




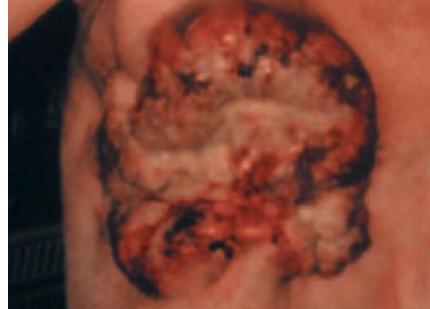


Wound Dressing Formulary

Tissue Type Selection Guide

This is a guide and should not replace clinical judgement.
Seek guidance from Tissue Viability Service (contact via Switchboard) for: infected wounds; fungating / malodorous wounds & specialist dressings.

	Epithelialising	Granulating	Sloughy	Necrotic	Infected/Critically Colonised	Fungating	
Wound Type							
Treatment Aim	Promote epithelialisation and wound maturation	Promote Granulation Provide healthy base for epithelialisation	Remove Slough Provide clean base for granulation tissue	Debride and remove slough	Manage infection (systemic antibiotics must be considered)	Manage complex wound e.g. bleeding, pain, exudate, malodour, size, site	
	Dressings	Dressings	Dressings	Dressings	Dressings	Dressings	
Cavity	Low Exudate	1st Choice: Low-non Adherent Dressing, e.g. Atrauman 2nd Choice: Thin Hydrocolloid, e.g. Duoderm/Signal	1st Choice: Low-non Adherent, e.g. Atrauman 2nd Choice: Thin Hydrocolloid, e.g. Duoderm/Signal	1st Choice: Hydrogel e.g. Purilon Gel or Honey, e.g. Actilite 2nd Choice: Hydrocolloid e.g. Duoderm/Signal	1st Choice: Hydrogel e.g. Purilon Gel 2nd Choice: Hydrocolloid, e.g. Duoderm/Signal	1st Choice: Honey, e.g. Algivon 2nd Choice: Cadexamer Iodine, e.g. Iodosorb	Refer to Tissue Viability Nurse
	Moderate Exudate	Foam 1st Choice: Biatain or Tegaderm Foam 2nd Choice: Mepilex Border	Hydrofiber, e.g. Aquacel Foam or Aquacel Extra	1st Choice: Hydrogel e.g. Purilon Gel or Honey, e.g. Actilite 2nd Choice: Hydrocolloid e.g. Duoderm/Signal	1st Choice: Hydrofiber Foam, e.g. Aquacel Foam 2nd Choice: Consider Honey (cut to wound size & shape)	1st Choice: Honey, e.g. Algivon 2nd Choice: Cadexamer Iodine, e.g. Iodosorb	Refer to Tissue Viability Nurse
	High Exudate	Hydrofiber, e.g. Aquacel Foam or Aquacel Extra	Hydrofiber, e.g. Aquacel Foam or Aquacel Extra	1st Choice: Hydrofiber, e.g. Aquacel Foam / Aquacel Extra 2nd Choice: Honey, e.g. Actilite / Medihoney	1st Choice: Hydrofiber Foam, e.g. Aquacel Foam 2nd Choice: Consider Honey (cut to wound size & shape)	1st Choice: Honey, e.g. Algivon 2nd Choice: Cadexamer Iodine, e.g. Iodosorb 3rd Choice: Aquacel Ag Extra	Refer to Tissue Viability Nurse
No Cavity	Low Exudate	Not applicable	Depending on depth of cavity - 1st Choice: Aquacel Ribbon 2nd Choice: Low-non Adherent Dressing e.g. Atrauman	1st Choice: Hydrogel, e.g. Purilon Gel 2nd Choice: Cadexamer Iodine, e.g. Iodosorb or Honey, e.g. Algivon	1st Choice: Honey, e.g. Algivon 2nd Choice: Cadexamer Iodine, e.g. Iodosorb	1st Choice: Honey, e.g. Algivon 2nd Choice: Cadexamer Iodine, e.g. Iodosorb 3rd Choice: Aquacel Ag Extra	Refer to Tissue Viability Nurse
	Moderate Exudate	Not applicable	1st Choice: Aquacel Extra 2nd Choice: Negative Pressure Wound Therapy, (i.e. Avance®)	1st Choice: Hydrofibre, e.g. Aquacel Extra 2nd Choice: Honey, e.g. Algivon or Cadexamer Iodine, e.g. Iodosorb	1st Choice: Honey, e.g. Algivon 2nd Choice: Cadexamer Iodine, e.g. Iodosorb	1st Choice: Honey, e.g. Algivon 2nd Choice: Cadexamer Iodine, e.g. Iodosorb 3rd Choice: Aquacel Ag Extra	Refer to Tissue Viability Nurse
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	Specialist Dressings: Debrisoft, Prontosan, Kaltostat Silver (e.g. Aquacel Ag Extra) DryMax Extra® Larval therapy Mepitel® Negative Pressure Wound Therapy (i.e. Avance®)	When to Swab? Wound breakdown, healing delayed, increased pain, heat, exudate, odour, bleeding, swelling or redness of surrounding skin. Swab should be obtained at the beginning of any dressing procedure prior to wound cleansing.	Moisture Lesions Keep skin healthy, clean & dry, particularly if exudate is excessive. Apply barrier product as required, i.e. Cavilon.	Bandaging Adhesive tapes and adhesive bandages MUST NOT be applied to patients with compromised tissue viability, i.e. diabetes &/or vascular disease.	Wounds on Feet Necrotic or sloughy wounds on feet or heels NEED to be referred to a specialist team, i.e. Podiatry, Vascular &/or Tissue Viability.	Skin Care Use appropriate emollients, i.e. aqueous cream is a soap substitute NOT a moisturiser. Moisturise with Cetrabens, 50:50 or Diprobase	