

3M™ Wound Cleanser

Commonly Asked Questions

Question:

What are the ingredients in 3M Wound Cleanser?

Answer:

Ingredients include:

Water, dextrose, sodium chloride, preservatives (ethyl alcohol, methylparaben and propylparaben) and nutrients associated with wound repair (pyridoxine hcl, zinc acetate, zinc chloride, zinc sulfate).

It does not contain an antimicrobial ingredient and is fragrance-free.

Question:

What “psi” does the sprayer deliver and what does psi stand for?

Answer:

“psi” is an abbreviation for pounds per square inch and measures the force of the solution during cleansing.

The nozzle is intended to deliver a pressure (approx. 8.5 psi) that falls within the AHRQ* (formerly the AHCPR) guidelines of 4-15 psi. These guidelines are widely recognized by wound care clinicians.

Question:

What is the advantage of using a wound cleanser instead of normal saline for wound cleansing?

Answer:

- 1) Wound cleansers provide a convenient method for cleansing wounds. This avoids the gathering, assembly and disposal of supplies such as saline, syringes and angio-catheters.
- 2) Wound cleansers provide a consistent psi.
- 3) Wound cleansers overcome concerns about microbial contamination associated with multi-use bottles of normal saline

Question:

How does the 3M Wound Cleanser work?

Answer:

3M Wound Cleanser cleanses through mechanical action only. It does not contain a surfactant.

Question:

May I use 3M Wound Cleanser to saturate dressings that will be placed in the wound?

Answer:

3M has no data to support the use of our wound cleanser for this purpose.

Question:

What is the shelf life of the product?

Answer:

The shelf life of the product is 3 years from the date of manufacture and is indicated on the package and shipping container. This is regardless of whether the bottle has been opened. The cleanser contains a preservative system that prevents growth of microbes introduced during normal use.

*Bergstrom, N, Bennett MA, Carlson CE, et al. *Treatment of Pressure Ulcers*. Clinical Practice Guideline. Number 15. Rockville, MD: US Dept. of Health and Human Services. Public Health Service, Agency for Health Care Policy and Research. AHCPR Publication No. 95-0652.



Health Care

3M Center, Building 275-4W-02
St. Paul, MN 55144-1000
USA
1 800 228-3957
www.3M.com/healthcare

For More Information

Contact your 3M Health Care Sales Representative, or call the 3M Health Care Customer Helpline at **1-800-228-3957**. These products can be ordered from your local distributor. Outside the United States, contact the local 3M subsidiary.