



# 3M™ Cavilon™ No Sting Barrier Film

## Commonly Asked Questions

**Q:** Can this product be used on open skin?

**A:** Yes, the product is non-stinging, and non-cytotoxic (meaning it will not interfere with healing). However, Cavilon No Sting Barrier Film may not adhere adequately if the dermis is exposed and the affected area is weeping.

**Q:** Does Cavilon No Sting Barrier Film affect adhesion?

**A:** The product does not interfere with adhesion of 3M™ Medical Tapes or adhesive dressings. We are not able to comment on the effect on other manufacturers' products.

**Q:** Can Cavilon No Sting Barrier Film be used around intravenous catheter insertion sites?

**A:** Yes. Versions (1 mL and 3 mL wand) may be used to protect skin from repeated dressing changes. Antimicrobial prep solutions should be allowed to dry completely before application of the barrier film. The film should not be applied to the area immediately surrounding the catheter. 3M™ Tegaderm™ Transparent Film Dressings may then be applied to cover and protect the insertion site.

**Q:** Can Cavilon No Sting Barrier Film be used in conjunction with patches, plasters or other delivery systems for topical drugs?

**A:** No, Cavilon No Sting Barrier Film, although moisture-vapor permeable does form a barrier over the epidermis so it is likely to interfere with the intended absorption of a drug.

**Q:** Can Cavilon No Sting Barrier Film be used to minimize the effects of radiation dermatitis?

**A:** Cavilon No Sting Barrier Film may be used to keep skin dry and help reduce friction in an area that is being treated with radiation therapy. The film does not require removal before receiving treatment.

**Q:** Does this product prevent pressure sores?

**A:** Cavilon No Sting Barrier Film helps to decrease friction, which plays a role in the development of pressure sores. In decreasing friction, Cavilon No Sting Barrier Film may assist in resolving early (reversible) damage from pressure.



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**Q:** Can I use other products with Cavilon No Sting Barrier Film?

**A:** Avoid use of ointments, creams, lotions, or pastes, as they may significantly reduce the film's effectiveness.

**Q:** Do I need to remove Cavilon No Sting Barrier Film?

**A:** Removal is not necessary. Buildup of the film may look like white scaling but is not harmful. If desired, the film may be removed with a gentle medical adhesive remover. Vigorous scrubbing when removing the film should be avoided as this may cause skin damage. When Cavilon No Sting Barrier Film is used under an adhesive product, it is removed along with the product



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