SMTL Dressings Datacard

Product Name:	**PARATULLE**
Classification Name:	**Dressing Paraffin Gauze BP (Light Loading)**
Manufacturer:	**Seton Healthcare Group plc**

Description

Paratulle consists of a leno-weave fabric of cotton or cotton and viscose, which has been impregnated with yellow soft paraffin. The dressing is used as a primary wound contact layer and the paraffin is present to reduce the adherence of the product to the surface of a granulating wound[*** linked gw-00 ***]. Two formulations of Paraffin Gauze Dressing are described in the British Pharmacopoeia: they differ in the weight of paraffin base present on the gauze. Paratulle, which is an example of a 'light loading' product, contains between 90 and 130 grams of paraffin base per square metre of cloth. The alternative formulation bears a higher loading of paraffin, not less than 175 g/m ^{2} (see Jelonet).

Indications

Paratulle is used as a primary wound contact layer in the treatment of burns, ulcers, skin grafts (both donor and receptor sites), and a variety of traumatic injuries.

Contra-Indications

Although there are no absolute contra-indications to the use of Paratulle, if the dressing is placed upon a heavily exuding wound its semi-occlusive nature may cause tissue maceration by preventing the free movement of exudate away from the surface of the wound. This is less likely to occur than if a dressing bearing the higher loading of paraffin were to be used.

Method of use

Paratulle is applied directly to the surface of the wound and covered with an absorbent pad held in place with tape or a bandage, as appropriate.

Frequency of Change

The frequency of dressings changes will depend entirely upon the nature of the wound. If Paratulle is left in position for prolonged periods of time, it can become adherent and cause tissue damage upon removal.

Presentation

[*** linked ps-paratull ***]Pack Shot Paratulle is presented individually wrapped in a paper/polyethylene peel pouch, sterilised by irradiation.

Storage

Paratulle should be stored in a cool place.

Sizes

10 cm × 10 cm*

10 cm × 40 cm

* available on Drug Tariff.

Bibliography

1. Brotherston TM, *et al.,* Dressings for donor sites[*** linked me-su-do-00 ***]; a comparison of a hydrocolloid dressing and non-medicated tulle gras in the treatment of split-thickness skin graft donor sites[*** linked me-su-do-00 ***] *J. Wound Care.,* 1993, **2,** (2), 84-88.

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