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Alginate



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Product Description

MEDICAL Alginate is a sterile non-woven calcium alginate dressing consisting of rapid gel forming fibres. MEDICAL Alginate is highly absorbent, conformable and maintains a moist environment for optimal wound healing. As wound exudate is absorbed the alginate forms a gel which contours the wound bed and autolytic debridement.

Patient Target Group

Any patient who presents with an appropriate wound type and who is not contra-indicated.

Indications

MEDICAL Alginate is indicated for the management of moderate to heavily exuding wounds, partial and full thickness chronic wounds and acute wounds.

- Pressure ulcers
- Venous leg ulcers
- Diabetic ulcers
- Post-operative surgical wounds
- Cavity wounds
- Abrasions
- Donor sites
- Lacerations

The dressings can be used under compression bandages.

Contra-indications

MEDICAL Alginate is not indicated for use on the following:

- Surgical implantation
- Dry wounds
- To control heavy bleeding
- Individuals who are sensitive to or who have had an allergic reaction to the dressing.

Precautions

Consult a healthcare professional if irritation (reddening, inflammation), maceration (whitening of skin), hyper-granulation (excess tissue formation) is observed.

The dressing may adhere if used on very lightly exuding wounds. If the dressing is not easily removed, saturate the wound with saline solution prior to removal.

The dressing is not intended for use as a surgical sponge.

The dressing is not intended to be used cumulatively for a period of longer than 30 days.

For external use only. The dressing should be used under the supervision of healthcare professionals.

Report to the manufacturer and local authority if any adverse incident occurs.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

Site Preparation

- Debride when necessary and clean the wound site in accordance with standard protocols
- Remove excess solution from surrounding skin

Dressing Selection

Select a size of MEDICAL Alginate that is slightly larger than the wound.

Dressing Application

1. Cut (using clean scissors) or fold the dressing to fit the wound. Loosely fill deep wounds, ensuring the dressing does not overlap the wound margins.
2. Apply MEDICAL Alginate directly to wound bed.
3. Cover and secure with a non-occlusive or semi occlusive secondary dressing.

Dressing Change and Removal

1. MEDICAL Alginate can remain in situ up to 7 days, dependent on patient condition and the level of exudate. Initially it may be necessary to change the dressing every 24 hours or whenever good wound care practice dictates that the dressing should be changed.
2. Reapply MEDICAL Alginate when the dressing has reached its absorbent capacity or whenever good wound care practice dictates that the dressing should be changed.
3. To reapply, gently remove the secondary dressing. If the wound appears dry, saturate the dressing with normal saline solution prior to removal.
4. Gently remove the dressing from the wound bed and discard.
5. Clean the wound site with a suitable wound cleanser prior to application of a new dressing.

Disposable

The dressing should be disposed of in accordance with local waste guidelines.

Storage

Store in a cool, dry place.

Do not reuse, reuse may cause serious infection.

Do not re-sterilise

Do not use if individual pouch is damaged/opened.

The use by date of this product is printed on the packaging.

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SYMBOLS USED ON LABELLING

	Consult instructions for use or consult electronic instructions for use
	Single use
	Do not Re-sterilize
	Use by: year, month and day
	Sterilized using irradiation
	Product Reference
	Batch number
	Attention, see instructions for use.
	Not made with natural rubber latex
	Storage Conditions
	Manufacturer
	EU Representative
	CE mark
	Keep Away from Sunlight
	Keep Dry
	Do not use if package is damaged and consult instructions for use
	Date of manufacture
	Medical Device
	Unique device identifier
	Single sterile barrier system
	Importer