

How to Care for Your Wound After It's Treated With **Topical Laceration Closure™**



T-STRIP & TOPICAL SKIN ADHESIVE

- Your wound was closed with the T-STRIP wound mesh and a Topical Skin Adhesive (TSA). Together they provide a clear seal that holds your wound edges together, while keeping dirt & bacteria out. The T-STRIP/TSA will usually remain in place for about 8-14 days, before simply sloughing off.
- It is important to follow the simple instructions below, to prevent premature removal of the T-STRIP/TSA.

KEEP WOUND CLEAN, DRY AND PROTECTED

- If your wound was bandaged, keep the bandage clean & dry.
- You may occasionally shower or bath, being careful to minimize moisture contacting the wound. Do not swim, soak or scrub your wound for 5 to 7 days, and avoid periods of heavy perspiration until the T-Strip & TSA have fallen off. After showering or bathing, gently blot your wound dry with a soft towel or clean tissue. If a protective dressing is being used, apply a fresh, dry dressing after blotting dry.
- Do not apply any ointments, liquids or other products onto the T-STRIP/TSA.
- If a splint was applied, wear it for a minimum of 7 days. After 7 days wear the splint as needed to prevent excessive bending until the T-STRIP/TSA fall off. The splint may be removed while bathing.
- Protect your wound from injury until the skin has had sufficient time to heal. Do not rub, scratch or pick at the T-STRIP/TSA; this may result in their premature removal.

CHECK WOUND APPEARANCE

- Some redness, swelling & pain are common & normally will go away as the wound heals. If swelling, redness, or pain increases contact a doctor. Also contact a doctor if you experience any numbness or weakness.

REPLACE BANDAGES

- Replace the dressing every 2 days until the T-STRIP/TSA have fallen off, or if the bandage gets wet.
- When changing the dressing, do not place tape directly onto the T-STRIP/TSA, as removing the tape later may pull the T-Strip/TSA off prematurely. Do not apply Band-aids over the T-STRIP/TSA.
- If the T-STRIP/TSA come off the wound prematurely, continue to keep clean, dry and covered until healed. You may apply wound strips across the wound if available. Most wounds will heal without further medical care. Consult your physician if the wound edges reopen and separate, there is bleeding you are unable to control, or if you have any questions regarding your wound care.