

DISCHARGE INSTRUCTIONS – BandGrip

Your wound has been closed with BandGrip® Micro-Anchor Skin Closures.

BandGrip® Micro-Anchor Skin Closures are sterile, breathable and hypoallergenic. They are made of a conformable reinforced micro-porous, non-woven material that supports the skin and assists with wound closure. Patented curved Micro-Anchors gently and securely grip the skin to keep the wound edges closed during the critical healing period.

Home Care Instructions:

- Keep the wound clean.
- You may shower as usual with BandGrip after the first 24 hours. Do not soak the wound in water until the BandGrip is removed. After showering or bathing, gently pat the wound dry with a clean towel. (This is dependent upon surgeon preference- please consult with your physician before showering)
- Do not swim. Avoid periods of heavy perspiration until the BandGrip is removed.
- Do not apply liquid medicine, cream medicine, or ointment medicine to your wound while the BandGrip is in place. This may loosen the adhesive before your wound is healed. Do not pick at the adhesive film.
- If a dressing is placed over the wound, be careful not to apply tape directly over the BandGrip. This may cause the BandGrip to be pulled off before the wound is healed.
- All wounds will heal with a scar. Once the wound has healed, scarring can be minimized by avoiding tanning lights and covering the wound with sunscreen during the day for 1 full year.

Wear Time:

BandGrip Wound Closures are designed for continuous use of up to 14 days or less. BandGrip may be replaced as necessary but should not be worn continuously for more than 14 days. Tiny red pin hole marks from the anchors may be visible upon removal and may last up to 2 weeks.

Patient Removal Instructions (as directed by your healthcare professional)

- 1) Carefully release the edges of BandGrip.
- 2) Support the skin adjacent to the wound as BandGrip is removed.
- 3) Gently pull back one side of BandGrip in the opposite direction of the wound to release the Micro-Anchors and to minimize any damage to the epidermis. Pull across to the other side to remove completely.
- 4) There may be dried blood that has been trapped under the anchors. Gently clean off as needed.

This information is not intended to replace advice given to you by your health care provider. Make sure you understand these instructions and discuss any questions you have with your health care provider.