

Surgical site care

The sheep should be confined in a clean pen to restrict movement for at least two weeks.

The site should be monitored daily for any swelling, redness, discharge, breakdown of tissues, myiasis and removal of sutures by the animal. If the animal is licking the site excessively an Elizabethan collar can be placed around its' neck.

The wound should be kept dry and clean at all times. Apply antibiotic and anti-myiasis aerosol spray twice daily. Clean if necessary with diluted chlorohexidine or savlon.

Suture should be removed as soon as the site is healed to prevent unwanted tissue reaction, usually within 10-14 days. At this time the veterinarian will reassess the patient.