



L'Hôpital de Montréal pour enfants
The Montreal Children's Hospital

Centre universitaire de santé McGill
McGill University Health Centre

LACERATION INSTRUCTIONS

Your child has unfortunately been injured. Care provided by the hospital staff will be further enhanced by proper home care.

WOUND CLOSURE

- Skin Glue:**
Wound should be kept undisturbed and dry for 2 days. The glue falls off by itself after several days.
- Steristrips:**
Wound should be undisturbed and dry for 2 days. The steristrips should fall off by themselves or removed in bath after 7-10 days.
- Absorbable Suture:**
Wound should be undisturbed and dry for 2 days. The sutures fall out by themselves after 7-10 days. After 1 week, you can encourage the sutures to fall out by gently cleaning the area with a facecloth or by applying a small amount of ointment (neosporin, polysporin or other) to help the sutures to "melt". Call or come back if the sutures have not fallen by 10 or 12 days after the injury.
- Non-Absorbable Suture:**
Wound should be undisturbed and dry for 2 days. The sutures should be removed in ____ days.

WOUND CARE

- Baths, showers may restart in 2-3 days unless instructed otherwise by the doctor.
- Remove dressing in 2 days (if one is present).

COMMON WOUND PROBLEMS

- A small amount of yellow or reddish fluid commonly seeps out of lacerations. If the dressing becomes soaked please call the hospital.
- Despite adequate treatment, some wounds become infected. A normally healing wound has 2 or 3 millimeters of redness around the edges. An infected wound has 5 millimeters (½ inch) or more of redness usually with increased pain, and or tenderness to touch and/or fever and/or reddish streaking of the skin and/or wound swelling. Occasionally, pus (opaque grey or yellow fluid) can be expressed from the wound.

If any of the above occurs, please telephone 514-412-4489.