# SMTL Dressings Datacard

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| Product Name: | **DEBRISAN ABSORBENT PAD** |
| Classification Name: | **Dressing Polysaccharide Beads, Paste Pad** |
| Manufacturer: | **Pharmacia and Upjohn Ltd** |

## Description

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[*** linked debrisan-pad-01 ***] Debrisan Absorbent Pad consists of a sterile, off-white granular paste prepared from Debrisan beads 90%, with polyethylene glycol and water enclosed in a textile bag measuring 6 cm × 4 cm.

## Indications

Debrisan Absorbent Pad is intended for use in the treatment of wounds containing quantities of moist yellow/brown slough. These include infected surgical wounds, post-traumatic wounds, [*** linked ul-de-g4-01 ***] pressure sores, and leg ulcers.

## Contra-Indications

Debrisan Pads should not be used in the treatment of dry wounds or deep narrow wounds or sinuses from which removal may be difficult.

## Method of use

The absorbent pad is placed directly in contact with the surface of the wound and covered with a suitable dressing such as a semipermeable film. Wound exudate and cellular debris are drawn up into the pad, which should be changed before it is entirely saturated or discoloured with secretions. The pad should not adhere to the surface of the wound, but if this is found to be a problem, irrigation with sterile normal saline should aid its removal. Once the wound has been cleansed, a new pad is applied whilst the area is still moist.

## Frequency of Change

The frequency of dressing changes will depend entirely upon the nature of the wound. Initially, twice daily changes may be required; but as the wound becomes cleansed the interval between changes may be extended.

## Warnings

Debrisan Absorbent Pads should not be applied to dry wounds and their use in the management of more heavily exuding wounds should be discontinued as granulation takes place and exudate production decreases.

Occasionally, transient pain in the area of the wound has been reported soon after application of Debrisan Absorbent Pads. This may be avoided by ensuring that the wound is moistened before the dressing is applied.

# Presentation

Debrisan Absorbent Pad is presented in foil/plastic laminate sachets.

# Sizes

3 gram pads in boxes of 7

# Legal Category

Pharmacy Only [P]

# Bibliography

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