



Check out the new site [kidsskinhealth.com](http://kidsskinhealth.com) from the American Academy of Dermatology.

## Prevent Scars

Kids get all sorts of cuts and scrapes. If you can prevent a scab from forming by keeping the wound moist, your child's less likely to develop a scar, says *Parents* advisor Jody Alpert Levine, M.D., a New York City pediatric dermatologist. Twice a day, apply petroleum jelly. Once a new layer of skin has formed, massage it for two minutes, twice a day, to break up scar tissue. Use sunscreen to prevent discoloration. You can also try one of these kid-safe products.



### Mederma + SPF 30

It has built-in sun protection and uses onion extract to help both new and old scars fade. \$25; [walgreens.com](http://walgreens.com)



### Kelo-cote

Good for new scars as well as old ones, this silicone-based gel may help soften and flatten your kid's skin. \$14; [target.com](http://target.com)



### Wound Be Gone

This gel is designed to prevent infection and itching and creates a protective layer that should help avoid a scab. \$28; [amazon.com](http://amazon.com)