

Caring for Your BondEase® Treated Wound

1. Introduction to BondEase®

BondEase® Topical Skin Adhesive is a sterile liquid topical adhesive used to close surgical incisions and minor skin cuts (lacerations). It is specifically intended for wounds that are under minimal tension and are easily approximated (the edges can be held together easily). Once applied to the skin surface, the liquid—which may appear blue or green in color—transforms into a flexible film that bonds your wound edges together. This film acts to hold the skin together and as a bacterial barrier to protect the site while it heals. BondEase® is for topical use only and must never be applied internally.

2. What to Expect

BondEase® is engineered to remain in place while your skin heals underneath. You do not need to return to the doctor to have the adhesive removed.

Key Fact: BondEase® will usually slough off (peel away) naturally within 5–10 days. The exact timing depends on your skin type and your activity level.

Important Note on Drying: The adhesive may remain "tacky" (sticky) for up to four minutes after application. If your doctor did not apply a bandage, do not touch or disturb the wound until the film is completely dry and no longer sticky.

3. Daily Hygiene and Bathing Guidelines

It is vital to keep the wound site clean without disrupting the protective adhesive film. Follow the guidelines below to ensure the adhesive remains intact and the wound remains closed.

Bathing:

What You CAN Do:

Light showering.
Brief wetting of the treatment site.

What You MUST NOT Do:

Scrubbing the wound site.
Soaking the site in water.
Swimming or excessive rubbing with towels.
Apply lotions on or around the treatment site.

Important: These hygiene restrictions must remain in place until the BondEase® has sloughed off naturally and your physician has confirmed the wound is fully healed.

4. Protecting the Wound Site

Proper physical protection of the treated area prevents scarring and helps avoid medical complications.

- a) **Picking/Pulling:** Do not pull, pick, or scratch at the BondEase® film. Picking at the film can cause it to lose its bond with the skin, which may result in wound dehiscence (the wound splitting open).
- b) **Sunlight:** Avoid exposing the wound site to direct sunlight or tanning lamps/beds while the adhesive film is still intact.
- c) **Special Populations:** For children or patients who may have difficulty following these care instructions, a dry protective dressing (such as gauze) should be used to prevent the patient from accidentally disrupting the film.

5. Prohibited Substances (Medications and Creams)

WARNING: Do not apply any liquid or ointment medications, creams, or petroleum jelly onto the treated wound while the film is present. These substances will chemically weaken the adhesive film, which can cause the wound edges to separate. This failure of the adhesive can lead to wound dehiscence (the wound splitting open).

6. When to Contact Your Doctor

You should monitor your wound daily. Contact your physician immediately if you experience general discomfort, or if you notice any of the following clinical signs of infection:

- a) Edema (increased swelling)
- b) Erythema (increased redness)
- c) Warmth around the wound site
- d) Pain that increases over time
- e) Purulent exudate (yellow or green drainage/puss)

7. Emergency Adhesive Removal

If your healthcare provider determines the adhesive must be removed, the bond can be loosened using petroleum jelly or acetone (nail polish remover). Apply the substance to the film to loosen the bond, then carefully peel—do not pull—the film off. Do not pull skin apart.

8. Customer Support

For product assistance, questions regarding your treatment, or to report an adverse event, please contact **1-866-528-7001**.

