

Burn dressing information

Mepilex® Ag

Mepilex Ag is antimicrobial silicone foam dressing. Mepilex Ag provides a moist wound healing environment by absorbing wound fluid and releasing silver into the wound bed. Silver dressings are used for burn wounds to help

prevent and treat infection. The silicone layer on the foam (Safetac®) helps minimise pain during removal of the dressing.



How frequently is Mepilex Ag changed?

The frequency of dressing changes will be determined by your child's doctor or nurse. Mepilex Ag dressings may be left in place for up to three days.

Who shouldn't use Mepilex Ag Adhesive

- The dressings should be removed for x-rays, ultrasounds and MRIs and should be used with caution during EEGs and ECGs.
- The dressings should not be used on people who are silver or silicone sensitive or allergic to sulphites.

How do I care for the dressing?

The dressing must be kept clean, dry and in place as directed by your child's doctor or nurse. If the dressing is accidentally removed, or becomes wet or dirty, please phone PCH Ward 1B as soon as possible to organise a new dressing.

What do I need to look for?

Infections in burns patients can be very serious and must be treated urgently. Observe your child and the wound/dressing site frequently. Phone PCH Ward 1B immediately on 6456 3630 if any of the following symptoms occur:

- a temperature below 35.5°C or above 38°C
- a rash, increased pain, redness or swelling at the wound site
- changes in behaviour such as poor appetite, sleep disturbances, lethargy (quiet or lack of energy) or flat mood
- excessive ooze/wound fluid (though a small amount is expected)
- offensive odour.



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