



## Braid Dressing for Hair-Bearing Scalp Wound

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### Presentation

Covering wounds on the hair-bearing scalp is often difficult and frustrating because there is no accessible skin to which adherent covering materials can stick (1,2). Moreover, hair can spontaneously lift gauze pads, making it difficult to keep the wound clean. Several dressings have been described, such as the turban dressing and tubular gauze used as a stocking cap, but these methods are sometimes cumbersome and insufficient. Even bandages placed carefully over a hair-bearing scalp come off. One way to avoid these problems is to use the hair that is adjacent to the wound to secure the bandage.

There is a simple, an easy, an effective, and an inexpensive way to cover wounds on the hair-bearing scalp. After suturing the scalp wound, a gauze pad is placed to cover the wound and the hair surrounding the wound is tied together over the gauze pad. The hair is then secured to the gauze pad with tape. Finally, the hair that is overlapping the gauze is lightly bound by rubber bands to prevent the hair from separating. The gauze pad over the wound will remain in place without slipping off by this "braid dressing" (see Fig. 1).



**Fig. 1.** "Braid dressing" with a gauze pad, tape, and rubber bands.

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