

3M™ Tegaderm™ Alginate Ag Silver Dressing

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Product Description

3M™ Tegaderm™ Alginate Ag Silver Dressing is a highly absorbent, sterile, non-woven antimicrobial dressing composed of a high G (guluronic acid) calcium alginate, carboxymethylcellulose (CMC), and an ionic silver complex (Silver Sodium Hydrogen Zirconium Phosphate) which releases silver ions in the presence of wound exudate. As wound exudate is absorbed the dressing forms a gel, which assists in maintaining a moist environment for optimal wound healing, and allows intact removal.

The silver ions protect the dressing from a broad spectrum of microorganisms over a period of up to 14 days, based on in-vitro testing. Odor reduction results from the antimicrobial effect in the dressing. Tegaderm™ Alginate Ag Silver Dressing is an effective barrier to bacterial penetration.

Indications

Under medical supervision, Tegaderm™ Alginate Ag Silver Dressing is suitable for use in the management of critically colonized wounds.

Tegaderm™ Alginate Ag Silver Dressing is indicated for use as a primary wound dressing in the management of moderate to heavily exuding partial to full thickness wounds including:

- post-operative wounds
- trauma wounds (dermal lesions, trauma injuries or incisions)
- leg ulcers
- pressure ulcers
- diabetic ulcers
- graft and donor sites
- 2nd degree (superficial, partial thickness burns)

Tegaderm™ Alginate Ag Silver Dressing is indicated for external use only.

Tegaderm™ Alginate Ag Silver Dressing can be used under compression bandages.

Tegaderm™ Alginate Ag Silver Dressing contains alginate; it may assist in supporting the control of minor bleeding in superficial wounds.

Contra-indications

Tegaderm™ Alginate Ag Silver Dressing is not indicated for the following:

- use on individuals with a known sensitivity to alginates or silver
- use as a surgical sponge or for surgical implantation
- to control heavy bleeding

Precautions

- Systemic antimicrobial therapy should be considered when wound infection is evident. Tegaderm™ Alginate Ag Silver Dressing may be used, under medical supervision, in conjunction with systemic antibiotics.
- The dressing may adhere if used on dry or very lightly exuding wounds. If the dressing is not easily removed, moisten it with sterile saline solution prior to removal.
- It is possible that the amount of drainage could decrease rapidly during dressing use. The dressing 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.
- The dressing performance may be impaired by use of petroleum-based ointments.
- The dressing should be removed prior to MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) procedures.
- Do not use if individual pouch is damaged or opened.

Caution:

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

Directions for Use:

Note: Follow facility guidelines for infection control.

Before using the dressing:

1. Use of an antimicrobial dressing should be part of a plan of care that addresses Wound Bed Preparation.
2. Clip excess hair from around the wound if an adhesive cover dressing is to be used.
3. Clean the wound and surrounding skin. 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 a size of Tegaderm™ Alginate Ag Silver Dressing that is slightly larger than the wound.

Dressing Application:

1. Remove the dressing from the package.
2. For superficial wounds, the dressing may be cut or folded to fit the wound site. For use in wounds with depth, loosely fill the wound with the dressing making sure that the dressing does not overlap onto the wound margin or surrounding skin. Discard unused dressing.
3. Apply directly to the wound bed
4. Secure with an appropriate non-occlusive cover dressing to help manage the wound drainage.

Dressing Removal:

1. Dressing change frequency will depend on wound condition and level of exudate. Reapply Tegaderm™ Alginate Ag Silver Dressing when the cover dressing has reached its absorbent capacity or per facility protocol. Initially it may be necessary to change the dressing every 24 hours. The dressing remains effective for up to 14 days.
2. Gently remove the cover dressing.
3. If the Tegaderm™ Alginate Ag Silver Dressing appears dry, saturate the dressing with sterile saline solution prior to removal.
4. Gently remove the Tegaderm™ Alginate Ag Silver Dressing from the wound bed and discard.

Storage and Shelf Life

Store at room temperature. (<25°C/77°F)

For shelf life, refer to the expiration date printed on each box.

How Supplied:

Supplied in boxes of individually packaged sterile dressings. Do not use if package 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.

 Caution, see instructions for use.

 Do Not Reuse

 Sterilized Using Irradiation

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 This product and package do not contain natural rubber latex.

The use by date of this product is printed on the packaging.

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