



## Care of Lacerations with Tissue Glue

Your child has had a laceration (cut) that has been glued with special skin glue. The glue acts like a scab on the wound and needs to be left undisturbed so it can heal. The glue dries in 30 seconds and either sterristrips and/or a non-stick dressing may also be applied.

### How long will it last?

- The glue will start lift off in 5 days but may take up to 2 weeks to lift off completely.
- If sterristrips (paper stitches) have been used they will lift off before the glue.

### What should I do?

- As the wound heals it may feel a bit itchy. Do NOT pick the glue off. This may cause the laceration to open again. If your child is playing with it - place a sticking plaster or bandage over the laceration.
- The glue is "shower-proof", but it should only be wet for short times. Soaking the wound with water may lift the glue off before the wound is healed. Please do not rub or scrub the wound as this will also cause the glue to lift off.
- Swimming is OK after 5 days.
- Do not apply moisturiser, ointment or medication to the glued area as this may cause the glue to lift off before the wound has healed.
- If a dressing has been applied you may remove this after 48 hours.
- Once healed, protect the laceration from sunburn with clothing or sunscreen

### Please come back if:

- The wound opens up or the glue comes off and the wound is open underneath.
- Redness, swelling and/or pain surrounding the laceration.
- There is any discharge or pus coming from the wound.

Any queries you have - please phone Children's Emergency Department on 307-4902  
Or contact your Family Doctor (GP).