

3M™ Steri-Strip™ Antimicrobial Skin Closures

Description:

3M™ Steri-Strip™ Antimicrobial Skin Closures are made of porous, nonwoven material. They are reinforced with filaments for strength and are coated with an iodophor-containing 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 Antimicrobial Skin Closures are not recommended for use on patients with known sensitivity to iodine.
2. 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.
3. Use of Steri-Strip skin closures on infected wounds is contraindicated.
4. 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 1/2 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.

Explanation of Symbols:

-  This product and package do not contain natural rubber latex
-  Do not use if package is damaged or open

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