The Benefits of AQUACEL® Ag Dressing*

- The only absorbent filler dressing to offer Hydrofiber® Technology with ionic silver.
- Gels on contact with wound exudate and rapidly absorbs and retains exudate and harmful components contained within exudate—such as bacteria1—directly into its fibers.
- Proven to kill a broad spectrum of pathogens including MSRA and VRE2 as demonstrated by in vitro testing, for up to 14 days3
- Reduces pain while the dressing is in situ and upon removal4-7
- Indicated for use up to 7 days (14 days for partial thickness burns)

An ideal dressing for Pressure Ulcers, Venous Leg Ulcers, Diabetic Foot Ulcers or any Chronic Wound.

Preparation and Application* as demonstrated on a pressure ulcer

1. Evaluate ulcer and surrounding skin
2. Measure the wound with the ConvaTec Wound Measuring Guide
3. Cleanse with an appropriate wound cleanser such as SAF-Clens® AF or Shur-Clens® and dry the surrounding skin thoroughly
4. Select AQUACEL® Ag dressing size to cover wound (cut to fit if needed)
5. Cover AQUACEL® Ag dressing with a moisture-retentive dressing (eg, Versiva® XC®, DuoDERM® Extra Thin or DuoDERM Signal®)
6. After cleansing the wound, redress the wound site with a new AQUACEL® Ag dressing and cover with a secondary dressing as described previously

FOR SHALLOW WOUNDS: Apply AQUACEL® Ag dressing to the wound, overlapping dressing 1 cm (1/2 inch) onto the skin surrounding the wound.

FOR DEEP WOUNDS: When using AQUACEL® Ag dressing ribbon in deep cavity wounds, leave at least 2.5 cm (1 inch) outside the wound for easy retrieval. Only pack deep wounds up to 80%, as AQUACEL® Ag dressing will expand to fill the wound space on contact with wound fluid.

Removal And Reapplication*

- Gently remove the secondary dressing according to the package insert for that product
- Remove AQUACEL® Ag dressing and discard
- Occasionally, irrigation of the wound with sterile saline is recommended to remove the residual gel without disrupting the delicate granulation tissue
- Change secondary dressing more frequently if saturated*

The Benefits of Hydrofiber® Technology

LOCKS IN
Locks in and kills harmful components contained in exudate2,8†

CONTOURS
Contours to the wound bed, limiting space where bacteria can thrive9†

RESPONDS
Responds to changes in wound environment by gelling on contact with exudate and releasing silver ions “on demand”2†

Directions for Use on Chronic Wounds*

*See package insert for full product information, including Instructions for Use.
†As demonstrated in vitro
Chronic Ulcer Case Series Study

Delivers all the advantages of AQUACEL® dressing plus antimicrobial protection indicated for use with wounds that are infected or at risk of infection.

In a non-comparative four week case series, 70% of patients showed a decrease in wound size. *2

*A majority of participants had decreased exudate and improved periwound maceration in 75% of cases and frequent increased quality and quantity of granulation tissue.*13

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION*

AQUACEL® Ag dressing with Hydrofiber® Technology is a soft, sterile, non-woven pad or ribbon dressing composed of sodium carboxymethylcellulose fibers. This conformable and highlyabsorbent dressing interacts with wound exudate and forms a soft gel, which maintains a moist environment, supports the body’s healing process and aids in the removal of unnecessary material from the wound (autolytic debridement), without damaging newly-formed tissue. The dressing may be left in place for up to 7 days; however, when used on heavily exuding wounds or for other clinical reasons, the dressing may have to be changed more frequently.

PROFESSIONAL INDICATIONS*

AQUACEL® Ag dressing is indicated for the management of exuding chronic and acute wounds including:
- pressure ulcers
- leg ulcers
- abrasions and lacerations
- incisions and donor sites
- first and second-degree burns
- surgical or traumatic wounds left to heal by secondary intention

CONTRAINDICATIONS*

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

HIGHLIGHTS AND OBSERVATIONS*

1. AQUACEL® Ag dressing only provides local management of the wound site. In pressure ulcer care, other aspects such as repositioning of the patient and nutritional support should not be neglected. In leg ulcer care, lack of adequate rest in patients with vascular (arterial or venous) insufficiency can increase the amount of local edema and hinder potential healing.

2. AQUACEL® Ag dressing is not intended for use as a surgical sponge.

3. Occasionally, irrigation with a sterile saline solution may be required to facilitate application or removal of the dressing.

4. In cavity wounds, the ribbon dressing may be used to pack the wound. For wounds such as fistulae and sinus tracts, employ appropriate techniques during the insertion and removal of the dressing.

5. Because AQUACEL® Ag dressing provides a moist wound environment that promotes angiogenesis, occasionally delicate newly-formed capillaries may be traumatized to produce a sero-sanguous exudate.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE*

AQUACEL® Ag dressings are sterile and should be handled appropriately. Prior to application, the wound may be debrided if necessary, and then cleansed with an effective cleansing agent or saline. Apply AQUACEL® Ag dressing to the wound site and cover with a moisture-retentive dressing (Versiv® XC*, DuxDERM® Extra Thin or DuxDERM® Signal®) or gauze or other appropriate secondary dressing. See individual package inserts for complete instructions for use.

For more information on advanced wound dressings containing Hydrofiber® Technology go to www.hydrofiber.com

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