

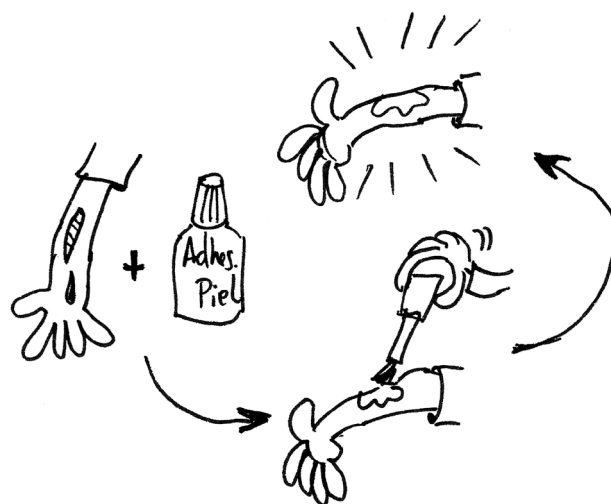
Tissue Adhesives

Tissue adhesives or topical skin adhesives are sterile liquid adhesives that hold together the edges of a wound. They are used for small, clean fresh wounds, instead of stitches. The adhesive film stays in place for 5 to 10 days and then peels off.

- **Don't scratch yourself:** the film may peel off before the wound has healed properly.
- **Don't apply liquid medications or ointments:** the film may peel off before the wound has healed properly.
- **Keep the wound dry and protected.** If it gets wet accidentally in the shower or the bath, dry the adhesive carefully with a soft towel and with a medium temperature hair-drier.
- **Don't get the wound wet** or bathe until the adhesive peels off on its own.



- **Cover the wound with a clean dry bandage** if you need to protect it.
- **Protect the wound from further injury** until the skin has healed.



- **Protect the wound from prolonged exposure to sunlight** or sun lamps while you are wearing the adhesive film.

Consult your doctor if...

- You have a fever.
- There is an increase in the temperature of the affected area, the pain or the reddening.
- The edges of the wound come apart.
- The wound has purulent discharge.