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# Fixation of head dressing gauzes with paper clips is similar to and better than using tape



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## SURGICAL CHALLENGE

For operations involving the head, one usually uses tape to affix bandages to the head. However, the tape glue sticks to the hair (Fig 1, A). When the dressing is changed, removing the tape causes pain, which agitates and induces fear in the patient, and glue residue is left in the hair, which can accumulate dirt and put wounds at risk for infection (Fig 1, B).

## SOLUTION

A method involving fixing with a paper clip can resolve these problems, especially for patients with long hair. The gauze covers the wound after operation. The clips are placed at the 4 corners of the gauze, and then, the clip is attached to the hair on the head. Successful surgical outcomes were achieved in patients, including a 12-year-old girl with sebaceous nevus on the head (Fig 1, C and D) and an 18-year-old girl with nevus on the head (Fig 1, E and F).

Compared with tape, there are 2 advantages of using paper clips. First, the patient's pain when removing the dressing is reduced. Second, it avoids the problem of tape glue sticking to the hair and maintains the cleanliness of the hair around the operated area.

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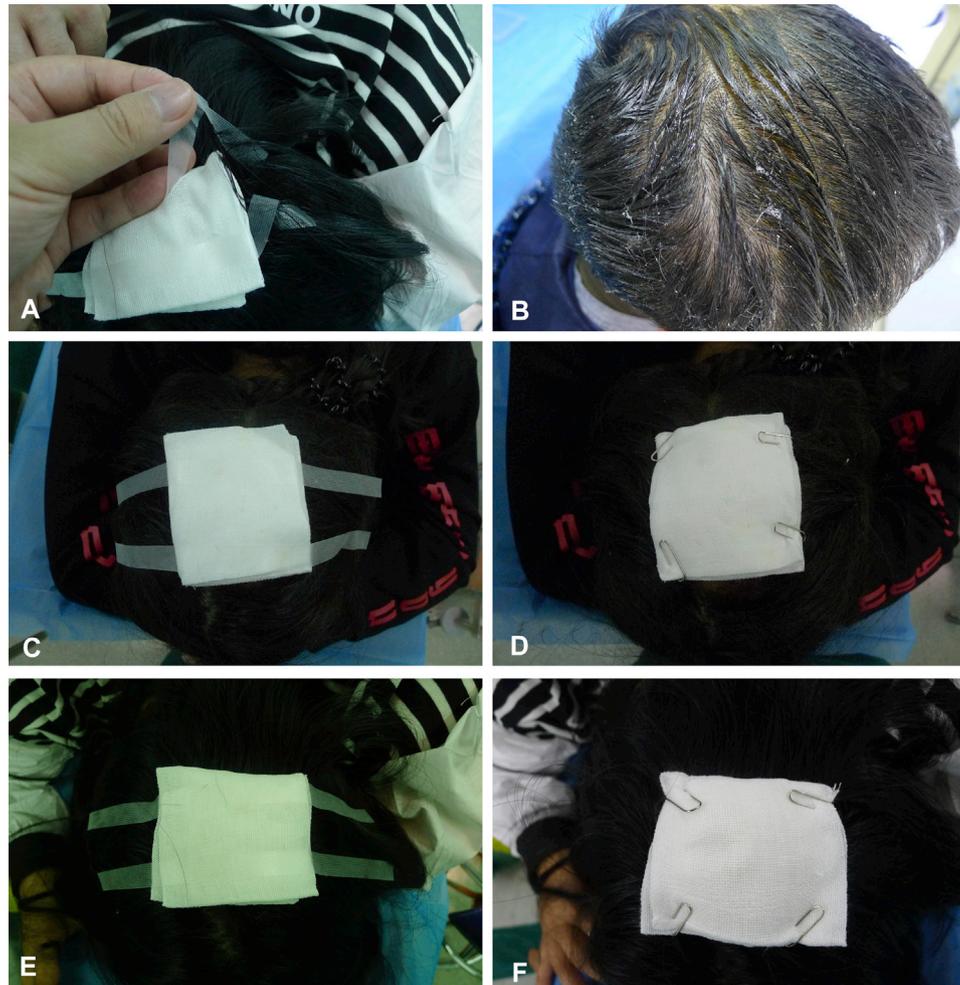
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**Fig 1.** **A**, Glue from tape stuck to hair. **B**, Accumulation of dirt in glue residue left in hair. **C-F**, Patients after operation of sebaceous nevus with bandages fixed to their heads using tape (**C** and **E**) or paperclips (**D** and **F**).