

**DuoDERM**  
Hydroactive Paste



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#### PRODUCT DESCRIPTION

DuoDERM Paste is composed of natural hydrocolloids in a dermatologically approved vehicle and the paste is hypoallergenic. DuoDERM Paste interacts with wound exudate to form a moist wound environment that is supportive of the healing process by aiding autolytic debridement and allowing the non-traumatic removal of the dressing without damaging newly formed tissue.

#### INDICATIONS

The paste is intended to be used in association with a secondary dressing such as DuoDERM<sup>®</sup> dressings for the management of exuding dermal ulcers, including full-thickness wounds, such as leg ulcers, pressure ulcers, and diabetic ulcers. The paste aids in the absorption of excessive exudate and extends the life of the secondary dressing.

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#### CONTRAINDICATIONS

Do not use on individuals with a known sensitivity to the paste or its components.

Ulcers resulting from infection such as tuberculosis, syphilis or deep fungal infections.

Ulcers in patients with active vasculitis, such as periarteritis nodosa, systemic lupus erythematosus and cryoglobulinemia.

#### PRECAUTIONS AND OBSERVATIONS

Initial use of this product for dermal ulcers should be under the direction of a health care professional.

Other aspects of pressure sore care, such as repositioning of the patient and nutritional support must not be neglected. Lack of adequate rest in patients and sustained compression with arterial or venous insufficiency can increase local edema and hinder healing.

The control of blood glucose as well as appropriate pressure relief measures should be provided for patients with diabetic foot ulcers.

#### INCREASED WOUND SIZE

Use of any occlusive dressing in the presence of necrotic material may increase the wound size and depth during the initial phase of management as the necrotic debris is cleared away. This apparent deterioration is accompanied by gradual improvement. Deeper tissue damage may have already occurred under the apparent superficial pressure area. The initial deterioration that commonly occurs in these cases may be dramatic but is not in itself a contraindication for further use of DuoDERM dressings or DuoDERM Paste.

#### INFECTION

Colonization of chronic wounds is common and is not a contraindication to the use of the dressing. The dressing may be used on infected wounds under medical supervision together with appropriate therapy and frequent monitoring of the wound.

#### GRANULATION

Excessive granulation tissue may develop when using occlusive dressings.

#### PREPARATION AND CLEANSING OF THE WOUND SITE

1. Cleanse according to hospital practice.
2. Irrigate with saline.
3. Dry surrounding skin carefully to remove any greasy substances since these will interfere with the adhesion of the DuoDERM dressing.

#### PASTE APPLICATION

1. Swab the piercing spike (on cap) with alcohol.
2. Remove the cap and puncture the tube's opening by inverting the cap and pressing on the metal membrane. **NOTE:** A small amount of clear liquid may be evident when the tube is opened. This is normal and is not an indication of product deterioration.
3. Squeeze the paste into the wound. Smooth, if necessary, using a sterile spatula or a sterile gloved finger. The surface of the paste should not protrude above the level of the surrounding skin (excess paste should be removed). **NOTE:** Do not allow paste on the surrounding normal skin, otherwise the adherence of the dressing will be impaired.
4. Select a DuoDERM dressing of appropriate size so that it extends at least 1 1/4 in. (3.2 cm) onto normal skin. Apply in a rolling motion and hold gently in place to ensure good adhesion. **NOTE:** Refer to the instructions accompanying DuoDERM Dressings for further information.

#### REMOVAL

DuoDERM Paste is similar in composition to the DuoDERM Dressing and will gradually form a gel-like substance in the presence of moisture. This can be removed with saline when the dressing is changed. Material adhering to the wound margins need not be completely removed if a new dressing is to be applied.

#### STORAGE PRECAUTIONS

Store at room temperature. Avoid refrigeration and exposure to high humidity.

For single use. This product is supplied sterile. If the immediate product packaging is damaged, do not use.

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