

Wound Care for 3M Steri-Strip S®

Your child may have his wound closed with Steri-Strip S® instead of or in addition to staples and sutures (stitches). Steri-Strip S is a type of bandage used to decrease scarring. Follow your doctor's instructions for care and removal of the Steri-Strip S.

Care Instructions

- Expect some pain, tenderness and swelling at the wound site. Call your doctor if you notice any signs of infection.
 - increased pain
 - redness
 - warmth
 - swelling
 - red streaks or drainage
 - fever
- Your child can take brief showers, if okayed by the doctor. Do not soak or scrub the wound area. Gently pat the area dry.
- Avoid heavy sweating.
- There is no need to move or adjust the Steri-Strip S closure. After two or more days, it is normal for the edges of the Steri-Strip S to begin to lose some of the adhesive and peel off.
 - To prevent the Steri-Strip S from coming off, you should carefully trim the edges away.
- Never place adhesive tape directly on the Steri-Strip S.
- Call the doctor if the Steri-Strip S comes off within seven (7) days.

Removal Instructions

- Your doctor will tell you when you can remove the Steri-Strip S. Follow the instructions closely. For most wounds it is better to leave the Steri-Strip S on as long as possible.
 - **Start at the side that is closest to the end of the wound. Gently pull the Steri-Strip S toward the center.**
 - **Go to the other side of the Steri-Strip S. Gently pull it toward the center until the Steri-Strip S comes completely off.**
 - To remove adhesive residue on skin, use baby oil or lotion.

