

DERMABOND® WOUND CARE

Your child has a wound that was repaired with an adhesive film called Dermabond®. The Dermabond film will fall off in 5 to 10 days. Exposure to water may make it fall off sooner. Call your child's doctor if the edges of the wound open or pull apart. Avoid tanning lamps and prolonged exposure to sunlight.

FOLLOW THESE DIRECTIONS

- Teach your child not to scratch or pick at the film. This may loosen the film before the wound is healed. If you keep the wound covered, your child will be less likely to pick or scratch the film.
- No bandage is necessary.
- Do not apply any ointments, lotions or creams over the Dermabond film. This may loosen the film before the wound had healed.
- You do **not** need to clean the wound with soap or water.
- If the Dermabond gets wet, gently blot the wound dry with a soft towel.
- Do **not** soak or scrub the wound.

SIGNS OF INFECTION

There is a chance the wound may get infected. If you think it is infected, call your child's doctor or return to the Emergency Department or Urgent Care.

Watch for these signs of infection:

- Increasing redness around the wound
- Increasing pain or tenderness
- Yellow or green drainage from the wound
- Increased swelling
- Foul odor from the wound
- Fever
- Red streaks that start at the wound and travel toward the body

ACTIVITY

- Your child should avoid activities that produce heavy sweating until the Dermabond film has fallen off.
- Your child may go back to school or child care. Please tell the teacher the limits on your child's activities.
- Your child should avoid contact sports, bike riding, swimming, tree climbing, skating and skateboarding, physical education class, and other rough play.
- Swimming is **not** allowed for 7 days.

WHEN TO CALL THE DOCTOR

Call your child's doctor if the edges of the wound open or pull apart.

OTHER ADVICE

Many things affect how a healing wound looks. Proper cleansing, proper nutrition, location and depth of the wound, exposure to sun and susceptibility to thick scarring can affect the look of your child's wound. The final scar may not settle for a few years after the injury.

After the Dermabond has fallen off, you may apply lotions to the healed skin. You may use lotions such as aloe vera, shea butter, cocoa butter, vitamin E oil or an over-the-counter scar-reducing cream. Before going outdoors, use sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher. It is important to apply **sunscreen often** to the wounded area for up to 2 years. For healed wounds on the head, a **hat** should be worn to protect the area from the sun and UV rays.