Comparison with other procedures

Assess wound

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Clean
Examine
Arrest Bleeding

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Equipment

Histoacryl™ blue
1. Cleansing pack
2. Histoacryl blue ampoule
3. Assistant may be needed

Skin-strip
1. Cleansing pack
2. Skin-strips
3. Antiseptic solution such as tincture of benzoin
4. An assistant may be needed

Suture
1. Suture pack
2. Local anaesthetic
3. Suture material 2/0, 3/0, 4/0, 5/0, 6/0 Absorbable, non-absorbable
4. Letter to GP

Procedure

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(Qualified staff)
1. Dry thoroughly
2. Hold wound edges together
3. Apply Hisoacryl blue and hold for 30 seconds

Assess wound
1. Dry thoroughly
2. Apply solution to either side of wound
3. Hold edges of wound together
4. Apply Skin-strip
5. Apply dressing if necessary

(Qualified staff)
1. Choose appropriate suture material for location of wound
2. Sutured wound may need local anaesthetic
3. Apply dressing if needed

Advice to Patient

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Assess wound
1. Avoid washing wound for 5 days
2. A light dressing is optional
3. Do not pick the scab
4. Return if troubled

Assess wound
1. Keep clean and dry
2. Removal of Skin-strip by patient
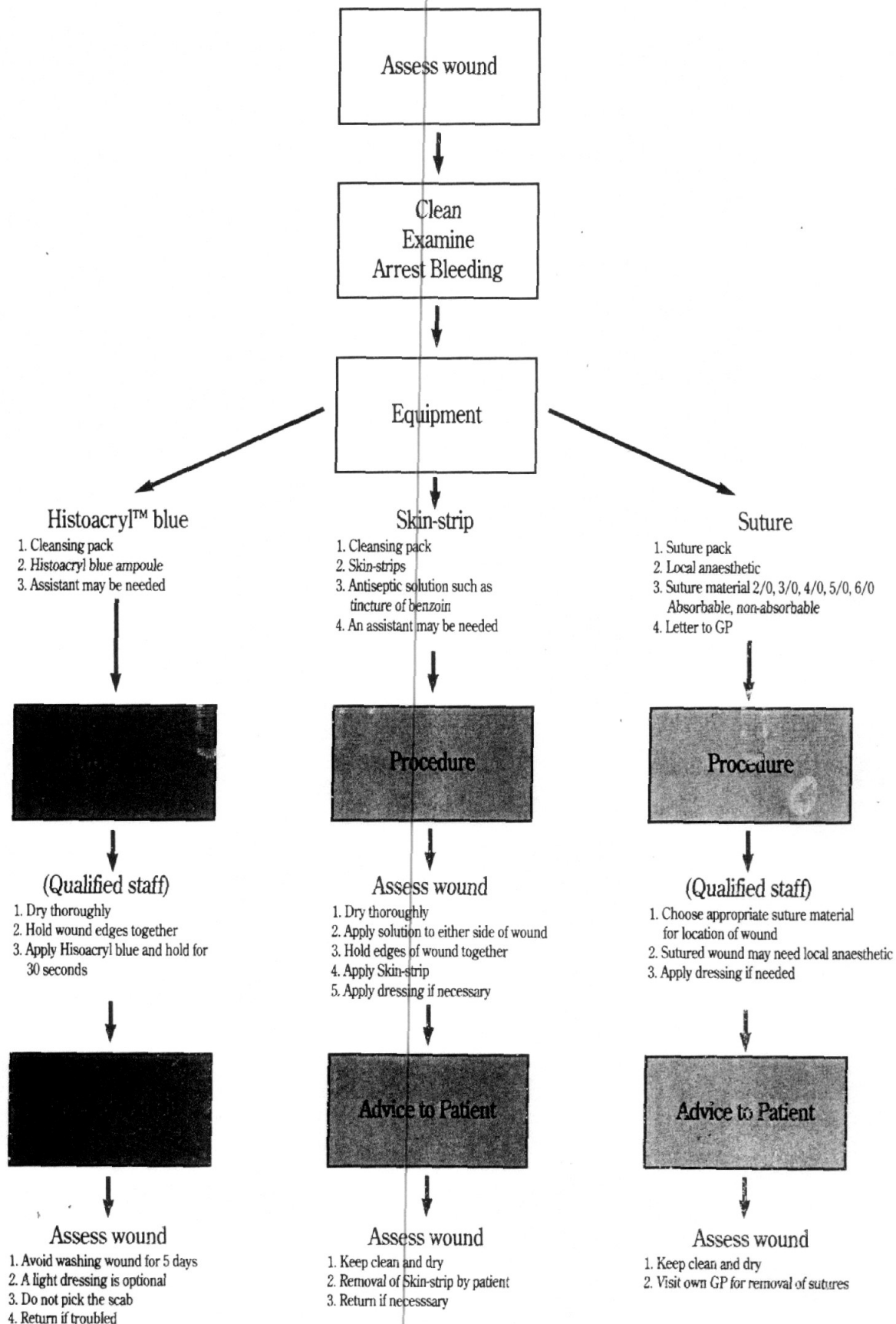3. Return if necesssary

Assess wound
1. Keep clean and dry
2. Visit own GP for removal of sutures

Flow diagram comparing three different methods of treating minor wounds (after Cochrane[3])