

**ActivHeal AquaFiber®
Reinforced Alginate Dressing**

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Product Description

ActivHeal AquaFiber® Reinforced Alginate Dressing is a sterile, non-woven pad or rope composed of a high M (mannuronic acid) alginate with a reinforcement layer to allow intact removal.

ActivHeal AquaFiber® Reinforced Alginate Dressing is soft, conformable, clear gelling and highly absorbent. Not made with natural rubber latex.

Indications

ActivHeal AquaFiber® Reinforced Alginate Dressing is indicated for moderate to heavily exuding chronic and acute wounds and can be used during the healing process on; pressure ulcers, venous and arterial leg ulcers, diabetic ulcers, cavity wounds, lacerations, abrasions, graft and donor sites, post-operative surgical wounds and superficial and partial thickness burns.

The dressings can also be used to control minor bleeding in superficial wounds.

ActivHeal AquaFiber® Reinforced Alginate Dressing is suitable for use under compression bandaging.

Contraindications

- Do not use to control heavy bleeding.
- Do not use on patients with a known sensitivity to alginates.
- Not for surgical implantation.

Precautions

- Do not use on dry or lightly exuding wounds as the dressing may adhere to the wound.
- Do not use on full thickness burns.
- Do not re-use in whole or in part, as it may compromise sterility and/or the performance of the dressing.
- Must not be ingested and must be kept away from children and animals.
- For use under the guidance of a healthcare professional.

Directions for Use

Site Preparation and Dressing Application

1. Debride if necessary and irrigate the wound site in accordance with standard protocols.
2. Remove excess solution from surrounding skin.
3. Select a size of dressing that is slightly larger than the wound.
4. The dressing can be cut (using sterile scissors) to the wound. Apply to wound bed directly.
5. Dispose of unused dressing material, according to local procedures and guidelines, due to risk of contamination.
6. For cavity wounds, loosely fill ensuring that the dressing does not overlap the wound margins.
7. Cover and secure with a semi occlusive secondary dressing, for example ActivHeal® Hydrocolloid or ActivHeal® Foam dressing.

Dressing Change and Removal

1. Dressings can remain in-situ for up to 7 days, dependent on patient condition and the level of exudate.
2. Reapply when the dressing has reached its absorbent capacity or whenever good wound care practice dictates that the dressing should be changed.
3. To reapply, gently remove the dressing. If the wound appears dry, saturate the dressing with sterile saline solution prior to removal.
4. Gently remove the dressing from the wound bed and dispose of according to local procedures and guidelines.
5. If required, irrigate the wound site with a suitable wound cleanser prior to application of a new dressing.

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