

Wound Care Top Tips

Bulletin Five



Povidone Iodine

The Wound Management Group recently updated the formulary to promote the use of Povitulle® dressings rather than Inadine® as they are a more cost effective option.

Povitulle is a broad-spectrum non-adherent dressing. It contains 10% povidone iodine giving 1% available iodine in the presence of wound exudate. Available as 5cm² & 9.5cm², it is indicated for minor wounds, superficial leg ulcers and burns. The dressing can be cut to fit the wound. Do not use on people with a sensitivity to iodine or povidone iodine or in pregnant and breast feeding women. Use with caution in renal impairment.

Did you know.....

....that the South West Yorkshire Area Prescribing Committee website's has a dedicated section for the Wound Management Formulary and associated resources? It can be found via this link:

<https://www.swyapc.org/wound-management-formulary/>

Exception forms are available for clinicians who wish to prescribe out of the wound management formulary. This information is key to ensure that the formulary is kept up to date and reflects current practice. These forms are reviewed by the Wound Formulary Group to determine if choices are cost effective and appropriate.

Silver (Ag) Dressings

- Only use on wounds which are critically colonised or infected.
- Do not use routinely.
- Assess use two weeks after starting. If the wound fails to respond, stop the silver dressing.
- Stop as soon as the bacterial load is under control.
- Do not use on acute wounds (except burns).
- Do not use routinely in the management of ulceration.



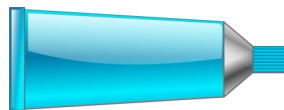
'Aquacel Extra' Extra.....Read all about it!

There has been much confusion over the prescribing of Aquacel dressings due to a change in the name many months ago. There is still some prescribing of Aquacel when it should be prescribed as Aquacel Extra, as promoted in the Wound Management Formulary. Aquacel is slightly more expensive than Aquacel Extra, so we are not prescribing as cost-effectively as we could be.

The Wound Care Management Group has revised and updated the Wound Management Formulary, available from <https://www.swyapc.org/wound-management-formulary/>. Additionally, the group are now undertaking a review of foam dressings to ensure that the most cost effective ranges are promoted in the formulary.



Medi-Derma S



You may have noticed that Medi Derma-S is now the first-line barrier product of choice (previously Cavilon®). This is an initiative that has been deployed in both primary and secondary care.

If you experience any problems with Medi Derma-S please contact your local Tissue Viability Nursing Team to highlight any issues.

Quantities

When prescribing or requesting dressings from the GP practice, please be mindful of how many are being requested on each prescription.

Prescribing analysis shows that quantities in excess of 60 dressings on one prescription is being issued which could lead to over-stocking and waste in the patient's home.

Please only order what you need

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