Mepilex® Ag with Safetac® Technology

Antimicrobial soft silicone foam dressing

℞ Only

Caution: Federal [US] Law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician [or properly licensed practitioner].

Product description

Mepilex Ag consists of:

1. a Safetac® wound contact layer
2. a flexible absorbent pad of grey polyurethane foam containing a silver compound and activated carbon
3. an outer film which is vapour permeable and water, bacteria and virus proof

Mepilex Ag contains silver sulphate that releases silver ions to create an effective bacterial barrier and inactivates a wide range of wound related pathogens (bacteria and fungi), shown in vitro. By reducing the number of microorganisms, Mepilex Ag may also reduce odour.

Mepilex Ag has also been shown to inactivate wound related pathogens, up to 7 days in vitro.

Safetac Technology

Safetac is a patented soft silicone adhesive technology that minimises pain to patients and trauma to wounds. Safetac technology is less painful because it

1. tacks gently to dry surfaces, like skin, but not to moist surfaces such as open wounds
2. moulds to the skin's pores, covering more skin surface and spreading peel forces on removal to prevent skin stripping
3. seals the wound margins, ensuring exudate does not spread to the surrounding skin and minimising maceration

Indications for use

Mepilex Ag Dressing is indicated for the management of low to moderately exuding wounds such as leg and foot ulcers, pressure ulcers and partial thickness burns. Silver sulfate present in the dressing helps reduce microbial colonization on the dressing.

Instructions for use

Note that local hygiene procedures should be followed prior to and following the dressing change.

1. Cleanse the wound with saline solution or water according to standard clinical practice.
2. Dry the surrounding skin thoroughly.
3. Remove the release films and apply the adherent side to the wound. Do not stretch.
4. For best result, Mepilex Ag should overlap the dry surrounding skin by at least 1-2 cm for the smaller sizes (sizes up to 12.5x12.5 cm) and 5 cm for the larger sizes in order to protect the surrounding skin from maceration and excoriation and fixate the dressing securely. If required, Mepilex Ag can be cut to suit various wound shapes and locations.
5. When necessary, fixate Mepilex Ag with a bandage or other fixation.

Mepilex Ag is intended for short-term use up to 4 weeks. For long-term use, a clinical assessment by a physician is recommended.

Frequency of change

Mepilex Ag may be left in place for up to 7 days depending on the condition of the wound and surrounding skin, or as indicated by accepted clinical practice.

Precautions

- Mepilex Ag should be used under the supervision of a qualified health care professional.
- Do not use on patients with a known sensitivity to silver.
- Do not use Mepilex Ag during radiation treatment or examinations e.g. X-ray, ultrasound, diathermy or Magnetic Resonance Imaging.
- Do not use Mepilex Ag together with oxidising agents such as hypochlorite solutions or hydrogen peroxide.
- For external use only.
- Mepilex Ag may cause transient discoloration of the wound bed and surrounding skin.
- In the event of clinical infection Mepilex Ag does not replace the need for systemic therapy or other adequate infection treatment.
- The interaction of Mepilex Ag with other topical treatments has not been demonstrated.
- Other than saline solution or water, the interaction of cleansing agents in combination with Mepilex Ag has not been demonstrated.
- Do not reuse. If reused performance of the product may deteriorate, cross contamination may occur.
- Sterile. Do not use if inner package is damaged or opened prior to use. Do not re-sterilise.

Storage and disposal

- Mepilex Ag should be stored in dry conditions at room temperature and protected from direct sunlight.
- Disposal should be handled according to local environmental procedures.

Silver content information

- Mepilex Ag contains 1.2 mg/cm² silver