



Absolute Dermatology & Skin Cancer Center

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Wound Care: Dermabond/Steri-Strips

****If your surgical site begins to bleed or ooze, please hold pressure for 20 minutes **WITHOUT** lifting to check the site. If it continues to bleed, continue to hold pressure and call us at: 804-326-4448. If it is after 5:00 pm, press the urgent button and your call will go directly to Dr. Gillen.****

*** Take Tylenol for pain. **NOT** Ibuprofen, Advil, Aleve or other NSAIDs.*

Your surgical site has a skin adhesive applied to the skin over the suture line (Dermabond/Steri-strips). After 48 hours, you may remove the pressure dressing, but **leave the Dermabond/Steri-strips in place**. There are **no** external stitches.

Dermabond: The dermabond adhesive is waterproof and will keep bacteria out of the wound.

Steri-Strips: The steri-strips are not waterproof, but can be showered over and pat dry.

Over the next 1-2 weeks, the adhesive will flake off on its own. You should **NOT** “help” it come off by scrubbing/ picking. This could result in a worse scar or an infection. No further direct care is necessary for the site unless the glue or strips fall off prior to 2 weeks - apply Vaseline to any exposed areas.