3M™ Tegaderm™ Alginate High Integrity and High Gelling Alginate Dressings

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Description:
3M™ Tegaderm™ High Integrity and High Gelling Alginate Dressings are non woven dressings made from calcium alginate fibers. The dressings are highly conformable, soft, absorbent, sterile, primary wound dressings. Tegaderm™ Alginate dressings react with wound exudates to form a gelatinous mass which maintains a moist healing environment.

Indications:
Tegaderm™ Alginate dressings are intended for use on partial and full thickness wounds with moderate to heavy exudate. Tegaderm™ Alginate dressings may be used for pressure ulcers, venous ulcers, diabetic ulcers, superficial wounds such as cuts and abrasions, donor sites, post-operative wounds, trauma wounds, and other dermal lesions. They also are intended to help control minor bleeding and support autolytic debridement. Use of any dressing, including Tegaderm™ Alginate dressings, should be part of a well defined protocol for dermal wound management. This product is not designed, sold, or intended for use except as indicated.

Contraindications:
This product is not indicated for surgical implantation or for use on full-thickness burns.

Warnings:
None known.

Precautions:
Tegaderm™ Alginate dressings should not be used on minimally exudating wounds. Inadequate wound drainage could lead to adherence of the dressing to the wound site.

Directions for Use:

Preparation:
If necessary, debride the wound in accordance with standard protocol. Cleanse and irrigate the wound site. Cleanse surrounding skin and dry thoroughly. Clipping of excess hair is recommended for patient comfort. If patient's skin is fragile, or draining is expected to go beyond the wound edge, a skin barrier such as 3M™ Cavilon ™ No Sting Barrier Film may be applied.

Application:
Select dressing size appropriate for the size of the wound. Tegaderm™ Alginate dressings may be trimmed to fit the wound site. Apply dressing to the wound bed, without overlap onto the surrounding skin. Loosely pack deep wounds. Cover with appropriate secondary dressing.

During Use:
Observe the wound site to ensure secondary dressing is intact and there is no leakage.

Monitor for signs of infection. If infection occurs (which may be signaled by fever, increased pain, redness, swelling, or an unusual odor or discharge), implement appropriate medical treatment. Tegaderm™ Alginate dressings may be used on infected wounds only under the care of a health care professional.

Changing Dressing:
Remove secondary dressing and non-gelled alginate dressing. Rinse away remaining gel with gentle irrigation. If dressing appears dry, saturate with sterile saline to aid in removal.

Dressing may be removed using sterile forceps or gentle irrigation.

Storage and Shelf Life:
This product should be stored at room temperature. Avoid excessive heat and humidity. For shelf life, refer to expiration date which appears on each package.

How Supplied:
Supplied in boxes of individually packaged sterile dressings. Sterility of product is guaranteed unless the individual pouch is damaged or open.

If you have any questions or comments, in the USA please contact the 3M Health Care Customer Helpline at 1-800-228-3957.

In Canada, contact 3M Canada Company, P.O. Box/C.P. 5757, London, Ontario, N6A 4TI, 1-800-364-3577.

For further information outside the United States, contact your local 3M representative or contact us at www.3M.com and select your country.

Explanation of Symbols

Do not use if package is damaged or open

This product and package do not contain natural rubber latex.

Caution, see instructions for use

Do not reuse

Use by date

LOT Batch code

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