**South West Regional Wound Care Program’s HealthPro Contract Focused Dressing Selection and Cleansing Enabler – MAINTENANCE/NON-HEALABLE WOUNDS**

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<td>Eschar</td>
<td>None → Moderate</td>
<td>Small → Large</td>
<td>Unknown</td>
<td>Stabilize/dry necrotic tissue, prevent extension/infection, manage odor***/pain, protect</td>
<td>Cleanse exudate from periwound skin. Paint wound with Povidone-Iodine or Chlorhexidine 2% solution (min. 100cc). Pat or air dry.</td>
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<td>Primarily Slough, Mixed Granulation/Slough, or Fibrin Wounds</td>
<td>Small → Large</td>
<td>Partial → Full Thickness</td>
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<td>Granulation</td>
<td>Small → Copious</td>
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<td>Localized or Spreading Infection (in an otherwise healable wound)</td>
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<td>Superficial → Full Thickness</td>
<td>Absorb/dry, fill dead space, reduce bacterial burden, manage odor***/bleeding/pain***, protect</td>
<td>Acticoat Flex 3/7 [1+] (max 3-7 days) Or Biatain Alginate or Silvercel [2+] +/− Mepitel, Mepitel One or Adaptic [0] (max 3 days) Or Inadine [0] (max 7 days) Or Acticoat Flex 3/7 [1+] (max 3-7 days) Or Biatain Alginate or Silvercel [2+] +/− Mepitel, Mepitel One or Adaptic [0] (max 3 days) Or Inadine [0] (max 7 days) Or Acticoat Flex 3/7 [1+] (max 3-7 days) Or Biatain Alginate or Silvercel [2+] +/− Mepitel, Mepitel One or Adaptic [0] (max 3 days) Or Inadine [0] (max 7 days) Or Acticoat Flex 3/7 [1+] (max 3-7 days) Or Biatain Alginate or Silvercel [2+] +/− Mepitel, Mepitel One or Adaptic [0] (max 3 days) Or Inadine [0] (max 7 days) Or Acticoat Flex 3/7 [1+] (max 3-7 days)</td>
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[0] = none  
[1+] = small  
[2+] = moderate  
[3+] = large  
[4+] = copious

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- Superabsorbent [4+]
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