

## Further information

If you need any more information or advice please contact: 111.

Call 111 if you need medical help fast, but it's not life-threatening – for example, if you:

- Think you need to go to the hospital.
- Don't know who to call for medical help.
- Don't have a GP to call.
- Need medical advice or reassurance about what to do next.



For health needs that are urgent, you should call your GP. If a health professional has given you a number to call for a particular condition, you should continue to use that number.

Information and internet access is also available from the Patient Experience Hub. To get there, follow the signs for the 'Patient Experience Hub' from the Hospital's main entrance.

The information has been produced by the Emergency Department.

## Support our Emergency Department

  
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With up to 200 children coming to our Emergency Department every day, with everything from broken toes to severe road traffic injuries, there can be a bit of a wait. With your help, we can continue to provide books, toys and activity packs to keep children occupied and distracted during any waits and throughout their treatment journey.



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Advice Sheet for

# Wound Closure Strips

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## Information for Parents:

### Caring for your child after the application of wound closure strips

#### What are wound closure strips?

Would closure strips have been used to hold your child's wound together and to help it to heal/close.

#### How do I care for my child's wound and strips?

- Keep the strips dry at all times for at least 5 days or the wound will not heal.
- When bathing/washing, cover the wound and strips to stop it from getting wet.
- Any outer dressing (such as a bandage) on your child's wound can be removed after 24 hours.
- After 5-7 days, the strips can gently be removed by soaking them.

## Signs of infection

Please come back to the Emergency Department or see your family doctor (GP) immediately if your child develops any of the following symptoms, which are signs that their wound might be infected:

- The wound re-opens/bleeds
- Redness in and around the wound
- Increased swelling around the wound
- Your child is in pain
- Discharge (Pus)
- If your child develops a fever

## Data Protection - Looking after and sharing information about your child

We have a duty of care to help patients and families understand how information about them is kept and shared and we include the following information in all our patient leaflets:

Information is collected about your child relevant to their diagnosis, treatment and care. We store it in written records and electronically on computer. As a necessary part of that care and treatment we may have to share some of your information with other people and organisations who are either responsible or directly involved in your child's care. This may involve taking your child's information off site. We may also have to share some of your information for other purposes; such as research etc. Any information that is shared in this way will not identify your child unless we have your consent. If you have any questions and/or do not want us to share that information with others, please talk to the people looking after your child or contact PALS (Patient Advice and Liaison Service) on 0121 333 8403.