

5 graft bolster

Dear Doctor, thank you for assisting in the care of our patient. If you have any question, please contact us at your convenience. Sincerely,

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### Removing the skin graft dressing


Note: Graft recipient site (where we put the borrowed skin)  
Graft donor (where we took/borrowed the skin from)

#### Recipient Site:



The Graft recipient site is covered with a bolster dressing which is composed on a cotton-ball soaked in antibiotic ointment. The dressing is sewn in place with sutures that need to be removed one week after surgery.

1) To remove the bandage, simply cut the sutures over the centre of the cotton ball (usually four sutures tied at the center) and remove the cotton ball. Then the four sutures may be removed by cutting their attachment at the skin (like any skin suture).

2) The sutures holding the graft in place **DO / DO NOT** need to be removed.   
To remove the running suture (if required) easily, cut the line in several sites along the graft and at the tie point and gently pull the loosened suture out.

3) apply ointment to the area regularly (see wound care sheets)

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Donor site:            *right / left*            *collarbone / sideburn / behind ear /*



1. Sutures should be removed in :            days
2. Antibiotic ointment, and a light dressing if needed, should be applied after suture removal (see wound care sheets)

