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PATIENT INSTRUCTION SHEET

DERMABOND

Your child's wound has been closed with Dermabond. The film over the wound will stay in place for 5-10 days, and then will naturally come off. Do not let your child scratch or pick at the Dermabond because it could come off before the wound has properly healed.

WOUND CARE AT HOME:

- If the dressing is over the wound, change the dressing every day until the film comes off. If the dressing gets wet, you should immediately put on a new dry dressing.
- **DO NOT** put any tape directly over the Dermabond because removing the tape may also remove the film.
- If your child is out in the sun, put a dressing over the Dermabond while the film is in place.
- **DO NOT** put any liquid or ointment medications on the wound while the film is in place because this will loosen the film before the wound has properly healed.
- Your child can take a brief shower or bath. **DO NOT** soak or scrub the wound. **DO NOT** let your child swim or do heavy exercise that may cause sweating until the film has naturally fallen off.
- After a shower or bath, gently dry the wound with a soft clean towel. Re-apply a dry dressing if you are using one.

Some redness and swelling is common at the wound site and should improve as the wound heals. If redness, swelling, an increase in pain is reported, or a foul smell is noted, bring your child back to the office.

If you have any questions, please call.