
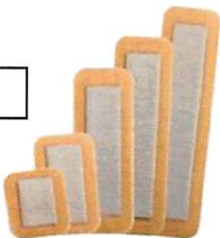
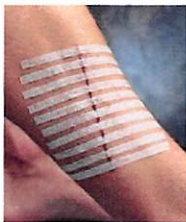



Spine *Surgical Dressing*

Receiving the proper care to heal your incision is important. You will have one of the following dressings in place after your joint replacement surgery. Please follow these important instructions that will play a key role in your recovery.

Common Dressing Layers	Type of Dressing	Dressing Instructions	Incision Care after dressing is removed
<input type="checkbox"/> 	<p>Medipore Tape and Gauze</p> <p>Will absorb drainage or blood.</p>	<p>Remains in place with your discharge home. Ok to shower within 72 hours of your discharge home AND then remove the dressing.</p>	<p>Once the dressing is removed, monitor incision site for infection (Call your surgeon's office immediately if yellow, green, brown foul smelling discharge is present or if increased bloody drainage is present).</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> 	<p>Aquacel</p> <p>Does not absorb any drainage or blood. Dressing will start to balloon if drainage or excess bleeding occurs. Call your surgeon's office if this occurs.</p>	<p>Remains in place until your post-op follow up appointment with your surgeon. Dressing is waterproof. Ok to shower within 72 hours of your discharge home.</p>	<p>Once the Aquacel is removed, monitor incision site for infection (Call your surgeon's office immediately if yellow, green, brown foul smelling discharge is present or if increased bloody drainage is present).</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> 	<p>Steristrips</p> <p>Paper adhesive that does not absorb drainage or blood.</p>	<p>Remains in place for 8 days after the Medipore tape and gauze are removed. Make sure when you shower, you face the water and DON'T allow the water to run down your back to help keep the Steristrips in place.</p>	<p>Once the dressing is removed, monitor incision site for infection (Call your surgeon's office immediately if yellow, green, brown foul smelling discharge is present or if increased bloody drainage is present).</p>
<input type="checkbox"/> 	<p>Staples</p>	<p>Staples will remain in place until your post-op appointment. Okay to shower 72 hours after your surgery and then pat dry & leave open to air.</p>	<p>Once the dressing is removed, monitor incision site for infection (Call your surgeon's office immediately if yellow, green, brown foul smelling discharge is present or if increased bloody drainage is present).</p>