SMTL Dressings Datacard

Product Name:	**CLINIFLEX ODOUR CONTROL DRESSING**
Classification Name:	**Dressing Activated Charcoal Cloth**
Manufacturer:	**CliniMed Ltd**

Description

CliniFlex Odour Control Dressing consists of charcoal cloth, produced by carbonising and activating a knitted viscose rayon fabric, sandwiched between 2 layers of calendered viscose rayon. Both sides of the dressing are therefore identical. Activated charcoal has the ability to adsorb volatile molecules from the air such as those which are liberated by a wound that are responsible for odour production.

Indications

CliniFlex Odour Control Dressing may be used to contain the odour produced by all types of malodorous wounds, including fungating wounds, faecal fistulae[*** linked mw-ff-00 ***], necrotic pressures sores and leg ulcers.

Contra-Indications

CliniFlex Odour Control Dressing is a secondary dressing and there are no known contra-indications.

Method of use

CliniFlex Odour Control Dressing is not intended to be placed in direct contact with the wound, but should be applied over a suitable primary dressing, and held in place with tape or a bandage as appropriate. Because both sides of the dressing are the same, it does not matter which surface is placed downwards. The dressings may also be shaped or cut to size if required.

Frequency of Change

The frequency of dressing change will depend upon whether the dressing becomes wet. Once the charcoal cloth comes into contact with exudate, its odour adsorbing properties are reduced and a change is recommended. If the dressing is not contaminated with exudate, it may be re-applied when the primary dressing is changed and left in place for up to a week on the same patient. Dressings contaminated with exudate should be replaced when the primary dressing is changed.

Presentation

CliniFlex Odour Control Dressing is presented individually wrapped in a peel pouch, sterilised by gamma irradiation.

Sizes

10 cm × 10 cm

10 cm × 20 cm

15 cm × 25 cm

*Sterilised by gamma irradiation

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