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ALGISITE[®] M

Calcium Alginate Dressing



Step 1:

Cleanse the wound in accordance with normal procedures.

Step 2:

Choose a dressing which is slightly larger than the wound and place it in intimate contact with the wound base ensuring the entire surface is covered. It may be best to use the alginate strip if the wound is deep or undermined. To help avoid maceration of the surrounding skin, cut the ALGISITE[®] M to the size of the wound or alternately fold any dressing material overlying the wound into the wound.

Step 3:

Apply using an appropriate dressing technique.

Step 4:

Cover with an appropriate retention dressing. Wound exudate will evaporate from the gel surface; the secondary dressing should not hinder this evaporative process where exudate is heavy.

Step 5:

Generally dressings should be changed daily in heavily draining wounds, reducing to twice weekly (or weekly) as healing proceeds.

Step 6:

To remove ALGISITE[®] M, use tweezers, forceps or a gloved hand to gently lift the dressing away - the high wet strength generally allows it to remain in one piece. The dressing may adhere if used on a very lightly exuding wound. Removal of the dressing is facilitated by saturating the wound with saline.

Please see Overview Tab for Precautions

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