

POLICY & PROCEDURES

MedVance® Hydrocolloid Dressing Surgical Wound Dressings

Policy

This policy is intended to support the wound care clinical team in providing consistent, evidence-based, quality standards of care including selection and use of appropriate wound care products consistent with patient wound care needs, product indications and instructions, and healthcare facility policies and procedures.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION: MedVance® Hydrocolloid Dressings

The MedVance® line of hydrocolloid dressings includes bordered, thin, and foam cushion options available in a variety of sizes and shapes for difficult-to-dress areas. Hydrocolloid dressings form a conformable gel on contact with wound exudate providing a moist and insulating environment that supports wound healing and autolytic debridement. The outer layer provides a barrier to fluid and microbial contamination while the hydrocolloid layer adheres to peri wound skin but not to the wound bed.

INDICATIONS FOR USE

MedVance® Hydrocolloid Dressings are indicated for the management of light to moderately exuding acute or chronic wounds including venous leg ulcers, diabetic foot ulcers, pressure injury wounds, donor sites, and partial and full thickness burns, postoperative wounds, and skin abrasions.

FREQUENCY OF CHANGE

Dressing change frequency will vary as wound healing progresses. Daily dressing changes may be required initially until exudation decreases. Change when dressing is saturated, soiled, or according to local protocol (up to seven days). CMS will approve reimbursement for up to 12 hydrocolloid dressings per month.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Hydrocolloid dressings are not recommended for highly exuding or infected wounds
- Dressings will form a moist gel on contact with wound exudate
- Autolytic debridement of slough and necrotic tissue may be associated with increased wound size early in treatment

PRECAUTIONS

- Do not use on patients with known sensitivity or allergy to dressing components
- Packaged product is provided sterile for single use only
- Do not use if package is open or damaged
- Do not re-sterilize
- Discontinue use of the dressing and notify appropriate medical personnel if signs of infection are observed

Procedure

SUPPLIES

- MedVance® Hydrocolloid Dressing (choose appropriate dressing for wound)
 - Bordered, thin, foam
 - Size to extend approximately 2cm beyond wound edges
- Securement devices (e.g., medical tape, roll gauze, stockinette, tubular dressing)
- Clean, disposable gloves
- Wound cleanser (facility approved)
- Sterile, non-woven gauze
- Medical tape
- Medical waste container (facility approved)

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

1. Gather supplies
2. Select a suitable dressing size that overlaps the wound margin by approximately 2cm
3. Follow facility protocol for hand washing and gloving techniques
4. Carefully remove and dispose of soiled dressing following facility protocol for disposal of medical waste
5. Follow wound bed preparation per facility protocol, including wound cleansing and debridement
6. Open sterile, single-use dressing package and remove protective liner
7. Apply hydrocolloid pad to the wound bed extending 2cm beyond wound edges and gently smooth over peri-wound skin
8. Secure hydrocolloid pad with appropriate securement device, as needed
9. Clean wound care procedure area. Remove all supplies utilized for dressing change
10. Remove and dispose of gloves
11. Wash hands
12. Document name, date, time of dressing change per local protocol

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