

# HARD TO DRESS WOUNDS

## 3M™ Tegaderm™ Foam Adhesive - Heel Design

### Frequently Asked Questions

**Question:** Do Tegaderm™ Foam adhesive dressings provide barrier protection against contamination, bacteria and viruses?

**Answer:** Yes. Tegaderm™ Foam adhesive dressings are constructed with a top layer of transparent film which when secured to the skin, provides a moisture vapor permeable barrier that prevents wound exudate strike-through and acts as a barrier to outside contamination, including bacteria and viruses.\*

\*Laboratory testing has proven that the film provides a barrier against HIV-1 and HBV while the dressings remain intact without leakage.

**Question:** Is Tegaderm™ Foam adhesive dressing waterproof?

**Answer:** Yes, if all film edges are secure to skin.

**Question:** When should I change the dressing?

**Answer:** Yes. The dressing may be worn up to 7 days when clinically appropriate. Observe the dressing frequently. As the dressing absorbs, exudate will wick to the top of the dressing, and discoloration may be noticeable. When the exudate spreads to the edges of the dressing or the dressing begins to leak, a dressing change is indicated.

**Question:** Are there other dressing sizes available?

**Answer:** Yes, the oval-sized Tegaderm™ Foam adhesive dressings may also be used as heel dressings. The novel spoke application delivery allows clinicians to select the size dressing appropriate to the wound. When choosing a dressing, allow for 1" (2.5cm) of foam overlap onto intact skin.

**Question:** Can the heel dressing be used with other products?

**Answer:** Yes, the Tegaderm™ Foam adhesive dressings may be used as a secondary dressing with appropriate primary dressings such as 3M™ Tegaderm™ Ag Mesh Dressing with Silver or 3M™ Tegaderm™ High Integrity or High Gelling Alginate Dressings. Use 3M™ Cavilon™ No Sting Barrier Film to protect the periwound skin from wound exudate or adhesives.

**Question:** Can Tegaderm™ Foam adhesive dressings be used over infected wounds?

**Answer:** Yes. Tegaderm™ Foam adhesive dressings may be used on infected wounds only under the care of a health care professional. See package insert for additional information.

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