# 3M™ Tegaderm™ Absorbent
# Absorbent Clear Acrylic Dressing

## Sacral

### Product Description
3M™ Tegaderm™ Absorbent Clear Acrylic Dressing is a sterile wound dressing. It consists of a conformable acrylic pad enclosed between two layers of transparent adhesive film. The film in contact with the wound surface is perforated to allow uptake of the wound fluid by the absorbent acrylic pad. The top layer of film is not perforated. The non-perforated top layer of film is moisture vapor permeable but impermeable to liquids, bacteria, and viruses.* The dressing maintains a moist wound environment, which has been shown to enhance wound healing. The dressings are not designed, sold or intended for use except as indicated.

**In vitro* testing shows that the transparent film provides a viral barrier from viruses 27nm in diameter or larger while the dressing remains intact without leakage.

### Indications for Use
Tegaderm™ Absorbent Clear Acrylic Dressing is indicated for partial and full thickness dermal ulcers including skin tears, pressure ulcers, superficial wounds, abrasions, superficial and partial-thickness burns, donor sites, and clean, closed approximated surgical incisions or laparoscopic incisions.

### Contraindications
None known.

### Warnings
None known.

### Precautions
1. Treatment of any wound should be part of a well-defined plan under the supervision of a health care professional.
2. When using Tegaderm™ Absorbent Clear Acrylic Dressing, the wound may initially appear larger in size and depth as unnecessary tissue is cleaned away. This increase should be accompanied by an improved appearance of the wound. If the wound gets larger after the first few dressing changes, consult a health care professional.
3. Observe the wound for signs of infection. Consult a health care professional if any of the following are noted: fever, increased pain, redness, bleeding, swelling, unusual odor, increased drainage or cloudy or foul drainage. Tegaderm™ Absorbent Clear Acrylic Dressing may be used on infected wounds only under the care of a health care professional.
4. Rarely, erythema (redness) or maceration (whitening) of the surrounding skin, or hypergranulation (excessive tissue formation in the wound) may develop. Should these occur, consult a health care professional.
5. If the wound does not begin to show signs of healing or if any other unexpected symptoms occur, consult a health care professional.
6. During dressing removal for surgical incisions with an incision closure device such as adhesive wound closure strips, sutures, or staples, provide extra caution to avoid removal of these closure devices.

### Directions for Use
Note: Follow facility guidelines for infection control.

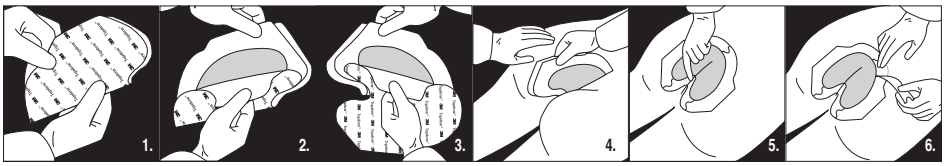
**Before Using the Dressing**
1. Clip excess hair for patient comfort.
2. Cleanse the wound and surrounding skin thoroughly.
3. Allow the surrounding skin to dry before applying the dressing.
4. If periwound skin is fragile, or exposure to wound drainage is likely, apply 3M™ Cavilon™ No Sting Barrier Film to the periwound area.
5. Evaluate the wound; at least 1 cm (3/8 inch) of the absorbent pad should extend beyond the wound edge.
6. Overlap the absorbent acrylic pads when covering wounds too large for single dressings.

**Applying the Dressing:**
1. Open package and remove sterile dressing.
2. Fold the dressing in half with liner side exposed (Figure 1).
3. Holding both tabs with one hand, remove the liner (Figure 2). The acrylic pad is not intended to be cut. If needed, the film border may be trimmed before the paper frame is removed.
4. Remove the printed liner on one side of the dressing until the adhesive is exposed (Figure 2). Continue to remove the printed liner from the other side of the dressing until the remaining adhesive surface is exposed (Figure 3).
5. Spread the buttocks to get a better surface for dressing placement. While still holding both tabs, position the dressing over the wound, tilting the dressing toward the anal area (Figure 4).
6. Secure the dressing notch in the anal region first and press in place (Figure 5). This will minimize chances of incontinence contamination or wrinkling. Gently press the dressing in place, from the center outward. Avoid stretching the dressing or the skin.
7. Remove the dressing frame, starting at the top and gently pulling down (Figure 6). Do not lift the film edge. Smooth the dressing from the center outward and apply firm pressure to ensure good adhesion. Repeat until all sections of the frame are removed.

Note: During use, it is normal for wound fluid to be absorbed throughout the pad. Movement of drainage to the edge of the pad does not create a need to change the dressing. The dressing should be changed if it is leaking, lifting off, or if there is wound fluid under the adhesive border.

**Removing the Dressing:**
1. Frequency of changing the dressing will depend on factors such as type of wound, volume of drainage, facility protocols and/or recommended guidelines.
2. Carefully lift the dressing edges from the skin. If there is difficulty lifting the dressing, apply tape to the edge of the dressing. For surgical incisions with an incision closure device such as adhesive wound closure strips, sutures, or staples, provide extra caution to avoid removal of these closure devices. Adhesive wound closure strips are likely to be removed when the Tegaderm™ Absorbent Clear Acrylic Dressing is removed. If dressing requires removal in less than 7 days post-op, replace the adhesive wound closure strips or follow individual institution protocol and use the tape to lift.
3. Continue lifting the edges until all are free from the skin surface.
4. Remove the dressing slowly, folding it over itself. Pull carefully in the direction of hair growth.

## Graphics




## Storage/ Shelf Life/Disposal

For best results, store at room temperature. Avoid excessive heat and humidity. For shelf life, refer to the expiration date, which is printed on each package.

## How supplied

Individually packaged for single use only. Sterile unless package is damaged or open.

If you have any questions or comments, in the USA contact the 3M Health Care Customer Helpline at 1-800-228-3957. In Canada, contact 3M Canada Company, P.O. Box 5757, London, Ontario, N6A 4T1, 1-800-364-3577. Outside of the United States, contact your local 3M subsidiary.

## Explanation of Symbols

Do not use if package is damaged or open

This product and package do not contain natural rubber latex

STERILE R Sterilized using irradiation

Do not reuse

LOT Lot

REF Catalogue – This symbol is accompanied by the catalogue number relevant to the device bearing the symbol.

Hourglass

Caution, see instructions for use

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