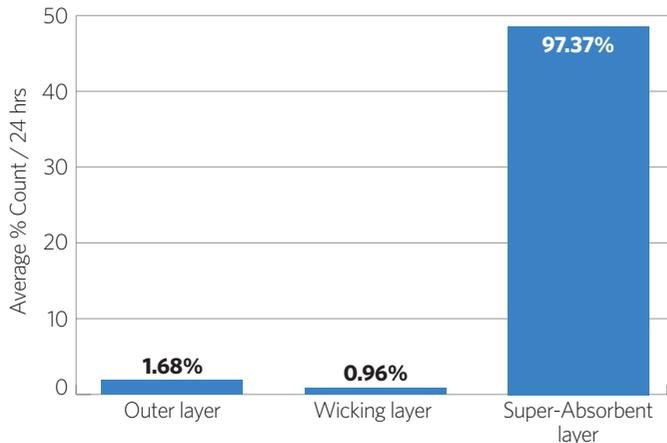


## Where does sequestered bacteria and MMPs reside within the dressing?

*In vitro* studies<sup>3,7\*</sup> demonstrate that 3M™ Kerramax Care™ Super-Absorbent Dressings lock away bacteria within the Super-absorbent core with Exu-Safe Technology dressing core away from the outer layers in direct contact with the wound bed.

Bacterial sequestration distribution of MRSA\* in Kerramax Care Dressings<sup>3\*</sup>



98.33%  
of MRSA

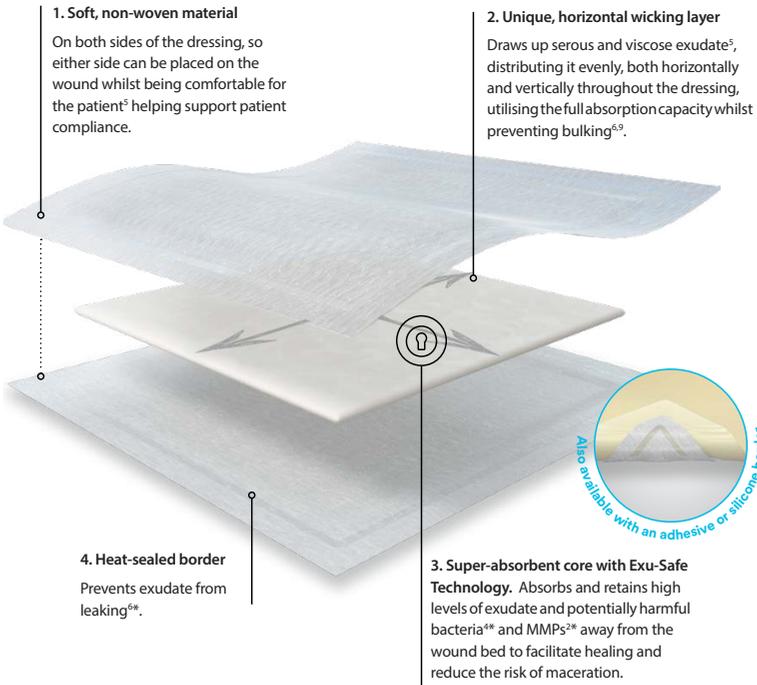
Kerramax Care Dressings are superior in their ability to retain bacteria within the dressing compared with other super-absorbent dressings and gauze<sup>7\*</sup>. 98.33% of MRSA was locked inside the dressing and away from the wound<sup>3\*</sup>.

100% of  
MMPs

Kerramax Care Dressings retained 100% of MMP2 or MMP9 after four days compared to gauze and other super-absorbent dressings<sup>8\*</sup>.

\*as demonstrated *in vitro*

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## Challenges of excess exudate

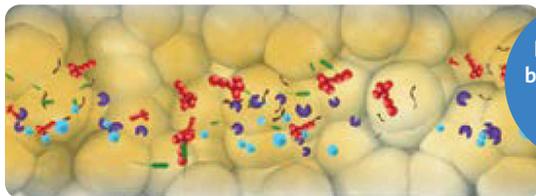
Highly exuding wounds are demanding for both clinician and patient. Excess fluid can lead to<sup>1</sup>:

- › Difficulties achieving an optimum moisture balance
- › Leakage, which is uncomfortable and can be odorous
- › Maceration of wound edges and surrounding skin

Bacteria and matrix metalloproteinases (MMPs) in excess fluid can be an impediment to wound healing<sup>1</sup>.

## Solutions for managing excess exudate

**3M™ Kerramax Care™ Super-Absorbent Dressings** with advanced **3M™ Exu-Safe™ Technology** has a unique lateral wicking system and ability to reduce MMPs<sup>2\*</sup> and sequester bacteria such as methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) and *Pseudomonas aeruginosa*<sup>3,4</sup>.



Locks away bacteria from the wound bed<sup>4</sup>

Kerramax Care Dressings are designed to manage high to very high levels of exudate:

- › Can be used as either a primary or secondary dressing
- › Can be folded or shaped to assist patient comfort<sup>5</sup>
- › Can be used on either side for easy application
- › Can be left in place for 7 days
- › Available in a wide range of shapes and sizes, including a 20x50cm that can be wrapped around the leg easily underneath bandaging<sup>6</sup>
- › Suitable for use under all forms of compression<sup>6</sup>

\*as demonstrated *in vitro*

## High absorption and protection for patients

Whether exudate is serous or viscous, the combination of a unique horizontal wicking and **3M™ Exu-Safe™ Technology** ensures high fluid absorption and retention<sup>5</sup>, even under compression<sup>3,6\*</sup>.

**3M™ Kerramax Care™ Super-Absorbent Dressings** locks away:

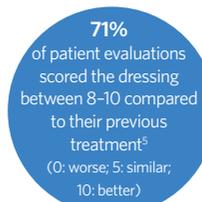
- › **Fluid**, which can cause maceration if left unmanaged<sup>5</sup>
- › **Bacteria**, which reduces the risk of wound infection<sup>3,4</sup>
- › **Harmful components of chronic wound fluid** that contribute to delayed healing and wound edge breakdown, such as MMPs<sup>2</sup>.

1. Horizontal wicking system
2. High fluid absorption and retention capacity
3. Heat-sealed border, to prevent exudate leakage from the dressing<sup>6\*\*</sup> and keep the dressing strong and intact

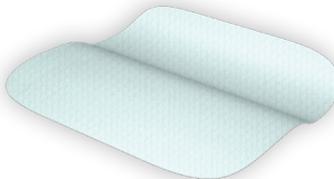
## Patient experience: patient comfort

A positive patient experience can lead to reduced stress and anxiety when dealing with chronic wounds, this in turn can reduce pain and improve patient concordance with treatment<sup>5</sup>.

In a patient study of managing highly exuding wounds in the community, **3M™ Kerramax Care™ Super-Absorbent Dressings** were evaluated for patient experience based on comfort. A total of 101 patient evaluations were completed across a range of wound aetiologies.



## Where Kerramax Care sits on the 3M™ exudate management continuum

Dry to low 	Low to moderate 	Moderate to high 	High to very high 
<b>3M™ Kerralite Cool™ Moisture Balancing Hydrogel Dressings</b> Absorbent, moisture balancing hydrogel sheet dressing 	<b>3M™ Tegaderm™ Absorbent Clear Acrylic Dressing</b> Conformable, absorbent clear dressing 	<b>3M™ Tegaderm™ Silicone Foam Border Dressing</b> Silicone foam dressing with advanced adhesive technology 	<b>3M™ Kerramax Care™ Super-Absorbent Dressings</b> 
		<b>3M™ Kerracel™ Gelling Fiber Dressing</b> Conformable, gelling fiber dressing 	