

## **External Glue Care: Regional Plastic Surgery Center**

1. There are several layers of dissolvable stitches below the skin surface (unlike some ER uses of glue without deep stitches).
2. Your wound(s) has been closed on the surface with a surgical glue used as a sealant and to add strength to the repair. You may notice a raised ridge (eversion) at the incision line which is intentional and designed to improve the scar. It will flatten out over the next 2-6 months.
3. Sometimes the glue has a purple color to it and may be mixed with blood to form a darker red or black color. This is normal.
4. You may get this type of skin closure wet after 12-24 hours, after which showering is ok, but not submerging in a tub or pool. Gently pat it dry afterwards.
5. Occasionally, there may be some drainage or weeping from the surface of the wound, and placing a gauze as necessary may be required.
6. The glue will eventually peel up from the edges and lift off spontaneously. This varies as to when it will separate, but usually 2-4 weeks post operatively.
7. Some of the skin glues also contain a strip of plastic mesh tape directly on the wound. This is to be treated the same as glue only. It will eventually peel up, and you may remove this by peeling it off if it hasn't come off by 4 weeks post op.