

# 3M™ Tegaderm™ Foam Dressing (nonadhesive)

## Commonly Asked Questions

**Question:**

What is the best method to secure Tegaderm™ Dressing (nonadhesive)?

**Answer:**

Tegaderm™ Foam Dressing (nonadhesive) may be secured by any secondary method the clinician prefers:

Adhesiveless options:

- roll gauze
- elastic or cohesive wraps, e.g., 3M™ Coban™ Self-Adherent Wrap (applied without tension)
- tubular netting or stockinette.

Adhesive options:

- 3M™ Medipore™ H Soft Cloth Surgical Tape, conformable and gentle
- 3M™ Transpore™ White Dressing Tape, conformable and gentle
- 3M™ Tegaderm™ Transparent Dressings if contamination may occur (i.e., protection from incontinence); or the clinician may wish to consider 3M™ Tegaderm™ Foam Adhesive Dressings for these applications.

**Question:**

Can Tegaderm™ Foam Dressings be used over infected wounds?

**Answer:**

Yes. Tegaderm™ Foam Dressings may be used on infected wounds only under the care of a health care professional. See package insert for additional information.

**Question:**

Is there a correct way to apply Tegaderm™ Foam Dressing (nonadhesive)?

**Answer:**

Yes. Tegaderm™ Foam Dressing (nonadhesive) is designed with a white, nonadherent wound contact side and an outer, barrier film side with a printed blue grid and 3M logo. (Remember... “Blue side - Sky Up!”)

**Question:**

Can the blue, printed grid be used as a measuring device?

**Answer:**

No. Because the wound cannot be seen through the dressing, measurements cannot be obtained. However, the grid may be useful (for the clinician establishing directions/protocols) for determining when the dressing needs to be changed and as a reminder of how to apply the dressing correctly. For example, when exudate is seen near the outer part of the grid, it is time to change the dressing.

**Question:**

Can Tegaderm™ Foam Dressings be used for hypergranulation tissue?

**Answer:**

Yes. Hypergranulation tissue refers to an exuberant, over-development of new blood vessel tissue in a chronic wound (you may hear it described as “proud flesh”). The etiology of this condition is not clearly understood but anecdotally has been associated with several conditions including over-hydration of the wound bed with the use of occlusive dressings and a prolonged inflammatory phase due to a wound surface infection or foreign body debris.

Tegaderm™ Foam Dressings are useful for managing these wounds because of their higher TOTAL FLUID MANAGEMENT. In addition, they leave no residue in the wound that could potentially prolong inflammation. Some clinicians believe that foam dressings also provide a beneficial, light topical pressure to the wound surface, especially when used with compression dressings, which acts to inhibit the overgrowth of granulation tissue.

**Question:**

Do Tegaderm™ Foam Dressings provide barrier protection against contamination, bacteria and viruses?

**Answer:**

Tegaderm™ Foam Dressing (nonadhesive) is covered with a highly breathable film\* backing which prevents wound exudate strike-through and acts as a barrier to outside contamination. The edges of the dressing must be bordered with 3M™ Tegaderm™ Transparent Dressing for barrier protection against bacteria and viruses.

3M™ Tegaderm™ Foam Adhesive Dressings are constructed with a top layer of transparent adhesive film which is moisture vapor permeable, prevents wound exudate strike-through and acts as a barrier to outside contamination, including bacteria and viruses\*.

\*Laboratory testing has proven that the film provides a barrier against HIV-1 and HBV while the dressings remain intact without leakage.



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