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Practical Evidence About Real Life Situations

Skin lesions

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- Glue may be better than stitches, staples or adhesive tape for simple cuts
- Limited evidence for honey in topical treatment of wounds
- Prophylactic antibiotics for mammalian bites may prevent wound infection
- Limited evidence for effectiveness of burn wound dressings
- Oral tetracyclines effective for acne vulgaris
- Oral erythromycin may be effective in treating symptoms of pityriasis rosea
- Corticosteroids and vitamin D analogues effective for chronic plaque psoriasis

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Reference