

Ordering Information



3M™ Reston™ Self-Adhering Foam			
Product code	Size	Items/box	Boxes/case
1560	1.11cm x 20 cm x 30 cm	10 pads	1
1561	2.5cm x 20 cm x 30 cm	5 pads	1
1563	10cm x 5m	1 roll	5



3M™ Cavilon™ Extra Dry Skin Cream			
Product code	Size	Items/box	Boxes/case
3386	118 mL tube	12	1



3M™ Cavilon™ No Sting Barrier Film			
Product code	Size	Items/box	Boxes/case
3344E	1 mL wipe	30	6
3343E	1 mL wand	25	4
3345E	3 mL wand	25	4
3346E	28 g spray	12	1



3M™ Tegaderm™ Absorbent Clear Acrylic Dressing					
Product Code	Shapes	Dressing Pad Size	Overall Dressing Size	Items/ box	Boxes/Case
90800	Oval	3.8 × 5.7 cm	7.6 × 9.5 cm	5	6
90801	Oval	6.0 × 7.6 cm	11.1 × 12.7 cm	5	6
90802	Square	9.8 × 10.1 cm	14.9 × 15.2 cm	5	6
90803	Oval	8.5 × 10.7 cm	14.2 × 15.8 cm	5	6
90805	Square	14.9 × 15.2 cm	20.0 × 20.3 cm	5	4
90807	Sacral	11.75 × 14.3 cm	16.8 × 19 cm	5	4

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Skin Tear Prevention and Management Protocol.

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Simple 4 step approach

Prevention



- 1 Create a safer environment.²**
Pad sharp borders of furniture or equipment.
Use 3M™ Reston™ Foam Products.

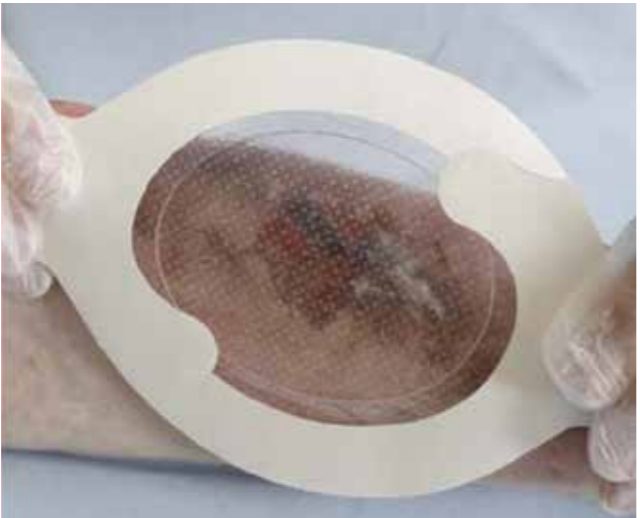


- 2 Maintain skin integrity.²**
Apply moisturiser twice daily.³
Use 3M™ Cavilon™ Extra Dry Skin Cream.

Management



- 3 Protect the periwound.²**
Apply at every dressing change.
Use 3M™ Cavilon™ No Sting Barrier Film.



- 4 Manage the wound.⁴**
Clear dressing allows for assessment and extended wear time.
Use 3M™ Tegaderm™ Absorbent Clear Acrylic Dressing.

Manage the wound

Follow facility infection control and wound management guidelines.

Adapted from STAR Skin Tear Classification System Guidelines, (Carville et al 2010)

Basic Principles¹

- 1 Control bleeding and clean the wound according to protocol.
- 2 Realign (if possible) any skin or flap.
- 3 Assess degree of tissue loss and skin or flap colour using the STAR Classification System.
- 4 Assess the surrounding skin condition for fragility, swelling, discolouration or bruising.
- 5 Assess the person, their wound and their healing environment as per protocol.
- 6 If skin or flap colour is pale, dusty or darkened reassess in 24 - 48 hours or at the first dressing change.

CATEGORY		MANAGEMENT
Category 1a A skin tear where the edges can be realigned to the normal anatomical position (without undue stretching) and the skin or flap colour is not pale, dusky or darkened		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Control bleeding• Cleanse the wound with normal saline• Approximate edges / re – align skin flap• Apply an even layer of 3M™ Cavilon™ No Sting Barrier Film (wipe) to the wound edges and to extend beyond where the dressing will be• Apply 3M™ Tegaderm™ Absorbent Clear Acrylic Dressing
Category 1b A skin tear where the edges can be realigned to the normal anatomical position (without undue stretching) and the skin or flap colour is pale, dusky or darkened		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Control bleeding• Cleanse the wound with normal saline• Approximate edges / re – align skin flap• Apply an even layer of Cavilon No Sting Barrier Film (wipe) to the wound edges and to extend beyond where the dressing will be• Apply Tegaderm Absorbent Clear Acrylic Dressing
Category 2a A skin tear where the edges cannot be realigned to the normal anatomical position and the skin or flap colour is not pale, dusky or darkened.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Control bleeding• Cleanse the wound with normal saline• Approximate edges / re – align skin flap as much as possible without stretching• Apply an even layer of Cavilon No Sting Barrier Film (wipe) to the wound edges and to extend beyond where the dressing will be• Apply Tegaderm Absorbent Clear Acrylic Dressing
Category 2b A skin tear where the edges cannot be realigned to the normal anatomical position and the skin or flap colour is pale, dusky or darkened.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Control bleeding• Cleanse the wound with normal saline• Approximate edges / re – align skin flap as much as possible without stretching• Apply an even layer of Cavilon No Sting Barrier Film (wipe) to the wound edges and to extend beyond where the dressing will be• Apply Tegaderm Absorbent Clear Acrylic Dressing
Category 3 A skin tear where the skin flap is completely absent.		<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Control bleeding• Cleanse the wound with normal saline• Apply an even layer of Cavilon No Sting Barrier Film (wipe) to the wound edges and to extend beyond where the dressing will be• Apply Tegaderm Absorbent Clear Acrylic Dressing

Once skin tear has healed

On removal of Tegaderm™ Absorbent Clear Acrylic Dressing and if epithelising (pink) tissue is present apply 3M™ Tegaderm™ Transparent Film Dressing for a further 7 days.

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3M Tegaderm Absorbent Clear Acrylic Dressing

In use

It is expected that some wound exudate drainage will occur and this will be visible in the dressing. This is normal and expected. It does not mean the dressing needs changing. Early removal may interfere with wound healing.

Below are some examples of a **normal** appearance of the dressing in place.

Wound 1



Healed at 22 days



Wound 2: Day 6



2 weeks



Healed at 1 month



When to change

A change is required when:

- Leaking occurs
- The absorbent pad appears full and hardens slightly
- If there are signs of infection such as fever, pain, redness, hot & inflamed surrounding skin, bleeding (notify RN/GP)
- Edge lift occurs and dressing becomes wet and saturated
- Dressing can become wet if it is not stuck down properly to the skin. The dressings crystallise to a soft, malleable and “jelly like” feel.



Example of a leaking dressing



Example of a wet dressing



Example of an infected wound