

Case report: DermaClose closes large traumatic ankle fracture

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Prior to application of DermaClose: A 60 year-old male patient presented with a traumatic open ankle fracture and history of two prior failed rounds of Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT or V.A.C). The wound had been open for 14 days prior to our intervention and measured 7" x 5".

DermaClose applied: After debridement, we sutured the wound ends and used one DermaClose device with the shoelace technique. We did not feel further VAC therapy was required at that time.

DermaClose removed: 9 days post operatively the wound edges were completely approximated. The DermaClose device was removed and the wound was easily closed with nylon 2-0. During this time, the patient experienced little pain.

Follow-up: Examination 7 weeks later revealed a stable, closed wound.



Appearance of wound at presentation.



Appearance of wound after debridement.



Initial application of DermaClose using the shoelace technique.



Follow up at week 7.

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