

Location	Percutaneous (Skin)	Deep (Dermal)	Days to removal (percutaneous only)
Scalp	Staples or 5-0/4-0 Prolene/Ethilon	4-0 Vicryl/Chromic Gut	7-10
Ear	6-0 Prolene/Ethilon – SEE NOTE*	---	5-7
Eyelid	7-0/6-0 Prolene/Ethilon. If low on lid, consult Ophtho.		5-7
Eyebrow	6-0/5-0 Prolene/Ethilon	5-0 Vicryl/Chromic Gut	5-7
Nose	6-0 Prolene/Ethilon - SEE NOTE*	5-0 Vicryl/Chromic Gut	5-7
Lip	6-0 Prolene/Ethilon	5-0 Vicryl/Chromic Gut	5-7
Oral mucosa	---	4-0 or 5-0 Vicryl/Chromic Gut	---
Tongue	Suture if significant step-off or through and through laceration		
Other face/ forehead	6-0 Prolene/Ethilon – SEE NOTE*	5-0 Vicryl/Chromic Gut	4-5
Trunk	5-0/4-0 Prolene/Ethilon	3-0 Vicryl/Chromic Gut	8-10 (Chest/Abd) 12-14 (Back)
Extremities	6-0/5-0/4-0 Prolene/Ethilon	4-0 Vicryl/Chromic Gut	8-10
Hand	6-0/5-0 Chromic	5-0 Vicryl/Chromic Gut	8-10; 10-12 (tip)
Extensor tendon	Refer to plastic surgeon		
Foot/sole	4-0/3-0 Prolene/Ethilon	4-0 Vicryl/Chromic Gut	12-14
Vagina	---	4-0 Vicryl/Chromic Gut	---
Scrotum	---	5-0 Vicryl/Chromic Gut	---
Penis	5-0 Prolene/Chromic	---	7