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**AQUACEL**® STERILE

Hydrofiber® Dressing



ConvaTec



- For Single Use



- Store in a cool dry place

STERILE

- Gamma Sterilized



- See insert for Instructions for Use

REF

- Order Number



- Lot



- Keep Dry



- Expiration Date

#### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

AQUACEL® Hydrofiber® dressing is a soft, sterile, non-woven pad or ribbon dressing composed of sodium carboxymethylcellulose. This conformable and highly absorbent dressing absorbs wound fluid and transforms into a soft gel, which maintains a moist environment to support the body's healing process and aid in the removal of non-viable tissue from the wound (autolytic debridement), without damaging newly formed tissue.

#### INDICATIONS

Under medical supervision AQUACEL Hydrofiber dressing may be used for the management of:

- leg ulcers, pressure ulcers (Stage II-IV) and diabetic ulcers.
- surgical wounds (e.g., post-operative, wounds left to heal by secondary intent and donor sites),
- partial thickness burns.
- traumatic wounds (e.g., abrasions and lacerations).
- exudate absorption in oncology wounds (e.g., fungating cutaneous tumours, cutaneous metastases and Kaposi's sarcomas).

#### CONTRAINDICATIONS

AQUACEL Hydrofiber dressing should not be used on individuals who are sensitive to or who have had an allergic reaction to the dressing or its components.

#### PRECAUTIONS AND OBSERVATIONS

- Sterility is guaranteed unless the pouch is damaged or opened prior to use. Single use only.
- Appropriate supportive measures should be taken where indicated (e.g., use of graduated compression bandaging in the management of venous leg ulcers or pressure relief measures in the management of pressure ulcers/sores).
- The control of blood glucose, as well as appropriate supportive measures, should be provided with diabetic foot ulcers.
- Infection is not a contraindication to the use of AQUACEL Hydrofiber dressing. Should infection develop during the use of the dressing, antibiotic therapy should be initiated, as clinically indicated, by a health care professional.
- AQUACEL Hydrofiber dressing can facilitate the control of minor bleeding.
- If removing the dressing is difficult, the dressing should be fully saturated with sterile saline or water and removed slowly.
- Because AQUACEL Hydrofiber dressing provides a moist environment that supports the growth of new blood vessels, occasionally the delicate newly formed blood vessels may produce a blood stained wound fluid.
- AQUACEL Hydrofiber dressing is not intended for use as a surgical sponge.
- AQUACEL Hydrofiber dressing is not intended for use within internal body cavities or within closed wounds

#### DIRECTIONS FOR USE

##### 1 Exuding Wounds

- Before applying the dressing, cleanse the wound area with an appropriate wound cleanser.
- AQUACEL Hydrofiber dressing should overlap 1 cm onto the skin surrounding the wound.
- When using AQUACEL Hydrofiber ribbon in deep cavity wounds, leave at least 2.5 cm outside the wound for easy retrieval. Only pack deep wounds up to 80%, as AQUACEL Hydrofiber dressing will expand to fill the wound spaces on contact with wound fluid.
- Apply the dressing to the wound and cover with a moisture retentive dressing (e.g., DuoDERM™ Extra Thin or Versiva®), or other appropriate secondary dressing. See relevant individual package inserts for complete instructions for use.
- All wounds should be inspected frequently. Remove the AQUACEL Hydrofiber dressing when clinically indicated (i.e., leakage, excessive bleeding, or suspicion of infection).
- AQUACEL Hydrofiber dressing can be left in place for up to 7 days, where clinically indicated, (except in burns where it can be left in place for up to 14 days).

##### 2 Dry Wounds

In addition to the directions for use set forth above:

- Place the AQUACEL Hydrofiber dressing on the wound and wet with sterile water or saline over the wound area only.
- Cover the dressing with a moisture retentive dressing such as DuoDERM™ Extra Thin to avoid drying out of the dressing and subsequent dressing adherence to the wound.

##### 3 Partial thickness burns

- Before applying the dressing, cleanse the wound area with an appropriate wound cleanser.
- The AQUACEL Hydrofiber dressing should overlap at least 5 cm onto the skin surrounding the burn or other adjacent AQUACEL Hydrofiber dressing, as the dressing will shrink as it absorbs the exudate.
- The AQUACEL Hydrofiber dressing should be covered with a sterile loosely woven gauze pad and appropriately secured. In the immediate post burn period (up to 4 days) large volumes of wound exudate may require that the saturated dressing be removed and replaced with new AQUACEL Hydrofiber dressings.
- Remove the cover dressing periodically and inspect the AQUACEL Hydrofiber dressing while it remains in place on the burn.
- In this indication adherence to the wound bed of the AQUACEL Hydrofiber dressing is a desired characteristic. Non adherence of areas of the dressing may indicate deepening of the wound or infection. Areas of the dressing may be cut away to facilitate assessment. The exposed areas should then be treated appropriately.
- As the burn wound re-epithelializes, the AQUACEL Hydrofiber dressing will detach or be easily removed.
- For partial thickness burns, AQUACEL Hydrofiber dressings may be left in place for up to 14 days or until clinically indicated.
- If the burn is infected frequent inspection of the wound may be necessary.

Discard any unused portion of the dressing

If the immediate product packaging is damaged, do not use.

Store in cool dry place.  
(10° C - 25° C/50° F - 77° F).

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