SMTL Dressings Datacard

Product Name:	**FUCIDIN INTERTULLE**
Classification Name:	**Dressing Fusidic Acid Paraffin Gauze**
Manufacturer:	**Leo Laboratories Ltd.**

Description

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[*** linked fucidin-tulle-01 ***]Fucidin Intertulle consists of a cotton [*** linked paraff-gauze-01 ***]leno-weave fabric, impregnated with a base composed of white soft paraffin, anhydrous lanolin, cetyl alcohol and liquid paraffin containing 2% sodium fusidate.

Fusidic acid is a potent topical antibacterial agent that is both water and fat soluble with the ability to penetrate intact skin.

It is active against nearly all strains of *Staphylococcus aureus,* and topical applications are also effective against *Streptococci, Corynebacteria, Neisseria* and some species of *Clostridia*.

The dressing is used as a primary wound contact layer in the management of [*** linked infected-wound-02 ***]infected wounds, combining low adherence with antimicrobial activity.

Indications

Fucidin Intertulle may be used in the treatment of wound infections caused by sensitive strains of *S. aureus, Streptococcus spp* and *Corynebacterium minutissimum*, including minor traumatic injuries, ulcers, burns, and other lesions that are **clinically infected** by organisms shown to be sensitive to fusidic acid and it salts.

Contra-Indications

The dressing should not be used in the treatment of wounds that are free of clinical infection, or for the treatment of infections caused by non-susceptible organisms, in particular, *Pseudomonas aeruginosa.* Fucidin Intertulle is also contra-indicated in patients who are hypersensitive to fusidic acid and its salts.

Method of use

The wound should be cleansed with a suitable sterile solution, such as normal saline; a single layer of Fucidin Intertulle should then be 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 infected wounds that are exuding heavily should be dressed at least once a day.

Warnings

Bacterial resistance has been reported to occur with the use of fusidic acid applied topically. Repeated use of the material may increase the risk of contact sensitisation and the development of antibiotic resistance.

Presentation

Fucidin Intertulle is presented individually wrapped in an aluminium peel pouch, enclosed between two layers of paper.

Storage

Fucidin Intertulle should be stored in a cool place.

Sizes

10 cm × 10 cm*

* available on Drug Tariff.

Legal Category

Prescription Only Medicine [POM]

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