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*Skin Staples  
Advice*



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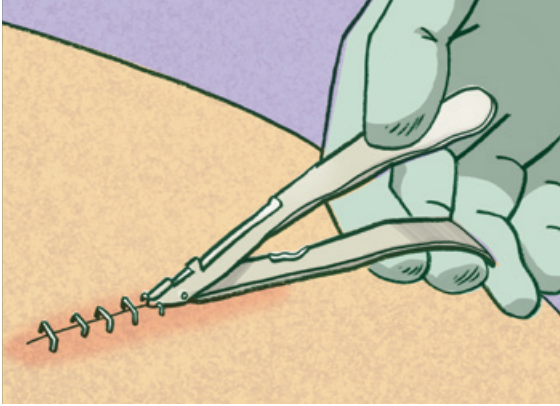
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## Skin Staples

*Your wound has been closed using special stainless steel wound staples.*



They are designed to hold the wound together until it has healed. You may shower and wash your hair with the staples in. You should leave your hair to dry naturally or use a hair dryer on a low or cool setting.

The staples are designed to stand up from the skin so be careful when brushing or combing your hair as this might catch and pull them out.

*A special instrument is required to remove the staples. DO NOT attempt to remove them yourself.*

## Signs of Infection

If you develop any of the following signs of infection, it is important you visit your GP/ or return to the Emergency Department.

- Redness around the wound site
- Increased pain in the wound
- Swelling around the wound
- Heat at the wound site
- Odour or smell from the wound
- Discharge of green or yellow fluid
- Feeling of being generally unwell
- Fever or temperature

Your staples are due to be removed on the following date:

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