

Wound Care Instructions Using Gelfoam® (After Skin Surgery)

What is Gelfoam®?

Gelfoam® is a material used in open wounds to stop and prevent bleeding. It has been applied directly into the wound to help the blood to form a clot. The pressure bandage was placed over the Gelfoam® to keep it in place and to help prevent more bleeding. Gelfoam® will eventually dissolve or fall off. **Do not** try to remove it yourself, because it is usually attached to the wound. Removing Gelfoam® before it dissolves or falls off may cause the wound to bleed. Please continue with your wound care as directed, even with Gelfoam® present.

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