

3M™ Tegaderm™ Absorbent Clear Acrylic Dressing Application and Removal Guide



Refer to the instructions for use for complete information related to the use of 3M™ Tegaderm™ Absorbent Clear Acrylic Dressings.

Knee Application and Removal Instructions

Prior to application *Note: Follow facility guidelines for infection control.*

1. **Cleanse** the surgical incision and surrounding skin thoroughly. Allow the surrounding skin to dry before applying the dressing.
2. **Evaluate** the surgical incision and select the correct dressing size. The dressing pad should extend past ends of incision by 1 cm (3/8 in). The acrylic pad is not intended to be cut.



Dressing Application



1 **Open package and remove sterile dressing. Peel liner from the dressing, exposing the adhesive surface.**



2 **Position and centre** the dressing over the incision, adhesive side down.



3 **Avoid stretching the dressing.** In the case of a joint (knee, shoulder), **flex it to a 30° angle** during application of the dressing.



4 **Slowly remove the frame** while smoothing the film border and applying firm pressure. **Avoid stretching the dressing on the skin.**



5 **Conform and smooth** the dressing, gently pressing down on the edges to ensure optimal adhesion.

TIP

During use, it is normal for fluid to be absorbed throughout the pad. Drainage moving to the edge of the pad **does not require a dressing change**. The dressing should be changed at the discretion of the clinician. May be left in place for up to 28 days depending on the condition of the wound/incision and the surrounding skin, or as indicated by clinical practice. Can be worn until it leaks, loses adhesion, need to be removed for wound/incision inspection or other clinical needs.

Dressing Removal

Please be advised that adhesive wound closure strips are likely to be removed when the Tegaderm™ Absorbent Clear Acrylic Dressing is removed.

1. **Carefully lift the film edges** from the skin. Continue to lift the border of the dressing to remove.
2. Continue lifting film **until all edges are free** from the skin surface.
3. **Remove dressing slowly**, folding over itself.



Abdomen/Thoracic Application and Removal Instructions

Prior to application *Note: Follow facility guidelines for infection control.*

1. **Cleanse** the surgical incision and surrounding skin thoroughly. Allow the surrounding skin to dry before applying the dressing.
2. **Evaluate** the surgical incision and select the correct dressing size. The dressing pad should extend past ends of incision by 1 cm ($\frac{3}{8}$ in). The acrylic pad is not intended to be cut.



Dressing Application



1 **Open package and remove** sterile dressing. **Peel liner** from the dressing, exposing the adhesive surface.



2 **Position and centre** the dressing over the incision, adhesive side down.



3 **Gently press** the dressing in place, smoothing from the centre outward.



4 **Slowly remove the frame** while smoothing the film border and applying firm pressure. **Avoid stretching the dressing on the skin.**



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