

# MedVance® Alginate Dressing

## **Description**

MedVance® Alginate Dressings are produced from high mannuronic (rapid gelling) calcium alginate fibers and are available in available in both nonwoven pad and rope formats suitable for full-thickness wounds or undermined and cavity wounds, respectively.

MedVance® Alginate Dressing forms a protective, conforming gel on contact with wound exudate. The gelling action absorbs and traps exudate, maintains intimate contact with the wound surface and provides a moist wound-healing environment with pain-free, atraumatic removal.

#### **Indications for use**

MedVance® Alginate Dressing is indicated 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.

### Precautions

MedVance® Alginate is not appropriate for use on dry or lightly exuding wounds or those covered with dry necrosis. Moisten with saline to ensure complete removal from dry wounds, cavities or sinuses. Do not use on patients with known sensitivity or allergy to alginates. Product is provided sterile for single use. Do not use if package is open or damaged. Do not resterilize.

## **Directions for use**

1. Follow wound bed preparation protocol, including

wound cleansing and debridement.

- 2. Select a suitable dressing size that approximates the wound size and cut to fit wound or cavity.
- 3. Apply alginate pad to the wound bed and/or loosely pack cavities and undermined areas with alginate rope.
- 4. Apply appropriate secondary occlusive dressing or bandaging for wound cover and dressing fixation.
- 5. Remove alginate dressing and follow wound bed preparation protocol, including cleansing with appropriate solution, before applying subsequent dressings.

## 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).

# Warnings

Discontinue use of the alginate dressing and notify appropriate medical personnel if signs of infection are observed.

## Storage

Store in a well-ventilated, cool, dry space.

Not made with natural rubber latex.



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