HIGHLY ABSORBENT ANTIMICROBIAL ALGINATE DRESSING

• Provides rapid, antimicrobial efficacy and sustained release silver activity
• Excellent absorption for heavily exuding deep wounds
• High fiber strength allows removal in one piece
• Reduces the risk of peri-wound maceration

Silver-containing alginate
• Provides sustained and rapid antimicrobial effect¹
• Sustained silver release up to 7 days²

Alginate with CMC fibers
• Suitable for high exuding wounds
• Designed for shallow and deep wounds
• Allows removal in one piece

Soft and flexible
• Easy to apply and remove
How Melgisorb Ag works

Melgisorb Ag is a highly absorbent, antimicrobial dressing composed of a high G calcium alginate, carboxymethylcellulose (CMC), and an ionic silver complex which releases silver ions in the presence of wound exudate. As wound exudate is absorbed the alginate forms a gel, which aids autolytic debridement, while maintaining a moist environment for optimal wound healing. The gel ensures intact removal, without damage to healing tissue.

Melgisorb Ag is effective against a broad spectrum of microorganisms frequently associated with the bacterial colonization and infection of wounds, for up to twenty-one (21) days, based on in-vitro testing. Melgisorb Ag can also reduce the odor of infected wounds as a result of its effective antimicrobial properties.

Indications for use

Melgisorb Ag is indicated for the management of moderate to heavily exuding wounds such as:
- post-operative surgical wounds
- trauma wounds (dermal lesions, trauma injuries or incisions)
- leg ulcers
- pressure ulcers
- diabetic ulcers
- graft and donor sites

This product can also be used under compression bandages. As the product contains alginate, it may assist in supporting the control of minor bleeding in superficial wounds. Melgisorb Ag is suitable for use, under medical supervision, on wounds that are critically colonized.

Directions for use

1. Cleanse wound area and dry surrounding skin. Select a size of Melgisorb Ag that is slightly larger than the wound. Cut or fold the dressing to fit the wound.
2. Loosely fill deep wounds, ensuring the dressing does not overlap the wound margins. Apply to wound bed directly.
3. Cover and secure Melgisorb Ag with a secondary dressing such as Alldress or Mepilex Border.

Note

Dressing change frequency will depend on wound condition and the level of exudate. Initially it may be necessary to change the dressing every 24 hours. If the wound appears dry, saturate the dressing with sterile saline solution prior to removal. Gently remove the dressing from the wound bed. Irrigate the wound site in accordance with standard protocols prior to application of a new dressing.

Contraindications

Melgisorb Ag is not indicated for use on the following:
- individuals with a known sensitivity to alginates or silver
- surgical implantation
- to control heavy bleeding
- for direct application on dry or lightly exuding wounds.

Precautions

- The dressing may adhere if used on dry or very lightly exuding wounds. If the dressing does adhere and is not easily removed, moisten with sterile saline solution prior to removal.
- The dressing performance may be impaired by excess use of petroleum-based ointments.
- Avoid contact with electrodes or conductive gels during electronic measurements, e.g. electrocardiograms (ECG) and electroencephalograms (EEG).
- The dressing must be removed prior to patients undergoing Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) examinations.
- In the event of clinical infection, topical silver does not replace the need for systemic therapy or other adequate infection treatment.

Melgisorb Ag Assortment

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