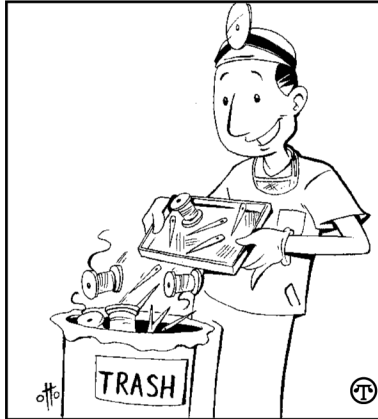




Adhesives Enhance Healing

(NAPS)—Healing your skin may be easier, thanks to a new technology that may soon replace stitches and sutures.

Medical adhesives, such as DERMABOND Topical Skin Adhesive, are now being used in operating rooms and emergency rooms to close wounds in a faster and less painful way.



A medical adhesive is now in demand in operating rooms and emergency rooms.

According to the Society of Plastics Engineers, the procedure is four times faster than administering sutures and does not require painful injections.

To apply the adhesive, doctors merely squeeze a sterile ampule while holding the edges of the wound together.

Studies also demonstrate that the adhesive has superior healing results.

"This is particularly important for use in surgical procedures on the head or face where scarring is an important consideration," said Dean M. Toriumi, M.D., associate professor of facial plastic and reconstructive surgery at the University of Illinois at Chicago.

Another medical adhesive is currently being developed for use in the home. LIQUIDERM liquid adhesive bandage by CLOSURE Medical Corporation (Nasdaq: CLSR) will soon be available for over-the-counter use to treat minor cuts and abrasions.

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