General instructions

Hydrosorb Gel is a clear, viscous, sterile gel, whose components are water with an electrolytic composition based on Ringer's solution, glycerin, hydroxyethyl cellulose, cellulose and carbomer. Hydrosorb Gel does not contain polyethylene glycol.

Properties and mode of action

Hydrosorb Gel provides a moist wound environment helping to promote wound healing.

Depending on the condition of the wound, Hydrosorb Gel softens dry necrotic tissue, facilitates removal of devitalized tissue and absorbs wound slough and exudate where a small amount of exudate is present.

Hydrosorb Gel can be washed away using sterile Ringer's solution or another suitable sterile irrigation without disturbing the rest of the wound or damaging newly formed tissue.

At the beginning of the Hydrosorb Gel therapy, enlargement of the wound can occur in some cases due to breakdown of irreversibly damaged tissue. Generally, this is however a sign of incipient wound healing.

Indications

Hydrosorb Gel is suitable for the management of most types of superficial and deep wounds, such as ulcers, decubitus ulcers and wounds of other geneses with minimal exudate.

The gel can be used to soften and hydrate necrotic tissue. Hydrosorb Gel provides a moist wound environment and so assists in the endogenous debridement and removal of slough and necroses.

Instructions for use

1. Application of Hydrosorb Gel

- Cleanse the wound with sterile Ringer's solution or another suitable sterile irrigation. Dry the surrounding skin thoroughly.
- Take the syringe out of the peel pack and remove the protective cap.
- Keep the syringe aperture at a distance from the wound ground and apply an approx. 5 mm thick layer of gel to the wound.
- · Cover the wound with a suitable secondary dressing.
- The syringe contents must not be used for several patients at the same time.
- Unused gel must be discarded.

2. Removal of Hydrosorb Gel

- Hydrosorb Gel can be removed from the wound by rinsing with sterile Ringer's solution or another suitable sterile irrigation.
- The frequency of dressing change will depend on the condition of the wound.
- Hydrosorb Gel may be left on the wound for up to 3 days.
- Hydrosorb Gel should be changed if wound exudate leakage occurs through the secondary dressing.

Contraindications

- Do not use Hydrosorb Gel on any patients who may be allergic to any of its ingredients.
- Full thickness burns.

Special precautions

- · For external application only.
- Infected wounds require daily control by a physician and a suitable systemic treatment. In this case dressing changes must be carried out in accordance with medical recommendations. Treatment of infected wounds with Hydrosorb Gel may be continued under medical supervision and instruction.

Special notes

Store in a dry place, between 5° C and 40° C, and out of direct sunlight. Do not freeze. Do not use if the syringe has been damaged or if the seal has been broken. Do not resterilize. Keep away from children.

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