

Steri-Strip™ Skin Closures

Description:

3M™ Steri-Strip™ Skin Closures are made of porous, nonwoven material. They are reinforced with filaments for strength and are coated with a hypoallergenic adhesive.

3M™ Steri-Strip™ Blend Tone Skin Closures are made of porous, nonwoven material and are coated with a hypoallergenic adhesive. 3M™ Steri-Strip™ Elastic Skin Closures are made of porous, nonwoven, elastic material. They are designed to allow for tissue expansion and movement and are coated with a hypoallergenic adhesive.

Intended Use:

Steri-Strip skin closures are indicated for use as a skin closure device in the treatment of lacerations and surgical incisions. Steri-Strip skin closures may also be used in conjunction with skin sutures and staples or after their removal for wound support.

Contraindications:

- 1. Steri-Strip skin closures are contraindicated where adhesion cannot be obtained. Potential causes of inadequate adhesion are presence of exudate, skin oils, moisture, or hair.
- 2. Use of Steri-Strip skin closures on infected wounds is contraindicated.
- 3. Steri-Strip skin closures are contraindicated for use in high tension wounds which cannot be easily approximated with fingers or forceps.

Warnings:

- 1. The development of postoperative edema may cause skin shearing, skin blistering, or loss of tape adhesion to occur at either end of the strip.
- 2. Application of any surgical tape or adhesive skin closure may result in skin stripping upon removal.
- 3. As with all adhesive products applied to the skin, a small percentage of individuals may experience hypopigmentation or hyperpigmentation following removal.
- 4. Occasional cases of mild acne and folliculitis have been observed in testing on healthy volunteers.

Precautions:

- 1. The skin should be clean, dry, and free of skin oils to assure good adhesion.
- 2. Do not apply skin closures under tension. Skin shearing, skin blistering, or loss of adhesion may result if excessive tension is applied.

Directions for Use:

- 1. Clean and dry skin. If desired, a thin layer of Compound Benzoin Tincture may be applied to enhance strip adhesion.
- 2. Open package. Remove card and card end tab.
- 3. Grasp end of strip and lift strip straight upward from card.
- 4. When using as a skin closure device, without presence of skin suture or staple, appose skin edges using fingers or forceps. Place strips across wound, ensuring tensionless application.
- 5. Section larger wounds to distribute tension. Space strips approximately 1/8 inch (3 mm) apart.
- 6. Additional closures may be applied parallel to the wound and approximately ½ inch (12 mm) from closure ends. This may reduce shear force beneath the strip ends.

How Supplied:

- 1. Supplied in individually packaged cards of sterile skin closures.
- 2. Store at room temperature. Avoid excessive heat or humidity.
- 3. Sterile unless envelope is damaged or open.



This product and package do not contain natural rubber latex

2 Do not reuse

Caution, see instructions for use

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