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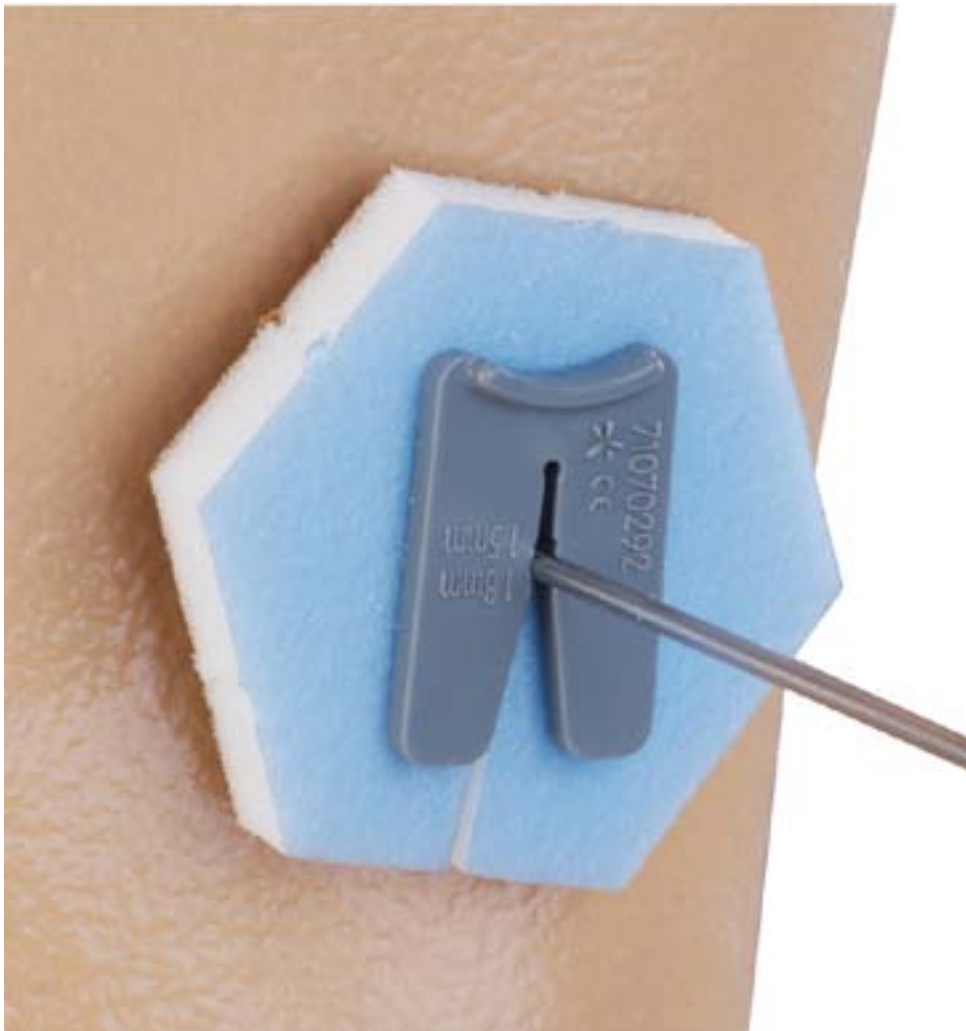
### **Nota Bene**

The technique description herein is made available to the healthcare professional to illustrate the authors' suggested treatment for the uncomplicated procedure. In the final analysis, the preferred treatment is that which addresses the needs of the patient.

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## Sterile dressings

Apply sterile dressings over surgical incisions. Apply ACTICOAT\* EXFIX or ILIZAROV™ sponges with disc clips around the pin sites and compressive dressings completely around the leg within the frame. Wrap the exterior of the frame with a long 6-inch Ace bandage. Leave in place for five to seven days before beginning pin site care.



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## Pin site care

On postoperative day four, initiate routine daily pin site care.

- Always wash your hands before you begin cleaning your pin sites.
- Using sterile cotton swabs clean each pin and wire site with a 1:1 ratio mixture of saline and hydrogen peroxide.
- Swab in a circular motion always moving away from the pin. Remove any crust which may have formed.
- Do not cross contaminate pin sites with cotton swabs.
- Clean the entire length of the pin with a 2 x 2 gauze dipped in the cleaning solution. Use a new piece of gauze for each pin. Dry the pin with a fresh piece of gauze when you are finished cleaning it.
- After the surgical wounds have healed and sutures have been removed (two to four weeks), the patient can shower daily with antibacterial soap. Routine daily pin site care should continue.



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## Tips for clinic

Patients must be seen regularly in clinic during the course of treatment.

Helpful tools to have on hand in the clinic include:

- Extra ID bands
- Extra struts
- Extra pin caps
- Wrenches
- Hex driver
- Frame stabilizer tool

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