

## Product Description

### Exudate Management – For moderately to heavily exuding wounds

AQUACEL<sup>®</sup> dressing is the original Hydrofiber<sup>®</sup> dressing, a technology unique to ConvaTec.

The Hydrofiber<sup>®</sup> 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 process<sup>1</sup>.

The unique gelling action of Hydrofiber<sup>®</sup> fibres absorb and retain exudate and lock away harmful components contained within wound exudate, such as bacteria<sup>2</sup> and proteinases<sup>3</sup>. The ability of AQUACEL<sup>®</sup> dressing to retain and absorb exudate is higher than some alginates<sup>4,5</sup> and gauze<sup>5</sup> giving longer wear time, leading to fewer dressings changes, reduced nursing time and lower overall wound care cost.<sup>4,5,6</sup> Stitchbonding has been added to strengthen the original AQUACEL<sup>®</sup> Ribbon Dressing making it over 20 times stronger\* and resulting in more than 1.3 times less shrinkage.<sup>12</sup>

\* Compared with the original AQUACEL<sup>®</sup> Dressing

### Application\*

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

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

The AQUACEL<sup>®</sup> dressing should then be covered with an appropriate moisture retentive secondary dressing such as, but not limited to, Versiva<sup>®</sup> XC<sup>®</sup> dressing, Granuflex<sup>®</sup> dressing, Granuflex<sup>®</sup> Boredded dressing, DuoDERM<sup>®</sup> Extra Thin dressing, or DuoDERM<sup>®</sup> Signal<sup>®</sup> dressing.

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



## Specifications

Size	Dressings Per Box	Product Code	NHS Code	PIP Code
10 cm x 10 cm	10	S7501	ELY012	240-8540
2 cm x 45 cm	5	S7503	ELY013	240-8565
5 cm x 5 cm	10	S7500	ELY014	240-8532
15 cm x 15 cm	5	S7502	ELY011	240-8557
1 cm x 45 cm	5	420127	ELY368	361-5978
4 cm x 10 cm	10	S7510	ELY163	318-1450
4 cm x 20 cm	10	S7511	ELY164	318-1468
4 cm x 30 cm	10	S7512	ELY165	318-1476

## Clinical Benefits

- Supports moist wound healing environment
- Highly absorbent giving longer wear time than alginates<sup>5</sup> or gauzes<sup>4</sup>
- Retains fluid within its structure reducing the risk of maceration and excoriation<sup>7</sup>
- Costs less overall than gauze<sup>8,9,10</sup> and an alginate<sup>6</sup> by saving time, money and resources.
- Soft and conformable adding to patient comfort
- Cohesive gel allows easy, atraumatic removal
- Promotes faster wound healing<sup>11</sup>

## Indications

**AQUACEL<sup>®</sup> 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<sup>®</sup> 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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