

Wound glue

You or your child’s wound has been closed using medical grade wound glue.

Keep the wound clean and dry

- Keep dry for the first 24 hours
- Thereafter, you may take a shower, however please avoid prolonged soaking or bathing
- After showering, carefully pat dry the wound area and do not rub the adhesive
- Avoid activities that induce sweating
- Discourage children from picking at the glue.

Leave the dressing in place for day(s)

Extra dressing instructions (if applicable)

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When will the glue come off?

The wound glue will come off by itself in around 7-10 days.

Pain relief

Simple medication such as paracetamol or ibuprofen is effective for reducing pain from simple wounds. Always follow the manufacturer’s instructions for dosing. Persistent strong pain will require the wound be reviewed.

Signs of infection

In most cases antibiotics are not required. Thorough wound cleaning prior to closure has been shown to reduce the risk of infection.

Signs of infection are redness, swelling, increased pain, excessive or persistent ooze, pus or smelly discharge or fever within 48 hours of gluing. If you develop any signs of infection contact your GP or return to the Emergency Department (cross out the non-applicable).

The healing process and scar reduction

It is normal for the scar to be red/pink in colour initially. This will fade over 2-3 months. Whilst the scar is pink, massaging it with a simple moisturiser three times a day can minimise the appearance of the scar further. Reduce exposure to UV light during the first 3-4 months as this can permanently darken the scar.

If you have any concerns relating to your wound please contact your GP, the Emergency Department or phone Health Direct on 1800 022 222.

For more information

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Flinders Medical Centre
Flinders Drive
Bedford Park SA 5042

Telephone: 08 8204 6065
www.sahealth.sa.gov.au

Emergency Department
Noarlunga Hospital
Alexander Kelly Drive
Noarlunga Centre SA 5168

If you require this information in an alternative language or format please contact SA Health on the details provided and they will make every effort to assist you.



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