

# Histoacryl® Tissue Adhesive



Time Saving<sup>1)3)4)</sup>

Cost Saving<sup>1)2)3)</sup>

Excellent Cosmetic Results<sup>1)5)</sup>

- No local anaesthetic required
- Less patient trauma compared to suturing
- No sutures to be removed
- High mechanical strength
- Effective protection against bacterial infection (adhesive film)

It's the combination  
that makes the difference.

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for closing minor skin wounds without suturing – effective, non-toxic and very simple to use

## 1 Wound Preparation

- Clean and dry the wound.
- Carefully approximate the wound edges.
- Deep wounds or wounds under tension should be closed with an absorbable subcutaneous suture.

## 2 Application of Histoacryl®

- Histoacryl® works best at room temperature.
- Squeeze the ampoule gently and apply a very thin film along the length of the wound OR across the wound in a series of strips.
- DO NOT allow glue into the wound.

## 3 Polymerisation Process

- Hold the wound edges in position for 1 minute or until the glue becomes opaque.
- A light dressing is optional.
- A scab will form within a few days and must not be picked.
- Avoid washing the wound for five days.

## 4 General Advice

- Avoid contact with the eyes. If the eye is accidentally glued do not attempt to open mechanically. Irrigate with water and it will come unstuck naturally in quite a short time.
- Don't let instruments, swabs or gloves come into contact with the sticky wound surface.
- Instruments that come into contact with Histoacryl® can be cleaned with acetone.
- Histoacryl® must be stored below 5°C in a refrigerator or freezer and protected from light.

A teaching video and Patient Information cards are available on request.



## Abbreviated Data Sheet

**Presentation:** Histoacryl® tissue adhesive is an n-butyl-2-cyanoacrylate monomer supplied as a sterile liquid. **Uses:** Tissue adhesive suitable for the closure of minor skin wounds without suturing and for sealing sutured skin wounds. **Contra-indications:** Histoacryl® should not be used for adhesion of inner organs, CNS or blood vessels. Avoid contact with cornea or conjunctiva.

**Warnings:** In use, this product results in an exothermic reaction. Heavy application may cause thermal damage to the surrounding tissue. **Precautions:** Store in refrigerator or freezer and protect from light if removed from the packaging for long periods. Discard open vials. Do not resterilize. Full technical information is available on request.

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