as the wound heals.

Follow these care guidelines:

- Keep the wound dry.
- Do not pick, scratch or rub the glue on the wound, so it does not loosen before the wound heals.
- Do not soak your wound in water until the glue film falls off. Avoid swimming or using a hot tub while the glue is in place.
- When you shower or bathe, let water run over the wound but do not rub. Pat the wound gently with a soft towel to dry.
- Avoid direct sunlight to the wound and do not use tanning beds or lamps with the glue film in place.
- Do not apply any cream, lotion or ointment to the skin near the wound. It could loosen the glue before the wound heals.
- Do not apply any tape, sticky dressing, alcohol or Chloraprep to the glue site for the first 7 to 10 days. These could loosen the glue.

Call your doctor if you have any of these signs of infection:

- Skin around the wound is more red, swollen or feels hot
- Fluid builds up under the Dermabond
- Wound smells bad
- Pus drainage
- Fever over 101 degrees F or 38 degrees C
- Increasing pain

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