MEPILEX AG FOAM

Antimicrobial Soft Silicone Foam Dressing

15 cm x 15 cm size

DESCRIPTION

Mepilex Ag consists of a Safetac wound contact layer, a flexible absorbent pad of grey polyurethane foam containing a silver compound and activated carbon, and an outer film which is vapour permeable and waterproof.
Mepilex Ag contains silver sulphate that releases silver ions to create an effective bacterial barrier and inactivates a wide range of wound related pathogens (bacteria and fungi), shown in vitro. By reducing the number of microorganisms, Mepilex Ag may also reduce odour.
Safetac is a unique adhesive technology that minimizes pain to patients and trauma to intact skin or wounds.

INDICATIONS

Mepiex Ag is designed for the management of low to moderately exuding wounds:

- Leg and Foot ulcers
- Pressure ulcers
- Partial thickness burns
- Traumatic wounds e.g. skin tears and secondary healing wounds
- Infected wounds as part of a treatment regimen under supervision of a qualified health care professional

Mode of Action:

- Mepilex Ag is a highly conformable dressing that absorbs exudate and maintains a moist wound environment
- As Mepilex Ag maintains a moist wound environment, supporting debridement, there might be an initial increase in wound size – this is normal and to be expected
- Mepilex Ag can be cut to suit various wound shapes and locations
- Mepilex Ag can be used under compression bandaging

CONTRAINDICATIONS

- There are no listed contraindications

PRECAUTIONS

- Mepilex Ag should be used under the supervision of a qualified health care professional
- Do not use on patients with known sensitivity to silver
- Do not use Mepilex Ag during radiation treatment or examinations e.g. X-ray, ultrasound, diathermy or MRI
- Avoid contact with electrodes or conductive gels during electronic measurements, e.g. electrocardiograms (ECG) and electroencephalograms (EEG)
- Do not use Mepilex Ag together with oxidizing agents such as hypochlorite solutions of hydrogen peroxide
- May cause transient discolouration of the wound bed and surrounding skin
- In the event of an infection Mepilex Ag does not replace the need for systemic therapy
- Do not reuse – if reused performance of the product may deteriorate, cross contamination may occur

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

1. Cleanse wound using sterile saline solution.
2. Dry the surrounding skin thoroughly.
3. Remove the release films and apply the adherent side to the wound. Do not stretch.
4. For best result, Mepilex Ag should overlap the dry surrounding skin by at least 1 – 2 cm for the smaller sizes (sizes up to 12.5 x 12.5 cm) and 5 cm for the larger sizes in order to protect the surrounding skin from maceration and excoriation and fixate the dressing securely.
5. When necessary, fixate Mepilex Ag with a bandage or other fixation.

FREQUENCY OF CHANGE

- May be left in place for several days depending on the condition of the wound and surrounding skin, or as indicated by accepted clinical practice.
- A change in dressing regimen can result in an initial increased level of exudates, which temporarily may require an increased change frequency.

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