

## **3M™ Tegaderm™ Ag Mesh Ag Mesh Dressing with Silver**

### **Product Description**

3M™ Tegaderm™ Ag Mesh Dressing with Silver is a nonwoven gauze dressing that contains silver sulfate, 8 mg/g of dressing. Silver sulfate released as silver ions within the dressing creates an effective barrier for up to 7 days. The soft, absorbent dressing is supplied sterile and may be custom cut. The porous, non-occlusive dressing conforms to the wound base and wicks drainage into the dressing where the silver ions are available to reduce the number of bacteria and yeast that are absorbed into the dressing.

### **Indications for Use**

Under the supervision of a health care professional, this dressing may be used as a primary wound dressing over:

- abrasions
- ulcers
- trauma wounds
- surgical wounds
- first and second degree burns
- donor sites

This product is not designed, sold or intended for use except as indicated.

### **Contraindications**

Tegaderm™ Ag Mesh Dressing with Silver should not be used on individuals that have a known hypersensitivity to silver or cotton. This product is not indicated for use as a surgical sponge or for use on third degree burns. This product should not be used with enzymatic debriding agents that are contraindicated for use with silver products.

### **Warnings**

Avoid use with iodophor-containing products which may reduce the effectiveness of ionic silver.

### **Caution**

Federal Law (U.S.A.) restricts the device to sale by or on the order of a licensed health care professional.

### **Precautions**

1. Tegaderm™ Ag Mesh Dressing with Silver must be moist to release ionic silver and minimize adherence to the wound. When used on dry or minimally draining wounds, the dressing should be moistened prior to application.
2. It is possible that the amount of drainage could decrease rapidly during dressing use. Non-woven material may adhere to the wound or site if allowed to dry; this may result in disruption of the wound or site upon removal. When using the dressing, the health care professional may want to change the

dressing more frequently to maintain moisture of the dressing and observe the condition of the wound or site.

3. If the dressing has dried and is adhered to the wound surface, saturate with sterile normal saline or sterile water, allow the dressing to soften, and gently remove.
4. Consult a health care professional if any signs of infection are noted. Signs of infection may include: pain, redness, swelling, unusual odor or drainage, absent or delayed healing, or fever. This dressing may be used on infected wounds only under the care of a health care professional.
5. If the wound does not begin to show signs of healing or if any other unexpected symptoms occur, consult a health care professional.
6. For external use.
7. Remove the dressing prior to MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) procedures.
8. Avoid cutting the dressing into narrow strips; the dressing may be rolled for use in tunneled wounds which helps retain the tensile strength of the dressing.
9. Clinicians/Healthcare Professionals should be aware that there are very limited data on prolonged and repeated use of silver containing dressings, particularly in children and neonates.
10. Do not reuse. Reuse may result in compromising product integrity and lead to device failure.

**Directions for Use:**

Note: Follow facility guidelines for infection control.

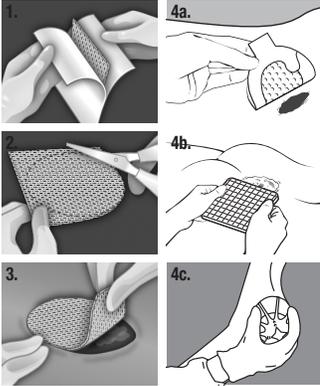
**Before using the dressing:**

1. Clip excess hair from around the wound if an adhesive cover dressing is to be used.
2. Clean the wound and surrounding skin.
3. Note: If the skin around the wound is easily damaged or drainage is expected to go beyond the wound edge, a skin barrier film such as 3M™ Cavilon™ No Sting Barrier Film may be applied. Allow the barrier film to dry.
4. Evaluate the wound and select the dressing size that will fit into the wound margins without overlap onto the surrounding skin. Tegaderm™ Ag Mesh Dressing with Silver may be cut or may be folded to fit within the wound margins. Discard any excess dressing not used at the time of dressing change.

**Applying the Dressing:**

1. Remove the dressing from package.
  - a. For dry to minimally draining wounds, the dressing should be moistened with sterile normal saline, sterile water or a liquid hydrogel, to provide a moist wound environment.
  - b. For moderate to highly draining wounds, premoistening the dressing may not be required.
2. If necessary, trim or fold the dressing to fit the wound site.
  - a. If use in tunneled wounds is desired, begin at one corner and roll the dressing to create a tube.
3. Apply the dressing to the wound bed without overlap onto the surrounding skin.

- Secure with an appropriate cover dressing to help manage the wound drainage. A moisture retentive barrier dressing may be used as a cover dressing to help maintain a moist wound environment.



### Removing the Dressing:

- Change the dressing as needed. Frequency of changing will depend on factors such as the type of wound and volume of drainage. The dressing remains effective for up to seven days.
- At the time of dressing change, if the dressing is adhered to the wound surface, saturate with sterile normal saline or sterile water, allow the dressing to soften, and gently remove.
- Avoid forceful removal of the dressing to minimize disruption of the wound.

### Storage and Shelf Life:

Store at or below 40°C (104°F). For shelf life, refer to the expiration date printed on each box.

### 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 / P.C. 5757, London, Ontario, N6A 4T1, 1-800-364-3577.

Outside the United States, contact your local 3M subsidiary.

### Explanation of Symbols:

⊗ Do not use if package is damaged

⊗ This product not made with natural rubber latex.

⚠ Caution, see instructions for use

⊗ Do not reuse

🕒 Use by date

LOT Batch code

🏭 Manufacturer

 Date of manufacture

 Sterilized using irradiation

 Upper limit of temperature

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