SMTL Dressings Datacard

Product Name:	**BLENDERM**
Classification Name:	**Tape Impermeable Plastic, Synthetic Adhesive DT**
Manufacturer:	**3M Health Care Ltd**

Description

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[*** linked blenderm-01 ***]Blenderm surgical tape consists of an extensible, transparent polyethylene film coated with a layer of a pressure sensitive acrylic adhesive. The tape, which is radio-transparent, is also waterproof and has good stretch and recovery characteristics.

Indications

Blenderm is used for retaining dressings where an occlusive or flexible product is indicated. Its high-stretch characteristics enable it to conform to body contours making it particularly suitable for application to areas where freedom of movement is required; for example around joints.

The tape is impermeable to water and may be used to contain topical medication, or for dressing areas which are liable to become wet or dirty.

As the tape is coated with an acrylic adhesive, it may usually be applied to patients who have exhibited an adverse reaction to products bearing adhesives containing rubber or resin.

Contra-Indications

Although there are no absolute contra-indications to the use of Blenderm, it should, like most tapes, be used with caution on patients who have very fragile skin, such as the elderly or those on long-term steroid therapy.

Warnings

It should not be necessary to use skin tackifiers, such as tincture of benzoin, with Blenderm.

Although the tape is extensible, care should be taken to ensure that it is not applied under significant tension as this could cause damage to the skin by exerting a shearing force.

As Blenderm is completely impermeable, prolonged application may cause maceration of underlying skin.

Presentation

Storage

In common with all adhesive products, Blenderm should be stored in a dry place, and not subjected to extremes of temperature.

Sizes

1.25 cm × 5 m

2.5 cm × 5* m

5.0 cm × 5* m

* available on Drug Tariff

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