

Wound Dressing Decision Chart

Remember - Diabetic Foot Ulcers: Refer to the Multi-Disciplinary Foot Care Team – Tel: 0300 123 3659, Email: whcnhs.worcestershiremdft@nhs.net, please keep dry until assessment, use Inadine if appropriate.

- Keep the following wounds dry: intact necrotic areas on heels, diabetic foot ulcers and wounds caused by Peripheral Vascular Disease

When to swab - Where there are clinical signs of infection e.g. pain, heat, exudate, odour

- Where the wound is deteriorating e.g. sudden increase in pain and/or bleeding in the wound bed



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| Wound Type | Epithelialising | Granulating | Sloughy | Infected | Necrotic | Fungating | Biofilm |
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| Treatment Goals | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optimise moist wound healing Protect from infection | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Optimise moist wound healing Manage exudate Protect from infection | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Remove slough Manage exudate Protect from infection Use Debrisoft to mechanically debride | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reduce bacterial load Manage exudate Antimicrobials should be used in line with the local wound infection guideline | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> DO NOT actively debride necrotic heels unless arterial status assessed. If hard intact eschar present leave undressed and monitor Debride Manage exudate | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Contact TVN for advice Manage wound symptoms whilst awaiting specialist advice Follow the fungating wound pathway | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Disrupt and break down biofilm Prevent biofilm reformation |
| DRESSINGS | DRESSINGS | DRESSINGS | DRESSINGS | DRESSINGS | DRESSINGS | DRESSINGS | DRESSINGS |
| Low Exudate | DuoDERM Extra Thin or Comfeel Transparent (gelatin free) | DuoDERM Extra Thin or Comfeel Transparent (gelatin free) | Flaminal Forte with Allevyn Gentle Border or DuoDERM Extra Thin | Inadine or UrgoTul AG with Allevyn Gentle Border | Flaminal Hydro with Allevyn Gentle Border | PolyMem | Octenilin Solution to cleanse Debrisoft to debride (see infected section if applicable) |
| High Exudate | N/A | Aquacel Extra with C-Sorb Super Absorbent or Kerramax Care Adhesive | Aquacel Extra with C-Sorb Super Absorbent or Kerramax Care Adhesive | Aquacel Ag+ Extra or Activon Honey range (Algivon, Activon Tulle and tube) with C-Sorb Super Absorbent or Kerramax Care Adhesive | Aquacel Extra with C-Sorb Super Absorbent or Kerramax Care Adhesive | PolyMem with appropriate secondary dressing | Octenilin Solution to cleanse Debrisoft to debride (see infected section if applicable) Aquacel Ag+ Extra |
| Other Dressings to consider | Adaptic Touch Tegaderm Foam Adhesive | Adaptic Touch DuoDERM Signal Tegaderm Foam Adhesive | ActiFormCool Activon Honey range (Algivon, Activon Tulle and tube) Larvae UrgoClean | Acticoat Flex 3 Iodoflex | Actiform Cool Larvae UrgoClean | Acticoat Flex 3 Allevyn Life CliniSorb to control odour Flaminal Forte | Iodoflex Iodosorb |
| Other Specialist Products Available | 365 Film, ActiFast, Adaptic Touch, Dermisplus (Offloading), Lifteez adhesive remover, Medi Derma Cream Film and Pro Cleanser and Ointment, Non-Adhesive Foam (AMS), Opsite Post Op, Siltape, Softpore, Xupad. For use as haemostat – Kaltostat Specialist: Kerlix, Medihoney Barrier Cream, Mepitel One (neonates), UrgoStart (contact layer), UrgoTul | | | | | | |

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