

Pediatric Laceration with Stitches

The child has stitches to hold the wound together to help it heal. Even with great care, any wound can become infected.

Do the following:

- Keep the child's dressing clean and dry for 24 hours.
- After that, change the dressing daily.
- The stitches should be removed by a health care provider in _____ days.

Call your doctor if the child has:

- Increased redness, swelling or pain.
- Pus, drainage or red streaks from the wound.
- Fever.
- Any new or severe symptoms.