

AMERIGEL® WOUND CARE INSTRUCTIONS

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WOUND CLEANSING

AmeriGel® Wound Dressing is classified by the FDA as a hydrogel wound filler indicated for the following uses: stage I-IV pressure ulcers, diabetic skin ulcers, venous stasis ulcers, 1st & 2nd degree burns, post-surgical incisions, cuts and abrasions.

We recommend cleansing the wound with Amerigel® Wound Wash solution or a saline irrigation solution (*Do Not Use Contact Lens Solutions*). Pour the saline over the wound and rinse thoroughly. To avoid disturbing the wound bed, do not scrub the wound aggressively. Gently blot dry the excess saline with a clean gauze or cloth before re-applying AmeriGel®.

APPLYING AMERIGEL® WOUND DRESSING

Following wound cleansing, apply a thin coat of AmeriGel® to the wound and the surrounding skin, extending approximately 1/2 inch beyond the wound.

DRESSING THE WOUND

Moisten a gauze pad (2x2, 4x4, etc.) with saline. The gauze should be similar in dampness to a washcloth that you would wash your face with, not dripping wet, but not wrung dry. Following the application of AmeriGel®, place the dampened gauze over the wound. Next, place a dry piece of gauze on top of the damp one. This will provide a moist environment for the wound and additional gauze to absorb any drainage. Secure the gauze pads in place with tape or roll gauze.

WOUND CARE TIPS

1. Change the dressing twice a day for the first week and once a day thereafter.
2. If the gauze sticks to the wound, soak it with saline until it falls off without pulling on the wound.
3. Do not use peroxide, povidine-iodine or alcohol on a chronic wound that has existed for more than 90 days.
4. Some patients report a “stinging” or “burning” sensation, similar to that of hydrogen peroxide, when they initially apply AmeriGel®. This is the antimicrobial action working on the wound.
5. Increased drainage may occur and the wound may appear to get deeper with the first few applications. This is a good sign as long as they both happen together. Wounds generally heal from the inside out, becoming shallower, allowing the surrounding skin to close over the wound.

**FOR ANY PROBLEMS OR QUESTIONS,
PLEASE CONTACT YOUR PHYSICIAN.**

Attention:

Please place business card
here before making copies.

Your follow-up visit is scheduled on: Date _____ Time _____ AM/PM