HYDROCOLLOID

BACTERIAL BARRIER
HIGH MVTR
COMFORMABLE
MOIST WOUND HEALING

This clever hydrocolloid creates a moist wound healing environment.
Available with a film or foam backing, within a range of sizes and shapes, ActivHeal® Hydrocolloid provides a versatile dressing choice to promote moist wound healing. The dressing absorbs exudate away from the wound whilst the breathability of the top film allows excess fluid to be transferred through the dressing. ActivHeal® Hydrocolloid consists of a thin layer of hydrocolloid laminated to a highly breathable film, in addition to this ActivHeal® Hydrocolloid Foam Backed has a polyurethane foam backing which provides a cushion to aid patient comfort.

PERFORMANCE

ActivHeal® Hydrocolloid absorbs exudate into the hydrocolloid matrix and transpires wound fluid through the breathable outer layer. This combination enhances the total fluid handling capacity of the dressing whilst also ensuring that moisture is regulated within the wound.

INDICATIONS

ActivHeal® Hydrocolloid is indicated for use on acute or chronic wounds with a light to moderate level of exudate.

- Skin and donor sites
- Pressure Ulcers
- Leg Ulcers
- Diabetic ulcers
- Superficial and partial thickness burns
- Post operative surgical wounds
- Abrasions and lacerations
- Can also be used on cavity wounds when used as a secondary dressing

Case Study

Mr B is a 69 year old gentleman with type II diabetes and hypertension. He presented with a chronic non-healing ulcer (approx. 3cm x 1cm) over the tibial crest of his right leg that he’d had for the last 6 months, it was considered by Tissue Viability staff to be principally associated with venous insufficiency.

1. Week 1 - His wound was found to be 40% sloughy, 10% granulating and 50% re-epithelialising. The peri-wound skin around his ulcer was found to be “dry”. The wound was considered to be producing low levels of exudate.

2. Week 3 - A progressive reduction in non-viable tissue paralleled by a progressive increase in “healed & re-epithelialised” tissue was noted during this evaluation. Open wound area was found to rapidly reduce over the first three weeks of the evaluation.

3. Week 5 - Mr B’s ulcer was found to be fully healed. When asked to provide a satisfaction score on conclusion of the evaluation, both Mr B and the Tissue Viability staff reported that they considered the dressing to be “very good”.

Sizes and Codes

ActivHeal® Hydrocolloid and Hydrocolloid Foam Backed are available through a variety of channels including NHS Supply Chain and the Drug Tariff.

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