Choose Sorbsan® and Sorbsan® Silver Dressings

The advantages of using Sorbsan dressing:
- 10 years of clinical efficacy
- Disposable, natural fibres
- Pain free, irrigate away removal
- Quick and easy to use

Promotes healing with unique action

- Constructed of natural, loose fibres made from seaweed, Sorbsan alginate dressings form an amorphous gel when in contact with exudate allowing the dressing to maximise contact with the wound bed. In clinically colonised and infected wounds this action minimises the risk of untreated gaps in the wound bed, which will delay healing.

Step up, step down

- The extensive Sorbsan range provides an opportunity to select a dressing to suit the unique variety of wounds. Sorbsan Plus dressing, for example, combines super absorbent technology with a calcium alginate wound interface for high exuding wounds.

Assess and dress cavity wounds

- Sorbsan cavity dressings conveniently come with a sterile probe to help you measure the size and depth of the wound, without the additional cost of using a separate probe.

Promotes haemostasis to facilitate faster healing

- Sorbsan dressings have naturally occurring calcium ions which are exchanged for sodium ions in wound exudate. This ionic exchange promotes haemostasis, quickly reducing blood loss to allow the wound to progress to the next stage of healing.

Pain free, quick and easy removal

- Sorbsan dressing is gentle on wounds because of the amorphous gel which allows maximum contact with the wound bed.

Fig 1: Cross-section illustration showing the gelifying action and conformability of Sorbsan in a cavity wound.

A Reduced size of penetration, Sorbsan gel only gets in wound exudate
B Natural loose fibres
C The amorphous gel allows maximum contact with the wound bed

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The Sorbsan® Dressing Range

OVER 30 YEARS OF CLINICAL Efficacy

Since its introduction in 1983, Sorbsan calcium alginate dressing has been a favourite with nurses for its ease of use, clinical efficacy and cost effectiveness. A natural product derived from seaweed, the soft and gentle properties of Sorbsan dressing have been employed across a variety of formats to provide solutions for a range of clinically challenging conditions.

Sorbsan Flat Dressing
The original Sorbsan dressing trusted by nurses since 1983, Sorbsan Flat can be used as a single sheet or folded/layered for deeper wounds. Cover with an appropriate secondary dressing e.g. C-View or Sorbsan Plus Border.

Sorbsan Ribbon & Packing
Sorbsan dressing properties make it ideal for managing cavity wounds. The fibres absorb exudate and form a gel which fully contours the wound. The gelled fibres are easily irrigated from the cavity. Wound irrigation is gentle and minimises patient discomfort at dressing change. The sterile probe may be used to assess the wound bed and should be used in accordance with local protocols.

Do not use in wounds where the opening of the wound is smaller than the tip of the probe.

Sorbsan Plus Dressing
Sorbsan Plus, a cost effective combination dressing, incorporating a Sorbsan wound interface with a super absorbent secondary layer. The wound contact layer gels on contact with exudates, providing a soft, conformable non-adherent interface with the wound bed whilst excess exudate is drawn through the gelled alginate into the secondary layer. The efficacy of Sorbsan Plus dressing to promote haemostasis (clotting) is significantly better than other alginites tested 11. Apply Sorbsan Plus dressing with the alginate side downward so it is in contact with the wound bed i.e. coloured side should face upwards. Sorbsan Plus dressing can be removed in one piece with any remaining gel irrigated away from the wound bed.

1. Exudate wicks through the Sorbsan dressing contact layer, preventing peri-wound skin damage
2. Increased absorbency from secondary pad (coloured side up)

Sorbsan Plus Border
Sorbsan Plus Border dressing has the same absorbent capacity and wound interface layer as Sorbsan Plus with the added convenience of an adhesive border.

Sorbsan Plus Carbon
Sorbsan Plus Carbon dressing (for malodorous wounds) has the same absorbent capacity and wound interface layer as Sorbsan Plus dressing. This is combined with a Zorflex® carbon (odour absorbing) layer making this a totally unique combination dressing. Zorflex® carbon has the ability to bind both odours and bacteria 13.

Sorbsan Plus SA
The UK’s leading alginate range - 30 years of development:

How to select your dressing

Wound bed type
Infected
Shallow
Flat

Exudate level
Low
Moderate
High

Wound depth
Flat
Deep

Sorbsan dressing contours to irregular shapes
A silver CMC/Alginate dressing is less conformable

Managing the wound and bioburden

Sorbsan® SILVER DRESSING FOR MANAGING INFECTION

Managing the wound and bioburden

It is recommended that silver dressings are used for an initial two week ‘challenge’ period after which the wound, patient and management approach should be re-evaluated before deciding whether a silver dressing remains appropriate or more aggressive intervention such as the use of systemic antibiotics is indicated. International consensus. Appropriate use of silver dressings in wounds. An expert working group consensus. London: Wounds International, 2012.