



# Lacerations with Sutures or Steri-Strips



Your laceration(s) have been repaired with sutures or steri-strips that will have to be removed. Until your sutures/steri-strips are removed, keep the wound clean and dry. Dressing can be removed in 24 to 48 hours, as directed. If you have sutures, you may shower once the dressing is removed. If you have steri-strips, cover laceration tightly to prevent getting them while showering. If a splint or bulky dressing has been applied, leave it in place until you return to see a nurse. Return for wound check 2 days after laceration is repaired, or as otherwise directed.

**Return to Health Services in \_\_\_\_\_ days for suture/steri-strip removal.**

**Common signs of infection of skin wounds:**

- Redness, swelling, tenderness, or increased warmth of the skin around the wound
- Red streaks in the skin near the wound
- Tender bumps or swelling in armpit/groin
- Pus or watery discharge from the wound itself
- Generalized body aches, chills or fever.

If any of the above signs occur, or if you other questions or concerns, immediately call or visit Health Services.

**CONTACT HEALTH SERVICES IF YOU HAVE ANY ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS.**

