

ACTICOAT FLEX 3

Silver-coated antimicrobial barrier dressing with Silcryst Nanocrystals

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DESCRIPTION

Consists of a flexible, low adherent polyester layer coated with nanocrystalline silver. It is a highly conformable dressing that allows the body contours to maintain contact with the wound surface. The dressing is low adherent which helps to minimize wound trauma at dressing changes. Provides an anti-microbial barrier protecting the wound from invasive pathogenic micro-organisms, assisting faster healing. Is effective against micro-organisms present in the wound and remains effective for a minimum of 3 days.

INDICATIONS

- Burns and recipient graft sites
- Surgical sites
- Pressure ulcer, venous ulcers and diabetic ulcers
- Infected Wounds along with local clinical protocol
- Contact layer in combination with Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT) up to 3 days

CONTRA-INDICATIONS

- Do not use on patients with a known sensitivity to silver
- Do not use on patients during MRI examination
- Remove Acticoat Flex 3 prior to radiation therapy and apply following treatment

PRECAUTIONS

- For external use only, do not apply to exposed organs
- Not compatible with oil based products such as petrolatum
- May not be compatible with topical antimicrobials
- Avoid contact with electrodes or conductive gels during electronic measurements e.g. EEG and ECG
- Transient pain may be experienced on application, if continuous pain is experienced remove the dressing
- Re-dress the wound using hydrogel with the Acticoat flex 3, if pain still persists discontinue the product

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

1. Remove dressing from the package using a clean technique.
2. Cut the dressing to the size of the wound.
3. Moisten the dressing using water (DO NOT USE SALINE) – allow excess water to drain before applying, alternatively a thin layer of a hydrogel product e.g. Intrasite gel can be applied directly to the wound base and/or the dressing.
4. Without stretching the dressing, apply either way up, to the wound surface ensuring there are no creases – the dressing should be applied with the direction of stretch running along the limb to allow movement.
5. May be used to pack wounds.
6. Secure the Acticoat flex 3 in place using an appropriate secondary dressing.
7. Keep Acticoat flex 3 moist, but not so wet that tissue maceration occurs.
8. Change the dressing depending on the amount of exudate present and the condition of the wound – dressings may be left in place for up to 3 days.
9. When using Acticoat flex 3 under compression, regularly check the entire dressing system and change only if strike through occurs, an additional non-occlusive absorbent dressing may be required if the level of exudate is high.
10. Should the dressing dry or adhere to the wound, moisten or soak the dressing to assist removal and avoid disruption of the healing wound.

FREQUENCY OF CHANGE

- Daily up to every 3 days based on volume of drainage

Note:

Acticoat Flex 3 may cause transient discolouration of the surrounding skin

The colour of the dressing may vary – this does not affect the performance of the dressing

Adapted from Smith and Nephew Product Insert 2010