

POLICY & PROCEDURES

MedVance® Foam 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 facility policies and procedures.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTION: MedVance® Foam Dressings

The MedVance® Foam Dressing is a non-adherent polyurethane foam dressing that does not stick to wound bed. The porous structure increases absorbent capacity and speed while maintaining a moist wound healing environment. Breathable polyurethane film allows moisture vapor transmission, extending wear time, and the soft, comfortable foam may help redirect pressure. MedVance® Foam is also available with hydrocolloid adhesive border.

INDICATIONS FOR USE

MedVance® Foam Dressing is intended for the management of moderate to heavily exuding acute or chronic wounds including venous leg ulcers, diabetic foot ulcers, pressure injury wounds, donor sites, and partial and full thickness burns.

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). Foam dressings are reimbursed up to 12 per month.

CONSIDERATIONS

- Foam dressings are not recommended for dry, lightly exuding or infected wounds
- Foam dressings may be trimmed to fit to the wound edge
- Do not use with oxidizing solutions, such as hypochlorite solution or hydrogen peroxide solution (H₂O₂)
- 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® Foam Dressing
- Secondary dressing, with or without border
- Securement devices (e.g., medical tape, roll gauze, stockinette, tubular dressing)
- Clean, disposable gloves
- Wound cleanser (facility approved)
- Sterile, non-woven gauze pads
- Medical tape
- Medical waste container (facility approved)

DIRECTIONS FOR USE

1. Gather supplies
2. Follow facility protocol for hand washing and gloving techniques
3. Carefully remove and dispose of soiled dressing following facility protocol for disposal of medical waste
4. Follow wound bed preparation per facility protocol, including wound cleansing and debridement
5. Open sterile, single-use Foam Dressing package and remove from pouch
6. Apply Foam Dressing to wound
7. Secure Foam Dressing with appropriate secondary dressing, bandage, or tape
8. Clean wound care procedure area. Remove all supplies utilized for dressing change
9. Remove and dispose of gloves
10. Wash hands
11. Document name, date, time of dressing change per local protocol

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