



SURGICAL DRESSING
MANUFACTURERS
ASSOCIATION

Categorisation of Wound Care and Associated Products

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SECUREMENT AND TRADITIONAL DRESSINGS

Wound Dressings	Traditional Wound Dressings	Absorbent Wadding	
		Absorbent Dressings	
		Surgical Wound Dressings	
		Cellulose Wadding	
		Gauze and Cellulose Wadding	
		Eye Pads	
		Low Adherent Absorbent Dressings	
		Tulles – Non-adherent	
		Absorbent Pad with Nonwoven Adhesive Border	
		Traditional Antiseptic Dressings	
		Finger and Toe Dressings	
	Packs	Dressing Packs	
		Procedure Packs	
First Aid Kits			
Swabs	Swabs	Topical Swabs	Gauze
			Non-woven
		X-Ray Detectable Swabs	Standard swabs
			Abdominal swabs
			Coloured swabs
		Filmated Swabs	
		Tied-5s	
Ribbon Swabs			
Pledgets			
Taping	Adhesive Tapes	Acrylate Adhesive Tapes	Paper
			Plastic impermeable
			Plastic perforated
			Silk
			Foam
		Kinesiology Tapes	
		Zinc Oxide Tapes	
		Silicone Adhesive Tapes	With backing paper
	Without backing paper		
	Other Fixation Tapes		
Sheets	Fixation Sheets		
Device Securement	IV Fixation	Film IV Dressings - Standard MVP	Plain
			Reinforced film with tape strips
			All other types
		Film IV Dressings - High MVP	Plain
			Reinforced film with tape strips
			All other types
		Non-woven IV Dressings	
		Antimicrobial IV Dressings	Chlorhexidine
			All other types

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	Insertion Site Dressing	Antimicrobial Discs	Silver
			Chlorhexidine
			PHMB
	Other	Other Types	
		Drain Fixation Dressings	
All Other Types			

BANDAGES

Compression Bandaging and Components	Multi-Layer Kits	Full Compression – 2 layer	Latex
			Latex free
		Full Compression – 4 layer	Latex
			Latex free
		Reduced Compression 2-layer	Latex
			Latex free
	Individual Kit Items	Reduced Compression 3-layer	Latex
			Latex free
		Type 3c Bandages	Latex
			Latex free
		Type 3b Bandages	Latex
			Latex free
		Type 3a Bandages	Latex
			Latex free
	Other Compression Bandages	Type 2 Bandages	Latex
			Latex free
Sub-bandage Padding		Synthetic fibre	
		Natural fibre	
		Foam	
Traditional Bandages	Conforming Bandages	Short Stretch Non-Cohesive Bandages	
		Short Stretch Cohesive Bandages	
		Other Cohesive Bandages	
		Finger and Toe Bandages	
	Stretch Bandages	Retention Bandages – Non-cohesive	
		Retention Bandages – Cohesive	Latex
			Latex free
		Crepe Bandages	
	Other Bandages	Open Wove Bandages	
		Non-Adhesive Stretch Bandages	
		Elastic Adhesive Bandages	Latex
			Latex free
	Zinc Oxide Paste Bandages		
	Inelastic Adhesive Bandages		
	Triangular Bandages		
	Tubular Bandages	Linear	
		Pre-shaped	

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ADVANCED WOUND MANAGEMENT

Wound and Post-Operative Dressings	Foams	Non Adhesive	Moderate-high exudate
			Low-moderate exudate
		Adhesive	Moderate-high exudate
			Low-moderate exudate
		Low Trauma Adhesive – Bordered	Moderate-high exudate
			Low-moderate exudate
		Low Trauma Adhesive – Non-Bordered	Moderate-high exudate
			Low-moderate exudate
		Anatomically-shaped	Heel
			Sacrum
			Finger and toe
			All other types
		Other Types	Analgesic Foams
			Moisturising Surfactant Foams
			Foams containing superabsorbents
	Foam cavity dressings		
	Foams with gelling fibres		
	Dressing change indicator		
	All other types		
	Hydrocolloids	Hydrocolloid Dressings – Standard	Non-bordered
			Bordered
		Hydrocolloid Dressings - Thin	Non-boarded
	Bordered		
		Hydrocolloid Cavity Paste Dressings	
	Wound Contact Layers	Hydrogel	
		Textile	
		Soft polymer	
		Silicone	
		Other Types	
	Tracheostomy Dressings	Foam	
		Textile	Adhesive
	Non-adhesive		
	Film Dressings	Semipermeable Film Dressings	High moisture vapour permeability
Standard moisture vapour permeability			
Non-Sterile Films			
Film Dressings with Absorbent Pads		Standard absorbent pad	
		Transparent absorbent pad	
		Thin foam absorbent pad	
Low Trauma Film Dressings			
Spray Film Dressings			
Other Types			
	Alginate Dressings	Alginates - Ropes and Ribbons	Dispersible
			Non-dispersible

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		Alginates Sheets – Bordered	Dispersible	
			Non-dispersible	
		Alginates Sheets – Non Bordered	Dispersible	
			Non-dispersible	
		Other Types		
		Gelling Fibre Dressings	Ropes and Ribbons	
	Sheets			
	Other Types			
		Superabsorbent Dressings	Adhesive	
			Non-Adhesive	
Low Trauma – Bordered				
Low Trauma – Non Bordered				
Other Types				
Hydrogel Dressings		Amorphous Hydrogels		
		Sheet Hydrogels	Bordered	
			Non-bordered	
		Textile Impregnated with Hydrogel		
Other Dressings		Combination Dressings	Adhesive	
			Non-adhesive	
		Capillary Action Dressings		
		MMP Modulation Dressings	Collagen based	
			Carbon based	
			All other types	
	Bio-Synthetic Dressings			
	Products with Extra Cellular Matrix Components			
Cavity Wound Dressings				
All Other Types				

ODOUR MANAGEMENT

Odour Management	Charcoal	Primary Dressings	
		Secondary Dressings	
		Composite Dressings	
	Other Products	All Other types	

WOUND IRRIGATION

Wound Irrigation	Non-Antimicrobial	Surfactant	
		All other types	
	Antimicrobials	All types	

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BACTERIAL MANAGEMENT

Silver	Alginate Dressings	Alginates - Ropes and Ribbons	Dispersible
			Non-dispersible
		Alginates Sheets – Bordered	Dispersible
			Non-dispersible
		Alginates Sheets – Non Bordered	Dispersible
			Non-dispersible
		Other types	
		Foams	Non Adhesive
	Adhesive		
	Low Trauma Adhesive – Bordered		
	Low Trauma Adhesive – Non-Bordered		
	Anatomically-shaped		Heel
			Sacrum
			All other types
	Other Types		Moisturising surfactant foams
		Foam cavity dressings	
		All other types	
	Gelling Fibre Dressings	Ropes and Ribbons	
		Sheets	
		Other Types	
	Wound Contact Layers	Textile	
		Soft polymer	
		Silicone	
		Other Types	
Other	Charcoal Dressings		
	Barrier Dressings	Short Duration	
		Long Duration	
	MMP Modulation	Collagen based	
Other Types			
PHMB	PHMB	Foams	
		Bio-Synthetic Dressings	
		Gauze	
		Other Types	
DACC	DACC	Swabs	
		Ribbons	
		Wound Contact Layers	
		Absorbent Pads	
		Foam Dressings	
		Post-Operative Dressings	
		Other Types	

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Chlorhexidine	Chlorhexidine	Wound Contact Layers	
		Other Types	
Honey	Honey	100% Honey	
		Ointments and Gels	
		Wound Contact Layers	
		Absorbent Fibre Dressings	
		Honey Hydrogel Dressings	
		Other Types	
Iodine	Povidone-iodine	All Types	
	Cadexomer-iodine	All Types	
Reactive Oxygen Species	Wound Gel	All Types	
All Other Types	All Types	All Types	

SPECIALIST BURNS AND SCAR MANAGEMENT

Burns Management	Moisture Control Products	Hydrogels	
		Other Types	
	Contact Materials	All Types	
	Wound Bed Preparation	All Types	
	Other	Anti-shear Wound Dressings	
		Biosynthetic Dressings	
Other Types			
Scar Management	Silicone Gel	Sheets	
		Amorphous	
	Other Creams, Gels and Sheets	All Types	
	Burns and Scars Compression Garments	Ready-to-Wear	
		Custom-Made	

DEBRIDEMENT – SKIN AND WOUNDS

Debridement	Equipment	All Types	
	Textile	Monofilament	
		Other Types	
	Biosurgery	Larvae	Bagged
			All other types
		Leeches	
		Other Types	

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COMPRESSION GARMENTS

Compression Garments	Vascular and Oedema Ready-to-Wear	Upper Limb – Circular Knit	British standard
			RAL standard
			Other standards
		Upper Limb – Flat Knit	British standard
			RAL standard
			Other standards
		Lower Limb – Circular Knit	British standard
			RAL standard
			Other standards
		Lower Limb – Flat Knit	British standard
			RAL standard
			Other standards
		Leg Ulcer Hosiery Kits	
		Hosiery Applicators	
	Adjustable Velcro Wraps	Upper limb	
		Lower limb	
	Wrap Liners		
	Hosiery Liners		
	Other Types		
	Vascular and Oedema Custom Fit	Upper Limb – Circular Knit	British standard
			RAL standard
			Other standards
		Upper Limb – Flat Knit	British standard
			RAL standard
			Other standards
		Lower Limb – Circular Knit	British standard
RAL standard			
Other standards			
Lower Limb – Flat Knit		British standard	
		RAL standard	
		Other standards	
Leg Ulcer Hosiery Kits			
Adjustable Velcro Wraps		Upper limb	
	Lower limb		
Wrap Liners			
Hosiery Liners			
Other Types			
Anti-Embolism Stockings	All Types		

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ORTHOPAEDIC PRODUCTS

Casting	Traditional Casting	Plaster of Paris		
		All Other Types		
	Lightweight	Synthetic – Rigid	Fibreglass	
			Polyester/Polyurethane	
		Synthetic – Semi-rigid	Fibreglass	
			Polyester/Polyurethane	
	Other Types			
	Undercast Padding	Natural		
		Synthetic	Textile	
			Foam	
Other Types				
Splinting	Splinting	Fibreglass		
		Low-therm plastics		
		Other Types		
Accessories	Accessories	Shoes		
		Stockinette		
		Braces		
		Hinges		
		Underwrap		
		Cast Protectors		
		Other Accessories		

WOUND CLOSURE

Wound Closure	Adhesive Strips	Textile	
		Polymer	
		Reinforced	
		Elastic	
	Tissue Glues	Cyanoacrylate	
		Other Types	
	Devices	Clips	
		Staples	
		Sutures	

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SPECIALIST THERAPIES

Topical Negative Pressure Wound Therapy	Topical Negative Pressure Wound Therapy	Canisters	
		Foam Dressing Kits	
		Gauze Dressing Kits	
		Accessories	
		All other dressings	
		Standard Pumps	
		Instillation Pumps	
	Single Use NPWT Systems	With canisters	
	Without canisters		
Haemostatic Dressings	Oxidised Cellulose	All Types	
	Carboxymethylcellulose	All Types	
	Chitosan	All Types	
	Other	All Other Types	
Topical Oxygen Therapy	Topical Oxygen Therapy	Consumables	
		Equipment	
		Other	
Other Specialist Therapies	Electrical Stimulation Device	Consumables	
		Equipment	
	Ultrasound Therapy	Consumables	
		Equipment	
	Beta-Glucan	Gel	
	Topical Haemoglobin	All Types	
Other types			

ASSESSMENT TOOLS

Assessment Tools	Wound Mapping Devices	All types	
	Wound Diagnostics	All types	

FRACTURE PREVENTION

Fracture Protection	Hip Fracture Protectors	Soft Shell	
		Hard Shell	
		Other Types	
	Wrist Fracture Protectors	Rigid Support	

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SKIN INTEGRITY PRODUCTS

Pressure Ulcer Prevention	Protection Devices	Pressure Relief Devices	Dermal pads	
			Offloading devices	
			All other types	
		Anti-friction devices	Textile	
	All other types			
	Other Types			
	Contact Materials	All types		
Peri-Wound and Skin Protection Including MASD	Skin Protectants	Film-forming	Swabs	
			Sprays	
			Wipes	
			All other types	
		Creams	Dimethicone	
		All other types		
		Skin Protectants with Adhesives		
		Other Types		
		Skin Cleansers	Foams and Sprays	
			Wipes	Dimethicone wipes
				Cleansing wipes
				Bathing wipes
				All other types
		Other Types		
	Skin Fold Management	Wicking Fabric	With antimicrobial agent	

OTHER PRODUCTS

Adhesive Removers	Adhesive Removers	Wipes	
		Sprays	
		Other Types	
Exudate Collection	Wound Fluid Collection Products	Bags	
		Drains	
		Other Types	

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