EXTRA-THIN HYDROCOLLOID DRESSING

Indication: low to moderate exuding wounds with healthy surrounding skin

Algoplaque® Film/Thin
Supplied in boxes of individually pouched and sterile dressings, ready to use

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**Algoplaque® Film/Thin**

**DESCRIPTION**
- Sterile semi-permeable hydrocolloid dressing.

**COMPOSITION:**
- The inner layer is composed of hydrocolloid particles (carboxymethylcellulose) incorporated in an elastomer mesh.
- The outer layer is a polyurethane backing.

**PROPERTIES**
- In contact with the wound, hydrocolloids from **Algoplaque® Film/Thin** absorb progressively the exudate, form a moist gel and create the conditions that favour the healing process regarding moisture, temperature and pH. This non-adherent gel avoids that the wound is damaged when the dressing is removed.
- Its great conformability and adhesiveness make it ideal for covering wounds in awkward areas (ulcers in the trochanter region or heel region), preventing loosening due to friction or in case of incontinence.
- **Algoplaque® Film/Thin** is transparent allowing the wound and the gel to be continuously monitored.
- **Algoplaque® Film/Thin** dressings are permeable to air, waterproof and bacteriaproof. These properties allow baths or showers, protect the wound from external contaminants, and enable gas exchanges, which favours the draining of exudate.
- **Algoplaque® Film/Thin** does not need any secondary dressing.

**INDICATIONS**
- **Algoplaque® Film/Thin** dressing is indicated for the local treatment of low exuding superficial wounds (ulcers, superficial pressure ulcers, injuries), almost-healed wounds (epithelising stage) and sutures.

**METHOD OF USE**

**Preparation of the wound**
- Clean the wound with saline solution. Dry carefully the surrounding skin using a sterile compress.
- If an antiseptic is first used, rinse the wound thoroughly with saline solution before applying **Algoplaque® Film/Thin**.

**Application of the dressing**
- Choose the appropriate size of **Algoplaque® Film/Thin** so as to leave at least 3 cm of the dressing covering healthy skin around the wound.
- Remove the protective films and apply **Algoplaque® Film/Thin** onto the wound without any tension, making sure not to touch the adhesive part with the fingers.
- Smooth down the dressing gently over the wound and more firmly around the edge covering the healthy skin.

**Changing of the dressing**
- It is better to wait that the dressing was partly removed before changing it. Because a too early dressing changing could damage healthy skin. Do not remove the dressing before 48 hours.
- **Algoplaque® Film/Thin** dressings should be removed tangentially to the wound for painless removal.

**PRECAUTIONS:**
- The use of **Algoplaque® Film/Thin** for ulcers of venous origin does not replace the need for compress treatment when prescribed.
- The use of **Algoplaque® Film/Thin** on pressure ulcers does not replace the need for normal nursing care.
- Do not use if the sterile protection has been damaged.
- Single use sterile individual packaging: re-using a single use dressing may lead to risks of infection.
- Store **Algoplaque® Film/Thin** dressings flat.

**CONTRAINDICATIONS:**
- Do not use **Algoplaque® Film/Thin** for infected wounds.
- Do not use **Algoplaque® Film/Thin** on severely exuding wounds.

**LEGAL STATUS**
- Medical device, class IIa
- Read instructions carefully before use