General information

Your wound has been closed with suture glue. The following points will help you to understand this new method of wound closure.

- Suture glue is a specialist medical adhesive which has been designed to close wounds and cuts. It can be used instead of conventional stitches or skin stables.
- The surface of a wound which has been closed using suture glue will look a little strange in relation to conventional stitches.
- The adhesive has been applied to the surface of the skin and may take on an irregular, crinkled appearance, even showing some minor surface cracking. This is quite normal and will not affect the function of the adhesive.
- The overall appearance can best be described as resembling a dry scab and should be treated like a scab – do not pick.
- The wound site should be kept dry for the first 48-72 hours.
- Excessive movement at the wound site should be avoided during this early period.
- Where there is a likelihood of abrasion, you may use a clean, dry dressing to cover the wound site.
- The adhesive will come away from the skin of its own accord within 10 days, just like a normal scab. By this time the wound should be sufficiently healed.
- The scar will take approximately six months to fade.

- Studies sows that the use of suture glue results in the same or better cosmetic outcome for most minor wounds, so there is no increase in scarring with use of suture glue.

If your problem persist after seven (7) days, contact your General Practitioner or re-present to the Emergency Department.

For further information

In a medical emergency go to the nearest hospital emergency department or call an ambulance (dial 000). 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) provides health information, referral and teletriage services to the public in all parts of Queensland and is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, 365 days a year for the cost of a local call*.

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