

# Tegaderm Care for Skin Graft Site Post-Operative Instructions

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## What is a Tegaderm dressing?

Your surgeon may have decided to place a dressing called Tegaderm over your donor site (the raw area on your thigh from where the skin graft was taken). This dressing is see-through, and meant to keep fluids in. It is not to be removed until your physician decides it is time (usually 10 days to two weeks after surgery).

## What if fluid collects under the dressing?

- Amber/red fluid will collect under this dressing and you will be able to see it. As long as the dressing remains occlusive, and no drainage comes out, there is little concern about infection.
- The fluid is produced by your body, and is a natural response to the wound.

## When should I call my doctor?

- If there is an excessive amount of fluid under the Tegaderm, call our office to discuss with the nurse.
- **If you notice a leak from the dressing**, we may be able to reinforce it with an additional piece of Tegaderm (like a patch). **Call your clinic nurse for directions and guidance if this occurs.**

## Who should I call if I have questions?

- (734) 998-6022, Monday - Friday, 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
- After hours and on weekends, call Hospital Paging at (734) 936-6267 and ask for the Plastic Surgeon on call.

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