



# Chitosan absorbent gelling fibre Dressing INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE























# **Product Description**

Kytocel is a soft, sterile, absorbent fibre wound dressing made from Chitosan. Chitosan is known for its bacteriostatic and haemostatic

. Kytocel is highly absorbent, conformable and transforms into a soft gel upon absorption of wound exudate. Kytocel helps maintain a moist environment for optimal wound healing, conforming closely to the wound bed for optimal interaction. The dressing can aid autolytic debridement and will remain intact during use (one-piece removal). Kytocel will not damage newly formed tissue.

#### Indications

Kytocel is indicated for the management of moderate to heavily exuding chronic and acute wounds. Kytocel may be used to control minor bleeding in superficial wounds.

Kytocel can be used on infected wounds or wounds in which there is an increased risk of infection under the supervision of medical professionals.

Under medical supervision Kytocel may be used for the management of the following wounds:

- Pressure sores
- Venous ulcers
- Diabetic ulcers · Leg ulcers
- · Cavity wounds
- Donor sites and Graft sites
- · Surgical wounds (e.g. post-operative, wounds left to heal by secondary intent)
- Skin abrasions and lacerations
- Superficial and partial thickness burns
- Trauma Wounds

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# Contra-indications

The Kytocel is not indicated for use on the following:

- Surgical implantation
- To control heavy bleeding
- · Individuals who are sensitive, or who have had an allergic reaction, to the dressina.
- 3rd degree burns

#### Precautions

- Should consult a medical professional if irritation (reddening, inflammation), maceration (whitening of skin), hyper-granulation (excess tissue formation) is observed.
- The dressing should be used under the supervisions of medical
- The dressing may adhere if used on very lightly exuding wounds. If the dressing is not easily removed, moisten it with saline solution prior to removal.
- The dressing is not intended for use as a surgical sponge.
- · The product contains highly purified derivative of shell fish. Do not use on patients with a known sensitivity to chitosan.
- · For external use only.
- Do not use if package is open or damaged.
- · Do not re-use, as it may cause infection.

## DIRECTIONS FOR USE

# Site Preparation

Debride when necessary and irrigate/clean the wound site in accordance with standard protocols

# Dressing Selection

For flat or shallow wounds select an appropriate size dressing that allows for a minimum of 0.5 cm overlap onto the skin surrounding the wound (to allow for the dressing to gel and to maximise conformability). Use a ribbon (rope) dressing for cavity wounds.

### **Dressing Application**

- 1. Always use aseptic techniques when dressing a wound
- 2. Cut, fold or layer, the dressing to fit the wound
- 3. Loosely fill deep wounds, to allow the Kytocel to absorb wound fluid and to expand filling the wound. Do not pack tightly.
- 4. When using Kytocel ribbon dressings in deep cavity wounds, insert the ribbon in one piece and leave at least 2.5cm outside the wound for ease of removal
- 5. Cover and secure with an appropriate secondary dressing
- 6. For dry wounds (to aid a moist wound environment) place a Kytocel on the wound and wet with sterile water or saline over the wound area only. Cover the dressing with an occlusive or semi-occlusive dressing to maintain moisture at the wound site and to avoid subsequent dressing adherence to the wound
- 7. For minor bleeding wounds, apply the Kytocel to the wound with a light pressure, maintain the pressure for few minutes until the bleeding is stopped, secure the dressing with a suitable secondary dressing

# **Dressing Change and Removal**

- 1. Kytocel shall be changed when the dressing has reached it's absorption capacity, or when the conditions of the wound or the surrounding skin or the level of exudate requires.
- 2. If simple removal of the dressing is difficult due to adherence, it should be fully saturated with sterile saline or sterile water to fully gel the dressing, remove slowly
- 3. Irrigate the wound site with a suitable wound cleanser (e.g. sterile saline) prior to application of a new dressing

### Storage

Store in a cool, dry place.

### Do not re-sterilise

The use by date of this product is printed on the packaging.

#### SYMBOLS USED ON LABELLING



Single use



Do not Re-sterilize



Use by: year and month.



Sterile. Method of sterilisation: EO



Product Reference



Batch number.



Attention, see instructions for use.



Does not contain Latex



Storage Conditions



Manufacturer



EC Representative



CE mark



Keep Away from Sunlight



Keep Dry



Do not use if package is open or damaged



Medical Device



See instruction for use