

SUTURE AND STAPLE REMOVAL

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SUTURE REMOVAL

NOTE

Remove suture on the face in 4 days. Remove sutures from other parts of the body in 5-7 days. Sutures across a joint or sutures on the scalp may be left in place for 8-10 days.

- AMP
(blue)
1. Unstow:
Surgical Instrument Assembly (Surgical Supply-2)
Forceps (Surgical Supply-2)
Scissors (Surgical Supply-2)
Ziplock (AMP-3)

2. Carefully remove wound dressing.

WARNING

Do not cut both sides of suture, a small portion of suture will be left under the skin.

3. Using Forceps, gently lift suture knot away from skin and cut one side of suture.
4. Slowly pull to remove entire suture, discard in Ziplock Bag.
5. Continue until all sutures are removed.
6. Discard Ziplock Bag into biohazardous trash.
7. Contact Surgeon with description of laceration following suture removal and for advice on wound dressing.

STAPLE REMOVAL

- AMP
(blue)
1. Unstow:
Staple Remover (Surgical Supply-3)
Ziplock Bag (P4-B7)(AMP-3)
 2. Remove Staple Remover from packaging.
 3. Carefully remove dressing from stapled wound.

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4. Insert teeth of Staple Remover between staple and skin.
5. Squeeze levers of Staple Remover together.
Refer to Figure 1.



Figure 1.- Staple Removal Process.

6. Place removed staple in Ziplock Bag.
7. Continue until all staples removed.

NOTE

If Staple Remover required to remove abnormally placed staple during repair, wipe thoroughly with Alcohol Pad.

8. Discard Ziplock Bag into biohazardous trash.
9. Wipe Staple Remover thoroughly with Alcohol Pads before restowing in AMP (Surgical Supply-3).
10. Place new dressing using Polysporin Ointment, Gauze Pads, and Kling Bandages or Tape.