



# South West Regional Wound Care Program's Dressing Selection and Cleansing Enabler – MAINTENANCE/NON-HEALABLE WOUNDS



Wound Appearance					
<b>Description</b>	Eschar	Primarily Slough, Mixed Granulation/Slough, or Fibrin Wounds	Granulation	Malignant Wound	Localized or Spreading Infection (in an otherwise healable wound)
<b>Exudate Level</b>	None → Moderate	Small → Large	Small → Large	Small → Copious	Small → Copious
<b>Depth</b>	Unknown	Partial → Full Thickness	Partial → Full Thickness	Partial → Full Thickness	Superficial → Full Thickness
<b>Treatment Objective</b>	Stabilize/dry necrotic tissue, prevent extension/infection, manage odor**/pain, protect	Absorb/dry, fill dead space, prevent extension/infection, manage odor**/pain, protect	Absorb/dry, fill dead space, prevent extension/infection, manage odor**/pain, protect	Absorb/dry, fill dead space, prevent infection, manage odor**/bleeding/pain***, protect	Absorb/dry, fill dead space, reduce bacterial burden, manage odor**/bleeding/pain, protect
<b>Cleansing (room/body temperature)****</b>	Cleanse exudate from periwound skin. Paint wound with Proviiodine or Chlorhexadine 2%. Pat or air dry.	POUR Proviiodine or Chlorhexadine 2% solution (min. 100cc). Pat or air dry.	POUR Proviiodine or Chlorhexadine 2% solution (min. 100cc). Pat or air dry.	POUR Proviiodine or Chlorhexadine 2% solution (min. 100cc). Soak with solution if pouring is too painful. Pat or air dry.	7-15 PSI irrigation Proviiodine or Chlorhexadine 2% solution (min. 100cc). Pat or air dry.
<b>Suggested Products and Rate Changes</b> <i>(Dressing change frequency depends on the wear time of the primary dressing and the ability of the dressing components to keep the wound dry)</i>	DO NOT DEBRIDE*  Proviiodine or Chlorhexadine 2% soaked non-woven gauze [1+] +/- Non-Adherent Synthetic (daily) Or PHMB gauzed based dressings [0-1+] +/- Non-Adherent Synthetic (max 3-7 days) Or Antimicrobial Non-Adherent Dressing [0] (max 7 days)  <b>Cover Choices:</b> Non-woven gauze [1+] Or Ultra-Absorbent [2-4+]	DO NOT DEBRIDE*  Proviiodine or Chlorhexadine 2% soaked non-woven gauze [1+] +/- Non-Adherent Synthetic (daily) Or PHMB gauzed based dressings [0-1+] +/- Non-Adherent Synthetic (max 3-7 days) Or Antimicrobial Non-Adherent Dressing [0] (max 7 days) Or Nanocrystalline Silver Dressings [1+] (max 7 days)  <b>Cover Choices:</b> Non-woven gauze [1+] Or Ultra-Absorbent [2-4+]	Proviiodine or Chlorhexadine 2% soaked non-woven gauze [1+] +/- Non-Adherent Synthetic (daily) Or PHMB gauzed based dressings [0-1+] +/- Non-Adherent Synthetic (max 3-7 days) Or Antimicrobial Non-Adherent Dressing [0] (max 7 days) Or Nanocrystalline Silver Dressings [1+] (max 7 days)  <b>Cover Choices:</b> Non-woven gauze [1+] Or Ultra-Absorbent [2-4+]	DO NOT DEBRIDE*  Proviiodine or Chlorhexadine 2% soaked non-woven gauze [1+] +/- Non-Adherent Synthetic (daily) Or PHMB gauzed based dressings [0-1+] (max 3-7 days) Or Non-Adherent Synthetic +/- antimicrobial component [0] (max 7-14 days) Or Calcium Alginate +/- antimicrobial component [2+] +/- Non-Adherent Synthetic [0] (max 7 days) Or Hydrophilic Fiber +/- antimicrobial component [2+] +/- Non-Adherent Synthetic [0] (max 7 days)  <b>Cover Choices:</b> Foam [1-3+] (max 7 days) Or Composite [2-3+] (max 7 days) Or Ultra-Absorbent [2-4+]	Consider conservative sharp debridement of NON-VIABLE tissue only, by an ET/WCS, to reduce bacterial burden  PHMB gauze based dressings [0-1+] (max 3-7 days) Or Antimicrobial Non-Adherent Synthetic [0] (max 7 days) Or Antimicrobial Calcium Alginate [2+] (max 7 days) Or Antimicrobial Hydrophilic Fiber [2+] (max 7 days) Or Cadexomer Iodine [1+] buttered on Calcium Alginate [2+] or Hydrophilic Fiber [2+] (max 3 days) Or Nanocrystalline Silver Dressings [1+] (max 7 days) Or Antimicrobial Charcoal [0-2+] (max 7 days) Or Antimicrobial Foam [1-3+] (max 7 days – acts as secondary dressing too)
<div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px; margin-bottom: 10px;">           Exudate capacity of dressings:            [0] = none            [1+] = small            [2+] = moderate            [3+] = large            [4+] = copious             Dressing wear times are found in brackets ( )         </div> <div style="border: 1px solid red; padding: 5px;">           More resources at:  <a href="http://www.swrwoundcareprogram.ca">www.swrwoundcareprogram.ca</a> </div>					
<p>* Only debride healable wounds.            ** Consider charcoal dressings or topical Metronidazole for odor control once the underlying cause has been determined and managed if possible.            *** Consider pain control foam dressing for painful, exudating wounds. Dressing must be in direct contact with wound bed.            **** Consider ¼ strength acetic acid or Chlorhexadine 4% soaks (x 5 minutes) for pseudomonas treatment.</p> <p><i>Disclaimer: The information herein is for general informational purposes only and is not intended, nor should it be considered, as a substitute for professional medical advice. Always seek the advice of the attending physician or other qualified healthcare provider regarding a medical condition or treatment. Dressing selection cannot take place in isolation – a holistic patient assessment is MANDATORY.</i></p>					

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