

## Compartment syndrome of the forearm

### History

This young female soldier was stabbed in the lower forearm with a bayonet while at a practice drill, resulting in compartment syndrome of the forearm due to deep bleeding, requiring a fasciotomy. Several sizes of DynaClose were applied at the time of the surgery and she spent three days in hospital to control pain and be monitored for recurrent bleed or muscle damage. Non-adherent sponge dressings were applied over DynaClose and standard wound care was followed. Continuous dynamic reapproximation with DynaClose allowed for complete closure of the wound within two weeks **with no secondary surgery of any kind required.**

