

## Dermabond Post-Procedure Instructions

### **CARING FOR YOUR WOUND AFTER IT IS TREATED WITH DERMABOND**

**TOPICAL SKIN ADHESIVE.** Dermabond is a sterile, liquid skin adhesive used to maintain skin approximation after surgery. The liquid will harden immediately upon application and usually remains intact for 5 to 10 days after your procedure. Dermabond will naturally slough off your skin after approximately 5 to 10 days.

How to care for your surgical site:

- Keep the wound dry and bandage in place for 24 hours after your surgery.
- After 24 hours, you may shower and gently cleanse the area surrounding the Dermabond. DO NOT scrub directly where the Dermabond has been applied; rather, allow the soap and water to run across the wound.
- After showering, gently blot the wound with a soft towel to dry.
- You do not need to replace the bandage over the wound area. The Dermabond will serve as a protective barrier.
- DO NOT clean the area multiple times per day. This may loosen Dermabond from your skin.

Keep the wound dry and protected:

- DO NOT apply any topical products (e.g. ointments, lotions, or topical medications) to the area until the Dermabond has naturally fallen off.
- DO NOT soak, swim, or scrub the wound until all of the Dermabond has naturally fallen off.
- AVOID periods of heavy perspiration or physical activity that may open your wound until the Dermabond has naturally fallen off.
- Protect your skin from potential injury for the next two weeks. Apply a dry, clean bandage over the Dermabond if you feel the need to protect it. DO NOT apply adhesive tape directly over the Dermabond.
- DO NOT scratch, rub, or pick at the area or the Dermabond. Doing so may rip off the adhesive and cause your wound to open.
- Avoid direct sunlight as this may darken your scar. If you are outside, protect the wound with a clean, dry bandage.

If you have any questions or concerns, please contact us using the Patient Portal at [bvderm.com](http://bvderm.com) or call our office at (303) 604-1444.

