

TISSUE ADHESIVE CARE

What is tissue adhesive?

- Tissue adhesive is a safe and effective method of using a skin glue to close minor wounds, such as small lacerations or cuts. A doctor or nurse will determine if tissue adhesive is suitable for your wound condition.

Caring for the wound

The following are some steps to care for your wound with tissue adhesive:

- Tissue adhesive will usually peel off by itself in about 5 to 10 days.
- **Do not** rub, scratch or pick the adhesive film. This may loosen the adhesive film before the wound is healed.
- **Do not** apply any medication, ointment or other products on the wound while the glue is in place.
- It is advisable not to get the wound wet for the first 4 hours after tissue adhesive application. After 4 hours, you may shower but try to keep the wound or dressing dry. After showering, gently pat the wound dry with a soft clean towel.
- You may experience pain and have bruises at the injury site, but it will subside gradually.
- If you observe any heavy bleeding/discharge from the injury site or the wound seems to be opening, please visit our clinic or the nearest hospital immediately.
- Avoid direct exposure to sunlight on the wound for about 3 months as it may cause pigmented scarring.
- You may be given a follow-up appointment to return to the clinic for a review. It is advisable to keep your follow-up appointment.

What are the possible risks and complications?

- Allergic reaction around the wound.
- Bleeding or bruising around the wound. If bleeding occurs, apply pressure on the wound with a clean dressing for 10 to 15 minutes.
- Splitting or bursting open of the wound.

Consult a doctor if any of the following occurs:

- Fever.
- Increasing pain, discomfort, redness or swelling on or around the wound.
- Skin around the wound is hard and warm.
- Bleeding or discharge from the wound.
- Splitting or bursting open of the wound.