



Skin and Wound Product Information Sheet

Steri-Strips for Type 1 Skin Tears	
Classification	Adhesive Skin Closure Strip
Key Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strip is made with a porous, non-woven backing coated with a pressure-sensitive, hypoallergenic adhesive and reinforced with polyester filaments for added strength
Indications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Securing a viable flap with a Type 1 skin tear as defined by the International Skin Tear Advisory Panel
Precautions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not apply skin closures under tension; skin shearing, blistering or loss of adhesion may result if excessive tension is applied.
Contraindications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When adhesion cannot be obtained, this indicated the presence of skin oils, moisture or hair. Infected wounds High tension wounds which cannot be easily approximated with gloved fingers.
Formats & Sizes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strips in various widths 
Application Directions	
Ensure wound bed and flap have been cleansed and the flap has been rolled back to cover the wound bed.	Must have optimal contact between the wound bed and the flap.
Dry surrounding skin well.	Skin must be dry for Steri-Strips to adhere.
Open Steri-Strip package and add the card to the aseptic field.	
To Apply	
Put on sterile gloves or use sterile forceps to handle the Steri-Strips.	
Start in the centre of the flap and without tension, apply the first Steri-Strip perpendicular to wound edge to hold flap in place.	Skin shearing, blistering or loss of adhesion may result if excessive tension is applied.
Secure one half of the Steri-Strip to the peri-wound skin, gently approximate the wound edge together and laid the other half of the Steri-Strip onto the opposite peri-wound skin area. Press the Strip-Strip to the both peri-wound skin areas to secure it.	
Secure the rest of the flap with the Steri-Strips, leaving a 1cm space between each Steri-Strip for exudate to drain into cover dressing.	
	
Cover the re-approximated and secured flap with an appropriated cover dressing.	The cover dressing is used to maintain moisture balance of the wound bed to allow for optimal drainage management.
To Remove	
DO NO REMOVE STERI-STRIPS; leave them to dry and fall off on their own.	Removal of Steri-strips may cause damage to the flap and surrounding skin.
Expected Outcome	
Steri-strips will hold skin flap securely in place.	
For further information, please contact your Wound Clinician.	