The role of fibrin sealants in hepatic surgery.

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Abstract:

The repair of all tissue disruption begins with hemostasis and tissue sealing. Fibrin sealant is a

concentrated mix of the factors required for the body to initiate this process. By applying this mixture

directly to the site of injury, clotting and wound healing can be facilitated. Studies have

demonstrated that fibrin sealant is effective in controlling bleeding and inducing tissue sealing in

many organs. It is particularly useful in hepatobiliary surgery due to the soft nature of liver

parenchyma and its propensity to bleed and leak bile. This chapter will discuss the basic science

foundation of fibrin sealants and their applications in hepatic surgery.