

South West Yorkshire Joint Wound Management Formulary Group

Quick Reference Guide - Debrisoft

Rationale for using Debrisoft

Debrisoft can be used to debride and cleanse chronic and acute wounds, peri-wound skin and skin conditions such as hyperkeratosis, in adults and children.

Wound and skin debris make an ideal breeding ground for bacteria and infection. By actively and rapidly removing debris, Debrisoft leaves the wound and skin clear and ready for assessment and healing.¹

Debrisoft is:-

- made of soft, polyester fibres that are secured and knitted together. These fibres are cut at a special angle, length and thickness to effectively cleanse/debride skin and the wound bed.
- a small pad which is for single use and is latex free.

The use of the Debrisoft pad in community clinic or home settings could lead to quicker debridement, fewer nurse visits and possibly less discomfort for the patient compared with other debridement methods.



How to use Debrisoft

- *Cleanse the wound and skin, removing all creams and emollients*
- *Remove the Debrisoft from the packaging*
- *Moisten Debrisoft with about 30ml of tap water or saline – there is no need for a bucket*
- *Gently, using light pressure and a circular motion on the wound or a sweeping motion on the skin, cleanse/debride with the soft fleecy side of the moistened Debrisoft*

Any further information required contact your local Tissue Viability Nurse.

Hints and Tips

Before using Debrisoft

- *Undertake a full holistic assessment of the wound and patient.*
 - * Consider—Hard necrosis or stubborn slough will need an alternative debridement method initially before treatment is commenced.
 - * Use—where wound debris, slough or hyperkeratosis are present, or if the wound is not progressing due to suspected biofilm, as part of wound bed preparation
- *Wash all creams or emollients from the skin and wound*
- *Use more than one piece for larger areas; may take longer to treat.*

After using Debrisoft

- *Re-assess the wound/skin before selecting an appropriate dressing/therapy.*
- *Repeat as necessary to achieve complete debridement.*

DO NOT

- Cut the pad
- Use as a dressing
- Use if the patient has any known sensitivities to the product
- Use on hard necrosis
- Over soak the Debrisoft
- Wring out Debrisoft



Prescribing information

Name: Debrisoft Pad 10cm x 10cm

PIP Code: 358-1287

Pack size: 5

Prescribe as single pads

Name: Debrisoft Lolly 5cm x 2.7cm

PIP Code: 398-5124

Pack size: 5

Reference

^[1] National Institute for health and Care Excellence (NICE) (2014) The Debrisoft monofilament debridement pad for use in acute or chronic

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