New 3M™ Steri-Strip™ S Surgical Skin Closures offer the best of both worlds: quick skin closures with good cosmetic results. The unique, interlaced design makes it easy to align and secure wound edges quickly, without any additional anesthetic. A simple, non-invasive alternative to staples and sutures from the Steri-Strip family.
3M™ Steri-Strip™ S Surgical Skin Closure

Patient Care Information

3M™ Steri-Strip™ S Surgical Skin Closures are a simple, non-invasive alternative to staples and sutures. They offer fast and easy skin closure, reduced potential for infection and good cosmetic results. You must carefully follow your doctor’s instructions for successful healing of your wound or incision. These are general guidelines only. These guidelines should not substitute for your doctor’s advice.

Day One
Some tenderness and swelling is common in all wounds, but if you have any specific concerns, contact your doctor’s office.

• The skin closure may be overlaid with a cover dressing, if desired.

• Do not attempt to readjust the skin closure once applied. You may, however, gently re-attach a corner that has accidentally been lifted.

Day Two and Beyond
Consult and follow your doctor’s instructions for care and removal. Otherwise, in general:

• You may take brief showers. If your wound is wet, gently pat the area dry with a towel. Do not scrub or soak the skin closure or wound area.

• Avoid activities producing heavy perspiration.

• If a covering bandage/dressing was applied over the skin closure, follow your doctor’s instructions regarding removal and replacement.

• Never place adhesive tape or the adhesive part of a cover dressing directly on the skin closure.

• Some discoloration of the skin closure around the outer perimeter may be normal.

• If discomfort increases, or if your wound area is excessively warm to the touch, this may be a sign of infection and you should consult your doctor immediately.

• With time, the edges of the skin closure may begin to lift. If this happens, it is recommended that you trim the edge if the adhesion cannot be maintained. This will prevent accidental removal of the skin closure caused by sticking to clothing or other materials.

Skin Closure Removal Instructions:
Wear time for 3M Steri-Strip S Surgical Skin Closures varies, depending on the care of the skin closure, location of the incision, and patient skin type. If the skin closure releases earlier than seven (7) days, consult your doctor. If the skin closure remains in place at least 14 days, seek the advice of your doctor before removing and follow the doctor’s instructions for proper removal.

To remove, begin at one end of the incision and gently peel the skin closure off toward the other end of the incision, as shown. If adhesive residue remains on your skin, you may gently remove it with baby oil, lotion or medical adhesive remover.