

DERMABOND

AFTERCARE — Wounds repaired by tissue adhesives do not require external bandages; the adhesive itself acts as a water-resistant bandage. Antibiotic ointment should not be used because it can break down the adhesive prematurely.

Patients may shower while the adhesive is on the skin, but should not soak or scrub the area for 7 to 10 days. Wet skin should be gently patted dry. Children should not take baths if bathing would result in submersion of the affected area.

The adhesive will peel off when the epithelial layer sloughs off, usually by 5 to 10 days. Antibiotic ointment or petroleum jelly can be applied to the wound after this period of time, if the adhesive does not come off on its own.

Return to your PCP for wound evaluation in five to seven days.