SILICONE WOUND CONTACT LAYER

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PROTECTS THE PERIWOUND

14 DAYS IN SITU

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CASE STUDY

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**FEATURES**

- Highly conformable // Allows passage of exudate // Can remain in situ for up to 14 days // Promotes healing through a moist wound environment // Protective layer on non exuding wounds such as blisters and fragile skin tears // Minimises epidermal stripping // Minimises pain at dressing changes // Protects the periwound

**ACTIVHEAL® SILICONE WOUND CONTACT LAYER PREVENTS THE DRESSING FROM STICKING TO THE WOUND AND REDUCES PAIN DURING DRESSING CHANGES.**

**ActivHeal® Silicone Wound Contact Layer dressing is a sterile wound dressing consisting of a knitted polyester fabric coated with silicone adhesive on both sides.**

ActivHeal® Silicone Wound Contact Layer dressing is a primary dressing for use when adherence to the wound is a potential problem. The dressing allows exudate to pass into an absorbent secondary dressing. The silicone creates a layer between the dressing and the skin surface which allows the dressing to be removed while minimising trauma, pain, or damage the delicate new tissue at the wound margin. On the skin, the dressing will provide secure adhesion with minimal epidermal stripping or pain on removal.

With wound management being increasingly outcome driven, pain is a major issue for patients with wounds of different aetiologies, as many patients experience transient wound related pain when the wound dressing is applied and/or removed. Silicone wound contact layer dressings are often used to increase comfort for the patient, during dressing change.

**PERFORMANCE**

ActivHeal® Silicone Wound Contact Layer is a primary dressing. A secondary absorbent dressing is required if exudate is present. In comparison with similar contact layers the ActivHeal® Silicone Wound Contact Layer is shown to be more extensible, therefore making it more conformable and subsequently easier to apply to difficult areas to dress.

**Conformability (kgfcm-1)²**

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The ActivHeal® Silicone Wound Contact Layer contours to the wound surface which provides an intimate contact layer with the wound bed. This silicone layer prevents the dressing from sticking to the moist wound tissue, but will gently adhere to intact skin. This avoids the disruption of new tissue growth or damage to the peri wound skin at dressing changes.³

**INDICATIONS**

ActivHeal® Silicone Wound Contact Layer dressing is indicated for use on nil to heavily exuding chronic and acute wounds (with appropriate secondary dressing). The dressing may be used throughout the healing process on the following wounds:

- Skin tears
- Partial thickness skin grafts
- Surgical incisions
- Venous ulcers
- Pressure ulcers
- Arterial ulcers

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**SIZES AND CODES**

**ActivHeal® Silicone Wound Contact Layer** is available through NHS Supply Chain and Drug Tariff.

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