

MEPITEL

Soft Silicone Wound Contact Layer



Procure No. 70058 10 cm x 7.5 cm size

DESCRIPTION

Mepitel consists of a Safetac wound contact layer / porous transparent and flexible polyamide net with open mesh structure. Safetac is a unique and a patented adhesive technology that minimizes pain to patients and trauma to wounds and the surrounding skin. Mepitel is non absorbent. The open mesh structure allows exudate to pass vertically into a secondary absorbent dressing pad which must be changed as required by the conditions of the wound and the amount of exudate in order to prevent maceration. The integrity of the Mepitel dressing reduces the necessity for frequent primary dressing changes and allows pain free secondary dressing changes as required. Mepitel can be used under compression bandages. Mepitel can be used in conjunction with Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (NPWT). Topical treatments such as topical steroids, topical antimicrobials or hydrogels can be used over the top of or under Mepitel.

INDICATIONS

Mepitel is designed for a wide range of exuding wounds such as:

- Sutured wounds, skin tears and skin abrasions
- Partial thickness burns and lacerations
- Partial and Full thickness grafts
- Diabetic foot ulcers, venous ulcers, arterial ulcers

Mepitel can also be used as a protective layer on non-exuding wounds, blisters, fragile skin and exposed fragile tissues.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

- No listed contraindications

Warnings: When Mepitel is used in conjunction with NPWT always document the number of pieces used in the patient's record to ensure that no Mepitel is left in the wound when the dressing is changed.

PRECAUTIONS

- Consult a health care professional if signs of clinical infection are present.
- When used on partial thickness burns with high risk of rapid granulation or after facial resurfacing: avoid placing pressure upon the dressing, lift and reposition the dressing at least every second day.
- When used on bleeding wounds or wounds with high viscosity exudate, Mepitel should be covered with a moist absorbent dressing pad.
- When Mepitel is used for the fixation of skin grafts and protection of blisters, the dressing should not be changed before the fifth day post application.
- Do not reuse.

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

1. Cleanse the wound with normal saline and dry the surrounding skin thoroughly.
2. Choose a size of Mepitel that covers the wound and the surrounding skin by at least 2 cm. If required, Mepitel can be cut.
3. While holding the larger protective film, remove the smaller one. Moisten gloves to avoid adherence to Mepitel.
4. Apply Mepitel over the wound and remove the remaining protective film. Smooth Mepitel in place onto the surrounding skin, ensuring a good seal. If more than one piece of Mepitel is required, overlap the dressings, making sure that the pores are not blocked.
5. Apply a secondary absorbent dressing pad on top of Mepitel. In contoured or jointed areas (e.g. under arm, under breast, inner elbow, groin, deep wounds), ensure sufficient padding is applied to keep the Mepitel held flat against the surface of the wound.
6. Fix in place with a suitable fixation device.

FREQUENCY OF CHANGE

- May be left in place up to 14 days depending on the condition of the wound and surrounding skin, or as indicated by accepted clinical practice (pores of the mesh should not be blocked)
- If saturated the secondary absorbent dressing pad should be changed with the Mepitel left in place.
- When used in conjunction with NPWT, Mepitel should be changed every 48 – 72 hours

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