

# Therapy Dressing Selection Guide

## Optimize Your Oxygen Delivery

TWO<sup>2</sup> therapy works by delivering oxygen directly to wounded tissue.

**Ideal Moisture Balance:** Oxygen diffuses more easily in an ideal, moisture-balanced environment

**Dressing Permeability:** Dressing combinations are only as permeable as the least permeable layer

DRESSING PERMEABILITY COLOR CODE*		EXCELLENT	GOOD	FAIR	FAIL
	Dressing Type	Dry/Scant Exudate	Light Exudate	Moderate Exudate	Heavy/Copious Exudate
Calcium Alginate			All single component alginates (i.e. Kaltostat, Maxorb, Melgisorb, etc.)		
	Medihoney alginate				
Hydrofiber			All single component hydrofibers (i.e. Aquacel, Durafiber, Exufiber, Kerracel, etc.)		
Collagen		All single component collagens (i.e. Promogran Prisma, Promogran Ag, Puracol, Fibracol, Endoform, etc.)			
Polymer		Phoenix, Altrazeal, Microlyte AG			
Super Absorber		All single component super absorbers (i.e. Sorbion, Kerramax, etc.)			
Gels	Tegaderm Hydrogel, Iodoflex, Iodosorb GelSurg-X/Blast-X, Medihoney Gel Tube				
Ointments/Creams	Santyl, Silvadene (petrolatum-based ointments are not recommended)				
Contact Layer (single layer only)	Mepitel, Mepitel One, Adaptic Touch, Restore Silver Contact, McKesson Contact Silicone, Adaptic (single layer)				
	Xeroform, Vaseline gauze, petrolatum gauze (petrolatum-based contact layers are not recommended)				
Foams	All foams that do not have a film backing, such as Hydrofera Blue Classic and Polymem WIC, Hydrofera Blue Ready, Aquacel Pro Foam Border, Aquacel Foam Adhesive, Allevyn Life, Allevyn Gentle Border, Mepilex Border, Tegaderm HP Border, Permafoam, Mepilex Border Flex, Tielle, Kendall Hydrophilic Foam				
	Mepilex AG Border, Medifoam Ag Border, Optifoam Border, Biatain Silicone, Optifoam Gentle, Kliniderm Foam Silicone Border, Suprasorb				
	Allevyn Classic, Allevyn Classic Gentle Border, Allevyn Ag Border, Urgotul Foam Border, Polymem Border, Kerrafoam Gentle Border, Polymem Ag Border				
	Lyof foam Extra				
Hydrocolloids	Hydrocolloids are not recommended (i.e. Kendall Alginate Hydrocolloid, Medihoney Hydrogel Colloidal, DuoDerm, etc.)				
Skin Substitutes (Cellular and Tissue Based Products and scaffolds)	All products without a silicone or acrylic backing (i.e. Matristem Wound Matrix, Kerecis, Oasis, BTM, etc.)				
Multi-Layer Compression System	Coban-2, Profore, UrgoK2, UrgoK2 Lite				
UNNA Boot					
Total Contact Cast	TCC, TCC EZ, Other				

\*Based on internal bench testing and published permeability/moisture vapor transmission rate (MVTR) data



# Medicare Dressing Coverage Guidelines<sup>1</sup>

This guide provides a quick reference for the types of dressings Medicare covers for different wound depths and levels of exudate, along with recommended frequency of dressing change.

Type of Dressing	Minimal Exudate	Moderate Exudate	Heavy Exudate	Usual Dressing Change
Alginate	Not Covered	Full Thickness		Once Daily
Collagen	Full Thickness		Not Covered	Up to 7 Days
Composite	Not Covered	Any		Up to 3 Times a Week
Contact Layer	Any			1 Time per Week
Foam	Not Covered			Up to 3 Times a Week
Gauze Impregnated	Any			Once Daily
Gauze Non-impregnated (no border)	Any			3 Times Daily
Gauze Non-impregnated (border)	Any			Once Daily
Hydrocolloid (cover/filler)	Any		Not Covered	Up to 3 Times a Week
Hydrogel (no border)	Full Thickness	Not Covered		Once Daily
Hydrogel (border)	Full Thickness	Not Covered		Up to 3 Times a Week
Hydrogel Filler	Full Thickness	Not Covered		3 Units per Wound/per 30 days
Specialty Absorbative (no border)	Not Covered	Full Thickness		Once Daily
Specialty Absorbative (border)	Not Covered	Full Thickness		Every Other Day
Transparent Film	Partial Thickness or Closed	Not Covered		Up to 3 Times a Week
Wound Filler	Any			Once Daily
Wound Pouch	Any			Up to 3 Times a Week

1. REFERENCE: Noridian Surgical Dressings Reference Chart: <https://med.noridianmedicare.com/web/jddme/dmepos/surgical-dressings>

Disclaimer: Providers must adhere to regional policies. Medical record documentation must demonstrate medical necessity.

Controller



Medium



Large



Multi-Patch

