

Advice to parents following application of Steristrips

Your child has had steristrips / butterfly stitches applied to a cut to help it heal. They may be covered with a dressing.

Your child may complain of pain for a day or two after the steristrips have been applied. This is not due to the steristrips but the cut itself. Children's paracetamol can be given, following the dosage instructions on the bottle.

The steristrips should stay on for 5 days and be kept clean and dry. You may remove the steristrips yourself on the 5th day by soaking them in warm water or they may be left to begin to peel off by themselves.

You should contact your GP or Practice Nurse if any of the following occurs:

- If the cut is leaking
- If the dressing falls off and the steristrips become loose
- If your child complains of the pain becoming much worse
- If you see redness and swelling around the dressing
- If the cut has not healed after you have removed the steristrips

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to call us at the Emergency Department on **0131 312 0007**.

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