

Emergency Department

Tissue adhesive

What is Tissue adhesive?

This information explains the care of your wound, which has been closed using a tissue adhesive.

What should I do now?

- Please inform the doctor or nurse if you have not yet had a discussion about tetanus immunisation. This must be addressed before you leave;
- Be aware that there will be a scar, but that it will be a few months before you know what it will look like;
- 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 itself;
- Avoid excessive movement at the wound site. Also avoid tight clothing that could rub the wound site;
- Use pain relief as advised by the doctor or nurse who treated you;
- If you are employed in food-handling, you must inform your employer of your injury before returning to work.

Contact your GP if there is:

- Excessive or increasing pain;
- Increasing swelling or spreading redness;
- oozing from the wound;
- The edges of the wound pull apart.



Patient Information

For further advice/information:

- Call NHS 111;
- Contact your GP.

Finally, before you leave, please speak to a member of staff if:

- You think you need more advice or treatment for any pain or symptoms;
- You need further advice about medications or instructions you have received;
- You have any other emergency issues which still need to be addressed.

The Trust has access to interpreting and translation services. If you need this information in another language or format please contact 02476966200 and we will do our best to meet your needs.

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