

Patient Information

Children's Emergency Department

Tissue adhesive/Wound glue



Parent/Carer Discharge information

This information explains the care of your child's wound which has been closed using tissue adhesive.

What should I do now?

- This special glue does not need to be removed. The glue "scab" will fall off as the wound heals.
- Be aware that there will be a scar, but that it will be a few months before you know what it will look like. The redness may take six months to fade.
- Keep the wound dry. If it becomes wet, gently pat it dry without rubbing. Do not use water-proof dressings.
- Avoid picking or removing any of the glue. It will eventually scab and later come away by itself.
- Do not let your child pick at the wound or dressing.

What medication can I give to my child/adolescent?

Paracetamol and or Ibuprofen (if applicable) to be given for pain,

Paracetamol 4-6 hourly last given at.....

Ibuprofen 6-8 hourly last given at.....

Return to school/activity

You will need to inform the nursery/school/college that your child has sustained a head injury and may need to refrain from certain activities to ensure full recovery.



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When should I seek medical advice?

- excessive or increasing pain
- increasing swelling or spreading redness
- pus or discharge oozing from the wound
- the edges of the wound pull apart

For further advice/information:

- Call NHS 111 (24 hours a day)
- Contact your GP

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