

# Wound closure with Histoacryl (glue)

## What is Histoacryl?

Histoacryl is a liquid skin glue that holds an open wound together.

Histoacryl will normally fall off after five to ten days, which is enough time for your wound to heal. The scar will be as good as, or in some cases, better than if stitches were used. It is normal for any scar to be red in colour initially, but this will fade over the next few months.

## Directions for use

- A dressing is not normally required, however if there is likelihood of rubbing the wound site, a clean, dry dressing should be left in place for a few days.
- Do not rub, scratch or pick the histoacryl; this could result in loosening of the film which could lead to the wound reopening.
- Keep the wound clean.
- Keep the wound dry for the first 24 hours. After this, the wound can get wet in the shower or bath, but you must then pat the wound dry.
- Do not soak the wound in the bath and avoid swimming.

## Signs of infection

- fever within 48 hours of the injury or wound
- redness
- swelling
- increase in pain
- excessive or persistent ooze
- pus or smelly discharge.

If you are concerned about possible signs of infection or have any other concerns, take your child to the GP or Emergency Department.





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