

## TEGADERM ALGINATE

High Integrity and High Gelling Alginate Dressings

Procure No. 53725249 10 cm x 10 cm size

Procure No. 53725247 Rope



### **DESCRIPTION**

Tegaderm High Integrity and High Gelling Alginate Dressings are non woven dressing made from calcium alginate fiber. The dressings are highly conformable, soft, absorbent, steril, primary wound dressings. Tegaderm Alginates react with wound exudate to form a gelatinous mass which provides a moist healing environment.

### **INDICATIONS**

- Partial and full thickness wounds with moderate to heavy exudate
- Pressure ulcers
- Arterial and venous ulcers
- Diabetic ulcers
- Superficial wounds such as cuts and abrasions
- Donor sites
- Post-operative wounds
- Trauma wounds

\*They are also intended to help control minor bleeding

### **CONTRAINDICATIONS**

- Not intended for surgical implantation or for use on full thickness burns

### **PRECAUTIONS**

- Not to be used on minimally exuding wounds – inadequate wound drainage could lead to adherence of the dressing to the wound site

### **DIRECTIONS FOR USE**

#### **Preparation**

1. Irrigate the wound site with saline.
2. Cleanse surrounding skin and pat dry.
3. If patients skin is fragile or drainage may go beyond the wound edge, apply a skin barrier.

#### **Application**

1. Select dressing size appropriate for the size of the wound or cut to fit the wound site.
2. Apply dressing to the wound bed without overlap onto the surrounding skin.
3. Loosely pack deep wounds.
4. Cover with appropriate secondary dressing.

#### **During Use**

1. Observe the wound site to ensure secondary dressing is intact and there is no leakage.
2. Monitor for signs of infection.
3. If infection occurs (which may be signaled by fever, increased pain, redness, swelling, or an unusual odour or discharge), implement appropriate medical treatment.
4. Alginates may be used on infected wounds ONLY under the care of a health care professional.

#### **Changing Dressing**

1. Remove secondary dressing and non-gelled alginate dressing
2. Rinse away remaining gel with gentle irrigation.
3. If dressing appears dry, saturate with sterile saline to aid in removal.
4. Dressing may be removed using sterile forceps or gentle irrigation.

### **FREQUENCY OF CHANGE**

- Daily to every other day based on volume of drainage

Adapted from 3M Product Insert 2007