SMTL Dressings Datacard

Product Name:	**DEBRISAN PASTE**
Classification Name:	**Dressing Polysaccharide Bead, Paste**
Manufacturer:	**Pharmacia and Upjohn Ltd**

Description

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[*** linked debrisan-paste-01 ***] Debrisan Paste is a sterile, granular semi-solid prepared from Debrisan beads 64%, with polyethylene glycol 600 and water.

Indications

Debrisan Paste is intended for use in the treatment of wounds containing [*** linked sloughy-wound-01 ***] moist soft slough such as leg ulcers and [*** linked surgical-wound-infected ***]infected surgical wounds.

Contra-Indications

Debrisan Paste should not be used near the eye, or in the treatment of [*** linked sinus-wound-01 ***] deep narrow wounds or sinuses from which removal may be difficult.

Method of use

A layer of Debrisan Paste, not less than 3 mm thick, is applied to the wound and covered with a suitable pad or dressing retention material such as a semipermeable film dressing. Exudate from the wound is drawn up into the paste, which should be changed before it becomes fully saturated. This is best accomplished by irrigating the wound with sterile water or normal saline, using a syringe. Once the wound has been cleansed, a new layer of paste is applied while the area is still moist. In order to facilitate removal of the paste from the wound, it may be used in conjunction with a fine nylon net. This should be laid gently into the wound before the application of the paste.

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 subsequently the interval may be increased so that the wound is dressed daily or on alternate days.

Warnings

Debrisan Paste should not be applied to dry wounds and its 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 Paste. This may be avoided by ensuring that the wound is moistened before the dressing is applied.

Presentation

Debrisan Paste is presented in foil/plastic laminate sachets.

Storage

Debrisan Paste has a shelf life of three years when stored at room temperature.

Sizes

10g paste sachets in boxes of 6

Legal Category

Pharmacy only [P]

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