SMTL Dressings Datacard

Product Name:	**CHLORHEXITULLE**
Classification Name:	**Dressing Chlorhexidine Paraffin Gauze BP**
Manufacturer:	**Hoechst Marion Roussell Ltd**

Description

[*** display ps-chlorhexi ***]

[*** linked chlorhexi-01 ***]Chlorhexitulle consists of a cotton [*** linked paraff-gauze-01 ***] leno-weave fabric, impregnated with white Soft Paraffin BP, containing 0.5% w/w micronised Chlorhexidine Acetate BP.

Chlorhexidine is an antimicrobial agent that is active against a wide range of Gram-positive and Gram-negative bacteria but inactive against spores, fungi and viruses; it is more effective against Gram-positive than Gram-negative organisms, and some species of *Pseudomonas* and *Proteus* are of limited sensitivity.

Indications

Chlorhexitulle is used as a wound dressing for the prevention of infection in minor skin loss injuries and ulcerative wounds. It is not the product of choice for the treatment of existing wound infections as the amount of chlorhexidine that is released from the dressing is limited, but Chlorhexitulle may be used as an adjunct to systemic antibiotic therapy where appropriate.

Contra-Indications

Chlorhexitulle is contra-indicated in patients who are known to be hypersensitive to chlorhexidine.

Method of use

Prior to the application of the dressing, the wound should be cleansed with a sterile solution of normal saline. A single layer of Chlorhexitulle is then applied and covered with an absorbent pad, held in place with tape or a bandage, as appropriate.

Frequency of Change

The frequency of dressing changes will depend entirely upon the nature of the wound, but wounds considered at risk of infection should be dressed daily.

Presentation

Chlorhexitulle is presented individually wrapped in peel pouches, sterilised by ionising radiation.

Storage

Chlorhexitulle should be stored in a cool place below 25°C.

Sizes

10 cm × 10 cm*

* available on Drug Tariff.

Legal Category

Pharmacy [P]

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