









3M Medical Tapes Selection Guide

Which 3M medical tape should I choose?

	Clinical Application	Skin Type	Tape Category		
General Securement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Blood draws • Dressings • I.V. lines and tubing • Non-critical tubes 	<p>Ideal for fragile/at-risk skin</p>	<p>Extra gentle</p> 		<p>3M™ Kind Removal Silicone Tape</p>
			<p>Multi-purpose</p> 		<p>3M™ Transpore™ White Surgical Tape</p>
Flexible Securement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Long-wear compression • Securement when swelling or movement is anticipated 	<p>Ideal for intact skin (for at-risk skin, use a barrier like 3M™ Cavilon™ No Sting Barrier Film)</p>	<p>Flexible</p> 		<p>3M™ Medipore™ H Soft Cloth Surgical Tape</p>
Critical Device/Tube Securement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central venous catheter • Foley catheter • Nasogastric tube • Endotracheal tube • Chest tube • Orogastric tube • Surgical drain tube • Device or dressing securement on oily or diaphoretic skin and in high-moisture environments 		<p>High-adhesion</p> 		<p>3M™ Durapore™ Advanced Surgical Tape</p>

A choice that's critical to care.

At 3M, we've made it easy to meet your securement needs while choosing the right tape for the right patient and application, with four types of tape that can work harder and smarter: the four core 3M medical tapes. Learn more at [3M.com/MedicalTapes](https://www.3m.com/MedicalTapes).



Extra gentle



3M™ Kind Removal Silicone Tape

- Ideal for patients with sensitive, compromised or at-risk skin
- Provides gentle adhesion and removes cleanly without disrupting fragile skin layers or causing patients undue pain
- Easy to reposition without compromising adhesion
- Easy, bi-directional tear

Multi-purpose



3M™ Transpore™ White Surgical Tape

- Offers comparable adhesion to 3M™ Transpore™ Surgical Tape with the gentleness of 3M™ Micropore™ Surgical Tape
- Offers the breathability of a paper tape plus the moisture resistance of a plastic tape
- Good initial and long-term adhesion (72 hours) on damp or dry skin
- Easy, bi-directional tear

Other multi-purpose 3M medical tapes:

3M™ Transpore™ Surgical Tape
3M™ Micropore™ Surgical Tape

Flexible



3M™ Medipore™ H Soft Cloth Surgical Tape

- Soft cloth material to maintain skin integrity
- Multi-directional stretch accommodates swelling, distention and movement, and helps minimize the risk for skin injury such as tension blisters
- Breathable tape for a broad range of applications
- Perforated and easy to tear

Other flexible 3M medical tapes:

3M™ Microfoam™ Surgical Tape

High-adhesion



3M™ Durapore™ Advanced Surgical Tape

- Exceptional adhesion in challenging conditions
- Adheres to skin, tubes, devices and itself
- Minimal edge lift
- Does not contain natural rubber latex but provides better adhesion characteristics than latex containing tapes*
- Easy, bi-directional tear

Other high-adhesion 3M medical tapes:

3M™ Durapore™ Surgical Tape
3M™ Multipore™ Dry Surgical Tape

*3M data on file. EM-05-014441.

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