Wound Care with Topical Skin Adhesive (Glue): Dermabond

What is a topical skin adhesive?
A topical skin adhesive is a sterile, liquid skin glue that holds the edges of a wound together, stays in place for five to 10 days, then naturally falls off the skin. This type of adhesive cannot be used on all cuts. It works best on small cuts that are not deep, jagged, or bleeding and are not under a lot of tension or pressure.

What you should do to care for the wound:
Some swelling, redness and pain is common with all wounds and normally will go away as the wound heals. If swelling, redness, or pain increases or if the wound feels warm to the touch, call your health care provider. If the wound seems to be opening up or you notice any drainage, call your health care provider. Here are some things you can do to care for the wound:

- Do not put any medicines on the wound. Liquid or ointment medications or any other product on the wound while the glue is in place may dissolve it before the wound is healed.
- Keep the wound dry for the first four hours after the skin glue is put on. If a bandage is on, keep it dry or replace it.
- After the first four hours, you may wash the wound gently in the shower or bath. After showering or bathing, gently pat the wound dry with a soft towel. Put on a clean, dry bandage after the bath.
- Do not soak or scrub the wound or let your child go swimming. Try to keep your child from doing any activities that will make him or her sweat a lot until the glue has naturally fallen off.
- Do not scratch, rub or pick at the glue. This may loosen it before the wound is healed. If necessary, put a clean, dry bandage over the wound to keep your child from picking off the film.
- Do not place tape directly over the glue because removing the tape may also remove the glue.
- Protect the wound from prolonged exposure to sunlight or tanning lamps while the glue is in place.

If you have any questions or concerns about this product, call your health care provider.