

Primary Hip Replacement Suture

This page demonstrates how I dress the wound and how the suture should be removed at two weeks after surgery

Wound closure and stitch removal post-hip surgery



The incision itself, placed just behind the trochanter, is closed with a continuous Prolene® non-absorbable, monofilament suture.



The wound is secured with Steri-Strips™. The free ends of the sutures are then secured over the wound itself, again with Steri-Strips™.



The incision is then dressed with an absorbent Aquacel® dressing and covered with an occlusive clear IV3000 dressing. The patient can shower in this dressing though should take care not to directly soak the area. Ideally this primary dressing can be left in place until sutures are removed at two weeks post-surgery.

SUTURE REMOVAL

At the time of suture removal, the occlusive dressings, the Aquacel® and the Steri-Strips™ should be removed carefully. This will leave the suture clearly visible. The central loop can then be cleaned gently. The loop should be cut and the suture removed by gently pulling the stitch from both ends of the incision.

With the wound clean and dry, it can be left uncovered at this stage.

Please contact the ward with any concerns whatsoever with the incision