

Product Description

Exudate Management – For moderately to heavily exuding wounds

AQUACEL[®] dressing is the original Hydrofiber[®] dressing, a technology unique to ConvaTec.

The Hydrofiber[®] dressing is made up of 100% Sodium Carboxymethyl-cellulose and converts to a soft gel when in contact with wound exudate, which maintains a moist wound environment that supports the body's healing process¹.

The unique gelling action of Hydrofiber[®] fibres absorb and retain exudate and lock away harmful components contained within wound exudate, such as bacteria² and proteinases³. The ability of AQUACEL[®] dressing to retain and absorb exudate is higher than some alginates^{4,5} and gauze⁵ giving longer wear time, leading to fewer dressings changes, reduced nursing time and lower overall wound care cost.^{4,5,6}

Application*

Carefully cleanse the wound with saline and dry the surrounding skin before placing AQUACEL[®] dressing directly onto the wound allowing an overlap onto the surrounding skin of at least 1cm.

For cavity wounds, loosely pack AQUACEL[®] dressing ribbon to about 80% capacity leaving at least 2.5cm outside the wound for easy retrieval.

The AQUACEL[®] dressing should then be covered with an appropriate moisture retentive secondary dressing such as, but not limited to, Versiva[®] XC[®] dressing, DuoDERM[®] CGF[™] dressing, DuoDERM[®] Extra Thin CGF[™] dressing, or DuoDERM[®] Signal[®] dressing.

*Please refer to pack insert for full instructions, prior to use.

Specifications

Size	Dressings Per Box	Product Code
5 cm x 5 cm	10	177901
10 cm x 10 cm	10	177902
15 cm x 15 cm	5	177903
2 cm x 45 cm rope	5	403770

Surgical Size Dressings

Size	Dressings Per Box	Product Code
4 cm x 10 cm	10	403730
4 cm x 20 cm	10	403731
4 cm x 30 cm	10	403732

RPBS Codes

Size	RPBS Code	Product Code
10 cm x 10 cm	4921B	177902
15 cm x 15 cm	4922C	177903
2 cm x 45 cm rope	4698G	177904

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Clinical Benefits

- Supports moist wound healing environment
- Highly absorbent giving longer wear time than alginate⁵ or gauze⁴
- Retains fluid within its structure reducing the risk of maceration and excoriation⁷
- Costs less overall than gauze^{8,9,10} and an alginate⁶ by saving time, money and resources.
- Soft and conformable adding to patient comfort
- Cohesive gel allows easy, atraumatic removal
- Promotes faster wound healing¹¹

Indications

AQUACEL[®] dressing is indicated as a primary dressing for moderately to heavily exuding wounds.

- Chronic wounds: leg ulcers, pressure ulcers, diabetic ulcers
- Acute wounds: donor sites, abrasions, lacerations, post-surgical wounds and first- and second-degree burns

AQUACEL[®] dressing can be used on infected wounds under medical supervision in an appropriate protocol of care and for wounds that require autolytic debridement.



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