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Subject: EPIGLU

Since 1980 I use EPIGLU (cyano ethyl adhesive) routinely in my practice. Most surgical operations conducted on both the mucous membrane and the skin are treated with EPIGLU, which is utilized as a suture-substitute or serves as suture-stabilization. In any case the adhesive ensures an excellent adaption of the wound edges and at the same time seals the wound chemically and bacterial from the environs.

Additionally, the material has a fungicidal and bactericidal effect, which causes eventually existing small accumulations of germs to be destroyed. One of the remarkable features of this product is the strong adhesion to the skin and the mucous membrane. The applied liquid hardens, while absorbing OH-ions, to a tight dressing which seals the wound bacteria- and watertight. Due to this hermetical seal a direct primary wound healing occurs in most cases, and the healing process can take its course without the usual inflammation.

The time-consuming suturing is inapplicable and consequently a removal of sutures is not necessary. Also inapplicable are traumata or injection wounds which occur when suturing.

The adhered wound is - under an aesthetical point of view - superior to the sutured wound. This is an advantage - especially in the aesthetical areas (face, hands) - as wounds in these regions are easier to treat with adhesive, heal fast and are aesthetically superior to sutured wounds.

During all the years of application I have so far neither observed side effects nor noticed allergic reactions. Due to the speedy phase of healing it is possible to already remove the adhesive after one week. During my period of application of 16 years by now, several thousands of patients were treated without any side effects. The patients are extraordinarily enthusiastic about the adhesive because they are spared from injections and sutures; this especially applies to the treatment of children.

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