More dressings in the 3M Wound Care Family

More Cost Effective than the Leading Drainage Product

- Higher absorbency promotes healthy wound bed environment which allows epithelial cells to migrate and close wounds.

- Minimizes disruption of granulating tissue preventing premature dressing failure.

- No need for frequent dressing changes on patients with extremely fragile, thin skin, which reduces patient pain during dressing removal.

- Functions like a tape, but sticks only to itself.

- Non-adhesive, atraumatic removal prevents skin stripping associated with dressing removal.

- Dependable general purpose tape that is gentle on skin. Excellent on fragile skin.

- For problem areas, Tegaderm HP dressing changes on patients with extremely fragile, thin skin.

- Optimal wound healing environment with reduced pain management.

- Easy application frame style.

- Tegaderm HP dressings are ideal for managing a variety of wounds and preventing skin breakdown.

- For faster evaporation of moisture, Tegaderm dressing does not adhere to the wound, stays in place longer than conventional dressings.

- They create an environment that reduces wound draining, which is critical in the management of chronic wounds.

- By sealing in natural wound fluid, dehydration of the wound bed, which can delay healing, is reduced.

- The longer wear staying power in the presence of minimal to moderate amounts of drainage.

- By allowing exudate to pass through the dressing, Tegaderm HP helps to avoid dressing maceration.

- Skin protection

- Wound management applications for Tegaderm dressings include:

  - Secondary dressing over gauze, alginates, or hydrogels
  - Donor sites
  - Stage I or II pressure ulcers
  - Skin tears
  - Small skin tears, blisters or abrasions

- Wound management applications for Tegaderm HP dressings include:

  - Optimal wound healing environment with reduced pain

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How to Apply 3M Tegaderm Transparent Dressings

1. Prepare the wound according to institutional protocol. Allow all dressings solutions and therapies to dry completely.

2. For Tegaderm dressing sizes in the original frame style, remove and discard the center cut-out piece (Figure 1).

3. Peel the printed liner from the dressing, exposing the adhesive surface (Figure 2).

4. Place the newly applied dressing over the wound and secure with surgical tape (Figure 3).

5. Overlap the remaining half of the dressing on top of the first, avoiding wrinkles. This creates a border of the dressing frame (Figure 4).

6. Remove the remaining frame and firmly smooth the dressing from the center outward to enhance adhesion (Figure 5).

Special Techniques for Wound Dressings

Application Instructions for Covering Joints or Bony Prominences

1. With sterile scissors, cut a slit on one side of the dressing. (Figure 6) The size of the slit may vary with the contour of the application area and the location of the wound.

2. Carefully remove the center core piece, if appropriate, and adhere the printed liner (Figure 7).

3. Place the slit portion of the dressing over the corner of the wound (Figure 8).

4. Shape one side of the slit portion to fit the contour, being careful not to stretch the skin. (Figure 9) Use a gentle peeling motion outward to enhance adhesion.

5. Cover the remaining half of the dressing on top of the first, avoiding wrinkles. The entire slit area will depend on the contour of the area being dressed. (Figure 10)

6. Remove the remaining frame and firmly smooth the dressing from the center outward to enhance adhesion (Figure 11).

Application Instructions for Body Creses

1. Remove the printed liner.

2. Grasp the two end tabs and bend the dressing so the exposed adhesive side is out. (Figure 12) While the skin is extended but not stretched, center the dressing over the wound.

3. Press the dressing into the crease or fold, and smooth it from the crease area outward. (Figure 13)

4. Slowly remove the frame while smoothing down the dressing edges. HINT: For larger size dressings, leaving the “window” on the dressing during application will provide better stability of the dressing. Leave the “window” around the edges, leaving the corner area attached to the dressing. Remove the liner from the adhesive side and proceed as described above. After the dressing is secured, remove the “window” and again smooth the dressing from the crease outward.

5. Place the dressing in the crease area and roll, and smooth it from the crease area outward. (Figure 14)

Wound Dressing Application Tips

• To enhance adherence, select the dressing with a porous surface, such as 3M™ Micropore™ Surgical Tape, or a stretchy tape, such as 3M™ Micropore™ Surgical Tape, or Tegaderm dressing cut into strips. A film forming dressing can also be used to enhance adherence of dressings.

• When applying the dressing to the convex, extend but do not stretch the skin away from the gluteal fold, while easing the edges.

• Protection of periwound skin from maceration by exudate is important. A skin protection or barrier product (such as 3M No Sting Skin Protectant) can decrease the risk of skin maceration, protect fragile skin and extend dressing life. If using a Barrier product, allow it to dry completely before dressing application.

• To tailor a dressing for a special sized area, use sterile scissors to cut the dressing into pieces of desired shape or size before removing the printed liner. (Figure 15) When desired on the opposite side, cut the pieces so that a portion of the frame remains on at least two sides.

• The adhesive of Tegaderm dressing is pressure-sensitive. For best adhesion, always apply firm pressure to the dressing from the center out to the edges.

Risk Reduction Notes

• Clip excess hair, if required, to not disturb the skin.

• Transparent dressings allow easy visualization of the site frequency for early signs of complications.

• Change the dressing according to your institution’s protocol, or when the dressing is no longer functional. Frequent adhesive dressing changes can result in skin trauma or disruption of the healing process.

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