

First Experiences of an Ultra Soft Non-Adherent Foam Dressing

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Blisters

- Male 58 years
- Exuding painful blisters
- Erythema and edema
- Need a dressing which absorbs and protects
- Complete epithelialisation at Day 7



Pressure ulcer – Heel

- Female 75 years
- Fibrinous tissue, exuding ulcer
- Dressing conforms very well to the heel
- Ultra soft and non-adherent
- Stimulates autolytic debridement
- Protection of the epithelialisation



Skin graft

- Male 56 Years
- Day 3: First dressing change
- Dressing needs to be soft, conformable, non-adhesive and highly absorptive
- Very good protection of frail skin seen
- Creates an ideal wound healing environment



Aim

Local wound treatment is focused on the creation of an ideal wound healing environment, which aids with cell proliferation and reduces the frequency of dressing changes. In addition, it is important to prevent damage to the new tissue, whilst in position and following the removal of a dressing.

The right choice of dressing depends on the different clinical factors (e.g wound type, phase of wound healing, status of the surrounding skin and the bacterial status of the wound)

Foam dressings have an important position with regards to dressing choice, because of their positive capabilities to support moist wound healing.

Within this poster, we want to describe our experiences of a new ultra soft foam dressing*.

Methods

These new ultra soft foam dressings* have been recently launched into the market and are differentiated from the other foams because of their special capacities.

In this case series, we followed 7 wounds (both acute and chronic) with the new foam dressing* (without a polyurethane top layer) and Plus foam dressing* (with a polyurethane top layer) dressings.

The wounds were dressed both in the wound care centre and in the homecare setting.

The dressing was evaluated on a weekly basis, to evaluate the properties and efficacy of the dressing.

Results

A good result was achieved with both the acute and chronic wounds, due to the creation of the ideal wound healing environment.

The dressing stayed in place for up to seven days and it was very conformable for those difficult to dress areas like heels and joints.

The new foam dressing* can also be used in conjunction with compression therapy products for chronic wound management, such as chronic leg ulcers without any issue.

This ultra soft dressing* creates a high comfort level when upon the wound surface. In only one case was the dressing unable to absorb exudate due to it being highly viscous.

Conclusions and Discussion

This new dressing absorbs the wound exudate whilst maintaining a moist wound environment.

The dressing change was very easy and was not painful for the patient, based on its low adherence to the wound surface.

This study shows that this dressing can be used on both acute and chronic wounds, whilst benefiting from a non-disturbing wound dressing.



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