3M™ Steri-Strip™ S Surgical Skin Closure

Description:
3M™ Steri-Strip™ S Surgical Skin Closures are made of polyurethane and polymeric films coated with non-latex, pressure sensitive skin adhesive.

Intended Use:
Steri-Strip S surgical skin closures are indicated for use as skin closure devices to treat lacerations or surgical incisions. The closure devices can also be used as an adjunct to suture closures or as reinforcement for wounds after early suture or staple removal.

Contraindications:
Steri-Strip S surgical skin closures are contraindicated where adhesion cannot be obtained. Potential causes of inadequate adhesion are presence of exudate, skin oils, moisture, or hair. Surgical skin closures are contraindicated in areas of high tension and repetitive motion, such as joints. Surgical skin closures are contraindicated for use on infected wounds.

Warnings:
The development of postoperative edema may cause skin shearing, skin blistering or loss of tape adhesion to occur. Application of any surgical tape or adhesive skin closures may result in skin stripping upon removal. As with all adhesive products applied to the skin, a small percentage of individuals may experience hypopigmentation or hyperpigmentation following removal.

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

Directions for use:
1. Clean the skin at least 5-7 cm around the wound, using a sponge moistened with either isopropyl alcohol or normal saline solution taking care to remove exudate and excessive skin oils.
2. Peel open the pouch using sterile technique and remove the skin closure device.
3. Surgical skin closures are color-coded and numbered in familiar approaches to facilitate ease of use. The red, white and blue and 1-2-3 format reinforces the liner removal sequences.
   RED (Step 1)-Remove this liner, marked ®A, to expose the adhesive on both clear pads of the skin closure device. Turn the closure device over with adhesive pads facing the skin.
   WHITE (Step 2)-Pull skin closure device apart as needed for application. Holding white liners, marked ®E, apply clear pads to skin 1mm from wound edge and gently press to secure each half of closure device one at a time. Be careful not to touch pads to any exudate. Remove white liners ®E on both sides.
   BLUE (Step 3)-Hold the clear pulling tabs and blue liners, marked ®E, perpendicular to the wound being careful not to pull up on pulling tabs. While holding clear tabs, slowly peel down blue liners to expose adhesive on filament straps. Before lowering into place, ENSURE TOPS OF CLEAR PADS ARE FREE OF EXUDATE by drying them with gauze or lap sponge. Draw skin closure device closed using pulling tabs in opposite directions and simultaneously align wound edges to achieve optimum approximation while closing. Check wound edges to ensure planar approximation. Continue to gently pull the tabs in opposing directions while lowering straps to adhere them to the tops of the closure device pads. MAKE SURE TO SMOOTH APPLIED PAD AND FILAMENT STRAPS FIRMLY, to maximize adhesion. GENTLY TWIST OFF pulling tabs, one at a time, at perforations near edge of pads while placing finger to press filament strap to pad.
4. Cover the skin closure device if desired to manage exudates and protect against friction or patient access. Do not place cover dressing adhesive, if applicable, directly over the skin closure device.

Instructions for Care:
As necessary the wound area can be rinsed and dried carefully. Patient should not swim, soak the skin closure device in a bath or unnecessarily rub the closure device as this may weaken the adhesives. Provide patient, caregiver or parent with the appropriate after care instructions. To remove closure device, begin at one end of incision and gently peel closure device off toward the other end of the incision. See 3M™ Steri-Strip™ S Surgical Skin Closure Patient Care Information for complete details.

Recommended Storage:
1. Store at room temperature.

Explanation of Symbols:

- This product and package do not contain natural rubber latex.

- Sterility guaranteed unless pouch is damaged or open.