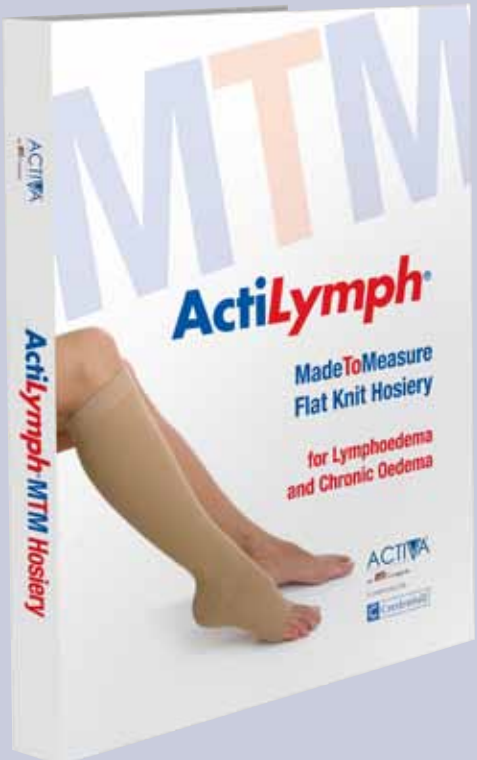
ActiLymph Hosiery and Armsleeve range



Product Description

The ActiLymph range includes armsleeves and hosiery. ActiLymph gives the estimated 100,000 sufferers of chronic oedema the product most suited to manage the condition. ActiLymph hosiery provides the graduated compression and fabric firmness to reduce swelling in legs and arms when the lymphatic system is not working properly.

Indications

ActiLymph® Stockings Class 1 (18–21mmHg) — provide light compression and should be used for early/mild chronic oedema, lymphoedema — where the oedema is light to moderate with little shape distortion.

ActiLymph® Stockings Class 2 (23–32mmHg) — provide medium compression and should be used in cases of moderate-to-severe chronic oedema or lymphoedema where there may be some shape distortion.

ActiLymph® Stockings Class 3 (34–46mmHg) — provide strong compression and should be used for the maintenance of severe chronic oedema and lymphoedema, where resistant oedema features, following a DVT or a history of reoccurring ulceration or where lymphatic damage is considerable. Use when lower compression has failed to control return of oedema.

Contraindications/Precautions

If you have had or believe you may have had any problems with your veins, then it is important that you seek advice from a trained health professional, before wearing any compression hosiery:

- Significant arterial disease (ischaemia) according to vascular assessment ABPI of <0.8 or >1.2 unless after specialist referral and under supervision and regular follow-up
- Use with caution where diabetes and rheumatoid arthritis are present as there may be microvascular disease
- People with diabetes may also have some degree of peripheral neuropathy, which could cause problems if the stockings become too tight
- Care should be taken when applying hosiery over bony prominences to avoid damage to the skin and circulation.

Method of use

ActiLymph European hosiery is available on prescription for patients with oedema. ActiLymph improves both lymphatic and venous return.

Mode of action

ActiLymph provides the required compression levels and fabric stiffness required to manage oedema. Activa recommends that a full holistic assessment is carried out before any compression hosiery is prescribed.

Frequency of change

Two pairs of ActiLymph® hosiery are normally prescribed and patients should be re-assessed every six months for new hosiery. With ActiLymph® armsleeves, two are normally prescribed and patients should be re-assessed six-monthly.

Sizes/specification

The ActiLymph Hosiery range and Made to Measure range are both available in sand and black.

All sizing charts, prescriber's guides and tape measures are available free of charge to health professionals by contacting the Customer Care line on 08450 606707.

References

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Flivasorb®

Super absorbent wound dressings

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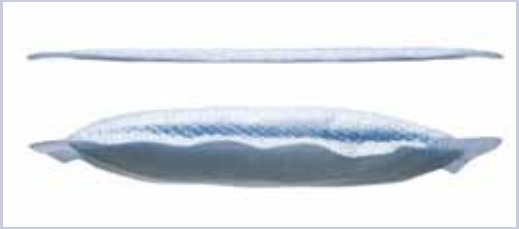

Product Description

Flivasorb is a pioneering superabsorbent wound dressing, with twice as much absorption capacity compared to a traditional absorbent dressing made of cellulose without superabsorber. Flivasorb functions by absorbing and retaining chronic wound exudate, including the high levels of protease enzymes (MMPs, elastase) believed to be a factor in delayed wound healing. Flivasorb has a flexible, skin-friendly wound contact layer which prevents the dressing from sticking to the wound, thus minimising pain at dressing change or further damage to the skin. The tried and tested exudate management benefits of Flivasorb® are now also combined with the convenience and comfort of a skin-friendly self-adjusting adhesive membrane, giving the choice between adhesive and non-adhesive versions. The flat and flexible design makes Flivasorb comfortable to wear, even in areas that are difficult to dress. It can also be used under compression.

Indications

Flivasorb is suitable for the management of heavily exuding superficial wounds and as a secondary dressing for deep, heavily exuding wounds, such as: pressure ulcers, arterial ulcers, venous leg ulcers, diabetic foot ulcers, postoperative wounds healing by secondary intention, laparotomy wounds, superficial and partial thickness burns.

Contraindications

Do not use in fistulas and bridging wounds as the product can expand considerably when wound exudate is absorbed; on wounds with light exudation, as the wound may dry out and drawing pain may occur; or if there is a known hypersensitivity to the product itself, or to its components. Flivasorb superabsorbent wound dressing may not be cut or torn.

Frequency of Change

Flivasorb should be changed as often as the wound condition dictates. As with all dressings, Flivasorb has a finite capacity and should be changed when the dressing is saturated. Regular monitoring is required. If infection is suspected, more frequent monitoring and dressing changes are advised. See local guidelines. As the absorption process may be rapid with Flivasorb and the wound may become drier than expected, regular monitoring is necessary. When a superabsorbent dressing is no longer required, consider changing to an alternative moisture balance dressing.

Depending on the degree of exudation, the dressing should be changed:

- When discoloration is seen on the reverse of the dressing
- When the dressing has reached its maximum fluid capacity and can no longer absorb exudate
- When the dressing becomes deformed to a size greater than the wound.

Flivasorb may remain in place for up to a maximum of seven days, if the absorption capacity has not been reached. When using any dressing, wound and skin monitoring is advised. Please refer to local guidelines.

Sizes

Flat sterile dressing, individually sealed, available in boxes of 10. Flivasorb sizes available: 10x10cm, 10x20cm, 20x20cm, 20x30cm.

Flivasorb Adhesive sizes available: 12x12cm, 15x15cm. Application of the wound dressing: the size of dressing depends on the wound size; Flivasorb® should overlap the wound by approx. 2-3 cm and can be retained with a bandage. When using Flivasorb® Adhesive, this overlap should be increased by a further 2cm to account for the adhesive border.

References

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Debrisoft®

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Product Description

Debrisoft® consists of a soft, dense nap of monofilament, 100% polyester fibres knitted to the reverse side and secured with polyacrylate. Debrisoft® has a stitched edging. Each Debrisoft® is individually packaged and sterile. Debrisoft® is for single use only.

Indications

Debrisoft® is a rapid, highly effective, safe and easy method of debridement for superficial wounds containing loose slough and debris. This includes leg ulcers, pressure ulcers, diabetic foot ulcers, and post-operative wounds healing by secondary intention. Debrisoft® is also very effective in removal of hyperkeratosis from the skin.

Contraindications

Where very stubborn slough or hard necrosis is present, treatment by autolytic debridement using dressings prior to treatment with Debrisoft® would be advised. Always fully moisten Debrisoft® with a wound cleansing solution, eg saline or water (refer to local guidelines) before use, then wipe the wound surface/skin with gentle pressure. Always use the soft, fibre side and not the knitted, reverse side. Debrisoft® must not be used as a wound dressing.

Debrisoft® should not be used if there is a known sensitivity to any components of the product.

Method of use

Open the sterile packaging. Soak Debrisoft® with a standard wound rinsing solution, in accordance with applicable local guidelines (eg saline or tap water). Use the soft fibre side of the moistened Debrisoft® over the wound surface, applying gentle pressure. If necessary, use another moistened Debrisoft® for the peri-wound skin. Discard Debrisoft® after use in normal clinical waste, according to local guidelines.

Mode of action

The flexible fibres of Debrisoft® can reach all the way into the wound bed, even in deeper areas. Debris and exudate are actively loosened from the wound by the angled tops of the fibres. Skin flakes and keratoses are also efficiently removed from the surrounding skin. The loosened coatings and keratoses are removed and safely locked into the Debrisoft® fibre composite material.

Frequency of Change

Debrisoft® is not a wound dressing and thus should not be left in-situ on a wound. Debrisoft® is for use as a debridement treatment and thus should be used when cleansing and debriding a wound. Some wounds may only require one treatment, others may require further treatments – this will be dependent on individual wound conditions.

Sizes

10x10cm. Available in packs of five.

References

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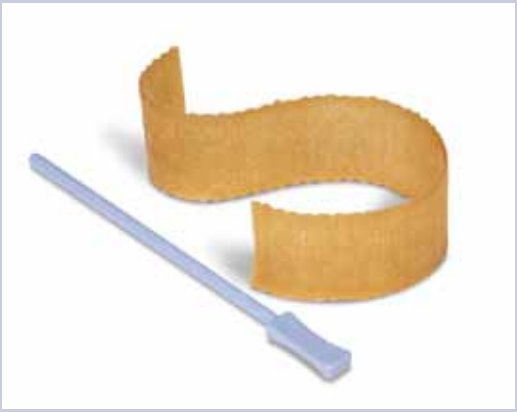
Visit YouTube and search for "Debrisoft" to view our short film on the use of Debrisoft.

Algivon Plus® and Algivon Plus Ribbon® (with Wound Probe)



Product Description

Algivon Plus is a reinforced, soft alginate dressing impregnated with 100% Medical Grade Manuka honey. The strengthened alginate fibres enable a sustained, slower release of honey whilst maintaining the integrity of the dressing.

Algivon Plus Ribbon (with Wound Probe) is the same reinforced, honey impregnated material as Algivon Plus® but is in an easy to use ribbon shape. Algivon Plus Ribbon is very soft and conformable, shaped for easy application within cavities and sinuses meaning the wound can be easily packed for direct contact with the entire wound site.

Indications

Algivon Plus may be applied to any wound but especially: Pressure ulcers, leg ulcers, diabetic ulcers, surgical wounds, burns, graft sites and infected wounds.

Algivon Plus Ribbon may be applied to any wound but especially: Cavities, sinuses, pressure ulcers, leg ulcers, diabetic ulcers, surgical wounds, burns, graft sites and infected wounds.

Contraindications

Although the honey is not absorbed into the blood stream, we advise monitoring the levels of blood glucose in patients with diabetes. Do not use if allergic to bee venom. Discomfort can be experienced when honey is applied, depending on sensitivity of the wound it may be necessary to consider an appropriate level of analgesia. The initial discomfort usually subsides, however if it does continue, discontinue use and irrigate the wound with saline solution.

Method of use

Algivon Plus is placed either side down onto the wound surface.

Pack Algivon Plus Ribbon into a deep wound, cavity or sinus; ribbon can be cut to size ensuring that sharp scissors are used. Do not pack cavity too tight.

Wound Probe — do not insert into cavities smaller than the probe.

Both dressings — apply a suitable secondary dressing to manage exudate.

Mode of action

Algivon Plus is an ideal choice for wetter wounds as the alginate has a small capacity to absorb, meaning the honey isn't washed away with exudate, therefore maximising wear time and effectiveness.

Algivon Plus Ribbon is very soft and conformable, shaped for easy application within cavities and sinuses meaning the wound can be easily packed for direct contact with the entire wound site.

Frequency of Change

Depending on wound exudate levels, any surrounding interstitial fluid, oedema and dressing regime may require changing daily but may be left in place for up to seven days. Will be less effective as the honey is diluted by wound exudate, to maintain an effective level change the dressing when the colour changes significantly.

Sizes

Algivon Plus – 5cm x 5cm, 10cm x 10cm (pack of five dressings)

Algivon Plus Ribbon – 2.5cm x 20cm (pack of five dressings and five wound probes)

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Actico Inelastic® Compression bandage system

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Product Description

The results of a randomised trial into the management of chronic venous ulceration, have shown that Actico Cohesive Inelastic Bandage system is an effective alternative to four-layer bandaging, in the management of patients with chronic venous ulceration[1].

- Actico is a cohesive inelastic compression bandage system is used in the management of lymphoedema and chronic oedema.
- Simple, safe and effective for full-leg, below-knee and arm bandaging
- Suitable for patients with and without oedema
- Effective healing for mobile and immobile wearers
- Actico bandage is applied at full-stretch onto the limb
- Non-slip, resulting in Actico requiring fewer reapplications.

Indications

Prior to bandaging, all patients should have a full holistic assessment (please refer to local guidelines). Actico can used on the following conditions:

- Venous Leg Ulcer (VLU) uncomplicated
- VLU and arterial disease (ABPI 0.5–0.8)+*
- VLU and diabetic foot ischaemia +
- VLU and immobile patients +
- Lymphoedema and chronic oedema

+ With caution — under specialist supervision

** Please refer to local guidelines*

Contraindications

Prior to bandaging, all patients should have a full holistic assessment (please refer to local guidelines). As with all compression systems, caution is required when:

- Cardiac overload is suspected
- Patients have diabetes
- Patients have advanced small vessel disease
- Arterial disease is present
- Renal failure is present.

Method of Use

Actico cohesive inelastic compression bandage is applied with a simple spiral with a 50% overlap. The Safe-Loc® System of application gives clinicians peace of mind through 100% full-stretch application, reducing the risk of over-compression[2], which could result in pressure damage.

Frequency of Change

Actico® is capable of maintaining pressure without slippage[1]and can be worn up to seven days.

Sizes/Specification

Actico® compresion bandage system is available in the following sizes:

4cm x 6m, 6cm x 6m, 8cm x 6m, 10cm x 6m*, 12cm x 6m

FlexiBan® Padding Bandage:

10cm x 3.5m

** Please note 10cm Actico is recommended for use in the treatment of uncomplicated venous leg ulcers*

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