



Issue: **Skin Glue**

Raised by: Former Central Australian Best Practice Group

Background: Questions had been raised around the suitability of using skin glue in Remote Health

Discussion: The use of skin glue has grown over recent years, although it remains a means of wound closure of choice only for specific instances, chiefly small wounds in paediatrics or where cosmetic importance is high.

It is a relatively expensive product and this dictates the need to use only when it is strongly indicated.

A trial was initiated amongst several practitioners in Remote Health, to assess suitability of use, but this has been discontinued as it is considered there is no new information to be gained by doing so.

The suitability for use in Remote Health is apparent, and therefore is endorsed subject to use in accordance with a protocol. A protocol has been developed detailing parameters in use, and will be housed in the "Additional Clinical Protocols" folder.

Supply will need to be addressed, as skin glue is not a routine Supply item. It is proposed that it will be part of the PPN held stock inventory.

Skin glues are to be stored in the refrigerator, but returned to room temperature for use.

It is noted that use of regular "Super Glue" is not suitable for use on human wounds. It is clearly not an endorsed practice that regular "Super Glue" is ever an acceptable alternative to appropriate skin glues. Skin glue products that are currently available and are acceptable include "Histoacryl" and "EpiGlue".

Consultation: RDH Emergency Department staff

References: Product information reviewed on currently available products, RDH Histoacryl Protocol

Outcome: **Skin Glue is endorsed for use** subject to conditions of the applicable RHB protocol.

It is available via the PPN held stock order form.