3M™ Medipore™ +Pad Soft Cloth Adhesive Wound Dressing

Commonly Asked Questions

Question:
What replaced the 1604, 1606, and 1608 3M™ Medipore™ +Pad Surgical Dressing?

Answer:
3M™ Medipore™ +Pad Soft Cloth Adhesive Wound Dressings.

Question:
Does the product contain natural rubber latex?

Answer:
3M™ Medipore™ +Pad Soft Cloth Adhesive Wound Dressing Does Not Contain Natural Rubber Latex Or Dry Natural Rubber As Components In The Product Or Its Packaging.

Question:
Are these products available to "kit" or "tray" manufacturers?

Answer:
Yes, all sizes are available in sterile form. Nonsterile forms are not currently available, but may be in the future.

Question:
Is the absorbent pad the same as the 3M™ Microdon™ Sheeting material?

Answer:
Yes, it is the same except the island dressing pad is slightly thicker to provide better absorbency.

Question:
How long can the dressing stay on the wound site?

Answer:
Medipore +Pad soft cloth adhesive wound dressing can stay in place up to 48 hours. However, practitioners should follow their facility or agency protocol for gauze and tape dressings.

Question:
Is the product waterproof?

Answer:
Medipore +Pad island dressing is not waterproof. If a waterproof dressing is required, a 3M™ Tegaderm™ +Pad Transparent Dressing with Absorbent Pad should be used.

Question:
Are 3M island dressings more or less absorbent than competitive island dressings?

Answer:
3M island dressings are generally as absorbent, if not more absorbent than most of the competitive products. None of the competitive products wick fluid from the wound site as well as 3M island dressings; this is important since pooled wound exudate can cause maceration. In all customer evaluations, the 3M island dressing was shown to be more than adequate in absorbency.
(Note: when the exudate is rapidly wicked up and away from the wound and into the absorbent layer of the 3M pad, you will see the drainage (blood) on the pad. This may occur faster than what is seen with competitive pads, and does not mean the 3M pad is not handling the same amount of fluid as similar types of island dressings. The 3M pad is comparable to the other island dressings for fluid retention, and does an exceptional job of moving the fluid away from the wound and protecting the wo und from maceration. Remember, if the customer needs a more absorbent dressing for a wound that is expected to have a high level of drainage, recommend 3M™ Medipore™ +Pad Soft Cloth Surgical Tape and gauze.)

Question:
Is the Medipore +Pad adhesive wound dressing a bacterial barrier?

Answer:
No, it is not, nor is any soft cloth type of dressing. If a bacterial barrier is needed, the Tegaderm +Pad island dressing should be used.

Question:
How are the dressings sterilized?

Answer:
The Medipore +Pad adhesive wound dressing is sterilized by Gamma at about 24 - 45 Kgy (KiloGrays).

Question:
Can the 3M island dressing be resterilized?

Answer:
Yes, by ethylene oxide. Do NOT resterilize using Gamma irradiation, as this will seriously reduce adhesion to skin. Do NOT resterilize using steam, as this will deform the dressing.

Question:
Can ointments be used in conjunction with the dressing?

Answer:
Yes, provided that the ointment contacts only the pad; otherwise, skin adhesion might be compromised.

Question:
Can these dressings be used in conjunction with 3M™ No Sting Barrier Film?

Answer:
Yes, the acrylate adhesives used in the dressing are compatible with the polymer in the 3M No Sting Barrier Film.

Question:
Are the dressings suitable for use on chronic wounds?

Answer:
Yes, the dressings are indicated for partial thickness wounds with low to moderate exudate. The dressings may also be used as a "cover" dressing for full thickness wounds when used in conjunction with appropriate additional packing or absorbent materials (3M™ Tegagen™ Alginate Dressing is an excellent choice).

Question: What differentiates the 3M "non-adherent pad" from the competitive pads?

Answer:
The unique 3M pad was originally designed for burn patients as a non-adherent absorbent contact layer for use during recovery and to promote normal wound healing process to occur with less trauma and pain. The design fuses a porous, breathable film to an absorbent layer, resulting in the following benefits:

- Non-delaminating pad: Leaves wound fiber-free. Fibers can result in disruption of the healing process and predispose the wound to infection.

- Surface of the pad is free of large holes: Prevents infiltration of the healing tissues into the pad, reducing damage to the tissue and pain on removal. Rapidly wicks exudate up and away into the absorbent layer, protecting peri-wound skin and reducing the potential for maceration.

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