

3M™ Tegaderm™ Absorbent Clear Acrylic Dressing Ovals and Squares



Product Description

3M™ Tegaderm™ Absorbent Clear Acrylic Dressing is a sterile wound dressing. It consists of a conformable acrylic pad enclosed between two layers of transparent adhesive film. The film in contact with the wound surface is perforated to allow uptake of the wound fluid by the absorbent acrylic pad. The film backing is not perforated. The non-perforated film backing is moisture vapor permeable, but impermeable to liquids, bacteria, and viruses.* The dressing maintains a moist wound environment, which has been shown to enhance wound healing. The dressings are not designed, sold or intended for use except as indicated.

**In vitro* testing shows that the transparent film dressings provides a viral barrier from viruses 27 nm in diameter or larger while the dressing remains intact without leakage.

Indications for Use

Tegaderm™ Absorbent Clear Acrylic Dressing is indicated for partial and full thickness dermal ulcers including skin tears, pressure ulcers, superficial wounds, abrasions, superficial and partial-thickness burns, donor sites, and clean, closed approximated surgical incisions or laparoscopic incisions. It may also be used as a protective dressing on at risk, undamaged skin or skin beginning to show signs of damage from friction or shear.

Contraindications

None known.

Warnings

None known.

Precautions

1. Treatment of any wound should be part of a well-defined plan and under the supervision of a health care professional.
2. When using Tegaderm™ Absorbent Clear Acrylic Dressing, the wound may initially appear larger in size and depth as unnecessary tissue is cleaned away. This increase should be accompanied by an improved appearance of the wound. If the wound gets larger after the first few dressing changes, consult a health care professional.
3. Observe the wound/surgical incision for signs of infection. Consult a health care professional if any of the following are noted: fever, increased pain, redness, bleeding, swelling, unusual odor, increased drainage or cloudy or foul drainage. Tegaderm™ Absorbent Clear Acrylic Dressing may be used on infected wounds only under the care of a health care professional.
4. Rarely, irritation (redness), or maceration (whitening) of the surrounding skin, or hypergranulation (excessive tissue formation in the wound) may develop. Should these occur, consult a health care professional.
5. If the wound does not begin to show signs of healing or if any other unexpected symptoms occur, consult a health care professional.
6. During dressing removal for surgical incisions with an incision closure device such as adhesive wound closure strips, sutures, or staples, provide extra caution to avoid removal of these closure devices.

Directions for Use

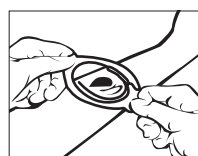
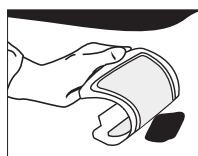
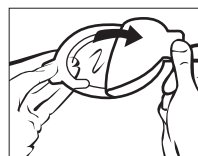
Note: Follow facility guidelines for infection control.

Before Using the Dressing:

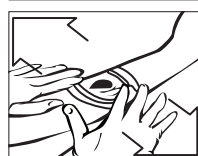
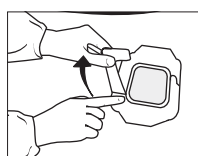
1. Clip excess hair for patient comfort.
2. Cleanse the wound and surrounding skin thoroughly.
3. Allow the surrounding skin to dry before applying the dressing.
4. If the periwound skin is fragile or exposure to drainage is likely, apply 3M™ Cavilon™ No Sting Barrier Film to the periwound skin.
5. Evaluate the wound/surgical incision and select the correct dressing size so that 1 cm (3/8 inch) of the absorbent pad extends beyond the wound edge.
6. Overlap the absorbent acrylic pads when covering wounds too large for single dressings.

Applying the Dressing:

1. Open package and remove sterile dressing.
2. Peel the liner from the dressing, exposing the adhesive surface. The acrylic pad is not intended to be cut. If needed, the film border may be trimmed before the paper frame is removed.
3. Center the dressing over the wound/surgical incision. Gently press the adhesive side down, smoothing from the center outward. Avoid stretching the dressing or the skin.
4. Slowly remove the frame while pressing down and smoothing the film border to ensure good adhesion.



Note: During use, it is normal for wound fluid to be absorbed throughout the pad. Movement of drainage to the edge of the pad does not create a need to change the dressing. The dressing should be changed if it is leaking, lifting off, or if there is wound fluid under the adhesive border.



Removing the Dressing:

1. Carefully lift the film edges from the skin. If there is difficulty lifting the dressing, apply tape to the edge and use the tape to lift. For surgical incisions with an incision closure device such as adhesive wound closure strips, sutures, or staples, provide extra caution to avoid removal of these closure devices. Adhesive wound closure strips are likely to be removed when the Tegaderm™ Absorbent Clear Acrylic Dressing is removed. If dressing requires removal in less than 7 days post-op replace the adhesive wound closure strips or follow individual institution protocol.
2. Continue lifting the film until all edges are free from the skin surface.
3. Remove the dressing slowly, folding it over itself. Pull carefully in the direction of hair growth.



Storage/Shelf Life/Disposal

For best results, store at room temperature. Avoid excessive heat and humidity. For shelf life, refer to the expiration date, which is printed on each package.

How supplied

Individually packaged for single use only. Sterile unless package is damaged or open.

If you have any questions or comments, in the USA contact the 3M Health Care Customer Helpline at 1-800-228-3957.

In Canada, contact 3M Canada, Inc., PO Box 5757, London, Ontario, N6A 4T1, 1-800-268-9696

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Explanation of Symbols

Do not use if package is damaged or open

This product and package do not contain natural rubber latex

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