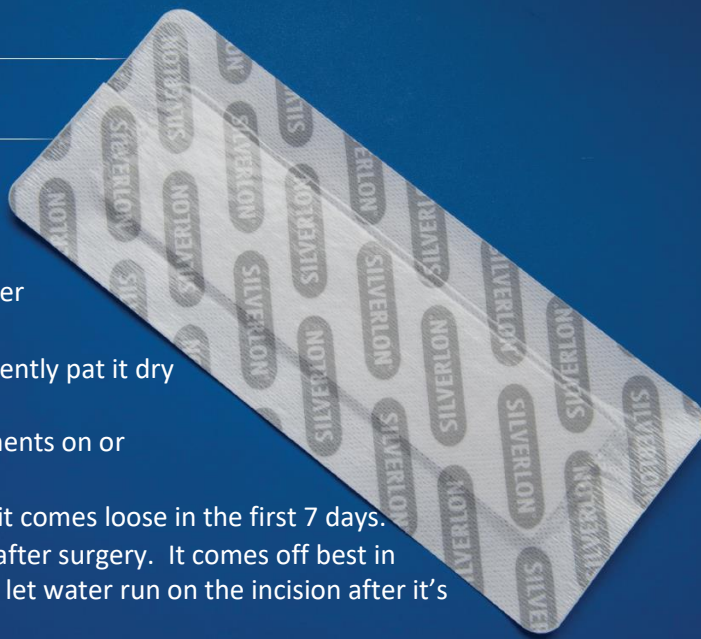


Dr. Koonce's Wound Care Instructions After Surgery: Silverlon® Dressing

Dr. Koonce will place a Silverlon® antimicrobial dressing on your incision in the operating room. This dressing contains pure silver that provides antimicrobial activity and a protective barrier against pathogens. Below are instructions for care of your dressing and your incision after surgery.

DRESSING CARE INSTRUCTIONS

- Your Silverlon® dressing is water resistant but it's not waterproof. Water can run on it briefly in the shower but do not soak it under water in a bathtub, hot tub, or pool.
- When you are done in the shower, gently pat it dry with a towel.
- Do not use any lotions, oils, or ointments on or around your dressing.
- Tape the edges with medical tape if it comes loose in the first 7 days.
- Remove the dressing on the 7th day after surgery. It comes off best in the shower. It's okay to shower and let water run on the incision after it's removed.



Beneath Your Dressing

- Dr. Koonce uses a skin glue called DERMABOND® to seal your surgical incision. This is used on the top layer of skin instead of staples or stitches. It appears clear and hard.
- Do not pick at the skin glue that is over the incision. Let it fall off on its own over time.
- You have no sutures or staples to remove – everything is absorbable.
- The purple color on and around the incision is skin marker and it's normal.

Incision Care After Removal of Your Dressing

- In the shower, let warm soapy water run over the incision. Do not scrub it. Gently pat it dry with a towel when you get out.
- Do not put lotions, oils, or ointments on the incision for 6 weeks after surgery.
- Do not soak the incision under water (bath, hot tub, pool) for 6 weeks after surgery.

What is Normal/ Abnormal and When to Call Dr. Koonce's Office (office phone number: 720-516-4090)

- Minor spotting on the dressing is NORMAL and EXPECTED.
- If at any time the dressing is full of liquid and leaks past the border it needs to be changed. Call Dr. Koonce's office so that it can be changed.
- Persistent drainage (i.e. continuous dripping of fluid, more than just a few spots) out of the dressing or out of the incision is not normal. Please call if this occurs.
- Redness and warmth around the incision are common and considered normal in most cases.
- Bruising and swelling anywhere in the thigh, knee, lower leg, and foot are NORMAL and EXPECTED.

