

ADVICE FOR PARENTS

Steristrips

Paediatric A&E

Instead of stitches we have used special strips of sticky paper called steristrips, or sometimes butterfly stitches, to close your child's wound. They will help the wound heal quickly with only a small scar. They will usually fall off by themselves, or the doctor or nurse may tell you to take them off when your child's wound has healed. To do this, you can wet the strips and gently peel or roll off.

YOU SHOULD:

- ✓ Give your child a medicine, such as Paracetamol or Ibuprofen to relieve any pain.
- ✓ Make sure that your child keeps the wound clean and dry. If it does get wet, gently pat it dry with a clean towel.
- ✓ Keep the steristrips on for 5-7 days unless the nurse or doctor tells you to take them off sooner.

BRING YOUR CHILD BACK TO THE ACCIDENT & EMERGENCY DEPARTMENT IF:

- Your child gets a lot of pain despite regular analgesia.
- The wound looks very swollen.
- There is progressive redness/pus discharge.
- The edges of the wound do not heal together.
- You are worried about them.

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Please retain this leaflet for future reference

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Please remember to complete the **attached Friends and Family Test**.

Alternatively, you can complete the *Friends and Family Test* on-line by going to: southportandormskirk.nhs.uk/FFT
Thank you

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