

# 3M™ Tegaderm™ Foam Dressing Selection Guide

Improper use of medical adhesives may cause red, irritated skin or Medical Adhesive-Related Skin Injury (MARSI), which may cause pain, increase the risk of infection and delay healing. That's why it's important to choose the right dressing for both the patient and clinical need. Use the diagram below to find the right 3M™ Tegaderm™ foam dressing.

Wounds		Pressure ulcers/ injuries	Compression	
				
<b>Fragile/at-risk skin</b>	<b>Intact skin</b>		<b>With adhesion</b>	<b>Without adhesion</b>
				
<b>3M™ Tegaderm™ Silicone Foam Dressings</b>	<b>3M™ Tegaderm™ High Performance Foam Adhesive Dressings</b>	<b>3M™ Tegaderm™ Silicone Foam Dressings</b>	<b>3M™ Tegaderm™ Silicone Foam Non-Bordered Dressings</b>	<b>3M™ Tegaderm™ High Performance Foam Non-Adhesive Dressings</b>
<b>Why they're ideal:</b> Featuring 3M's unique silicone adhesive, these dressings provide strong yet gentle adhesion that's kind to at-risk skin, helping to reduce the risk of MARSI.	<b>Why they're ideal:</b> Featuring 3M's acrylate adhesive, these dressings provide secure adhesion for longer wear time – even in moist, high-shear locations – meaning fewer, less frequent dressing changes.	<b>Why they're ideal:</b> They feature a silicone adhesive that offers 2X longer wear time <sup>1</sup> and a 40% thinner border <sup>2</sup> than the leading competitive silicone foam dressing, plus a variety of shapes and sizes and the ability to lift and re-assess without losing adhesion <sup>3</sup> . 3M™ Tegaderm™ Silicone Foam Dressings are an excellent choice for your pressure ulcer/injury prevention programs.	<b>Why they're ideal:</b> With a gentle adhesive that keeps the dressing securely in place, and multiple layers that absorb moisture while providing extra padding, these dressings can easily be cut to a custom shape or size or used under compression.	<b>Why they're ideal:</b> With multiple layers that absorb moisture while providing extra padding, these dressings can easily be cut to a custom shape or size or used under compression when adhesion (even gentle adhesion) isn't needed.

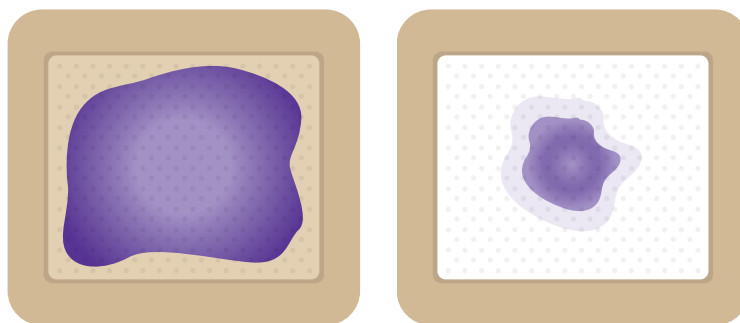
# When to change a 3M™ Tegaderm™ foam dressing.

It's not as soon as you may think.

Some clinicians inadvertently change dressings too soon, thinking they're saturated when they still have absorption capacity. These unnecessary dressing changes can add up quickly in terms of waste and cost – both of which can impact the bottom line.

3M™ Tegaderm™ High Performance Foam Dressings and 3M™ Tegaderm™ Silicone Foam Dressings feature an innovative, multi-layer design that wicks moisture away from the wound surface, and distributes and locks moisture on the back of the dressing, limiting backward migration and protecting periwound skin. As the dressing absorbs, there is an increase in the evaporation of moisture through the film backing, which adds to the overall fluid handling ability of the dressing for extended wear time.

Even though the top side of the dressing might look saturated, the wound side still has absorption capacity left, meaning it's not yet time to change this dressing.



Top side

Wound side

To learn more about the 3M™ Tegaderm™ family of foam wound care dressings, visit [3M.com/WoundCare](http://3M.com/WoundCare).



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3M™ Tegaderm™ foam dressings are designed with multiple layers that vertically wick and distribute moisture to the back of the dressing. As the dressing absorbs, you'll see discoloration, which is completely normal. When the exudate spreads to the edges of the secondary layer, it's time for a dressing change.



Not ready

Not ready

Ready to change

<sup>1</sup>3M data on file. EM-13978.

<sup>2</sup>3M data on file. LAB-310252.

<sup>3</sup>3M data on file. EM-13977.

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