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General Use

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Product Description

3M™ Tegaderm™ I.V. Transparent Film Dressing with Adhesive-Free Window is used to cover and protect vascular access sites and to secure devices to the skin. The dressing consists of a bordered transparent film with an adhesive-free window.

The border has multiple notch configurations and laminated tape strips to provide a better seal around catheters, tubing and other devices. The dressing is transparent, allowing continual site observation, and is breathable, allowing good moisture vapor exchange.

The Tegaderm™ dressing provides an effective barrier against external contamination, including fluids (waterproof), bacteria, viruses* and yeast.

**In vitro* testing shows that the transparent film provides a viral barrier from viruses 27 nm in diameter or larger while the dressing remains intact without leakage.

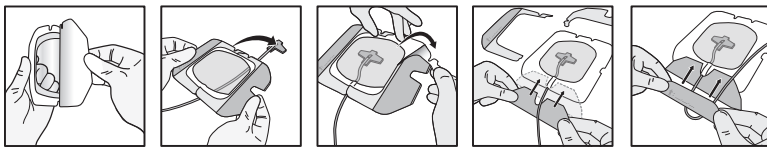
Indications for Use

3M™ Tegaderm™ I.V. Transparent Film Dressing with Adhesive-Free Window can be used to cover and protect vascular access sites and to secure devices to skin.

Precautions

1. Any active bleeding at the insertion site should be stabilized before applying the dressing.
2. Do not stretch the dressing during application. Mechanical skin trauma may result if the dressing is applied with tension.
3. The skin should be dry and free of detergent residue to prevent skin irritation and to ensure good adhesion.
4. Antimicrobial ointments containing polyethylene glycols may compromise the strength of the cover dressing film.
5. Use care and cover the port dressing to protect from water when showering.

Instructions for Use: Refer to figures.



Site Preparation: Prepare the skin and insert noncoring needle according to facility protocol. Clipping of the hair may improve dressing adhesion. Shaving is not recommended. The skin should be clean, dry and free of detergent residue. Allow all antiseptic preps and skin protectants to dry completely before application of the dressing to prevent skin irritation and to ensure good adhesion.

Application of the 3M™ Tegaderm™ I.V. Transparent Film Dressing with Adhesive-Free Window

1. Open package and remove sterile dressing.
2. Peel the liner from the dressing exposing the border adhesive surface.
3. Center the dressing over the accessed noncoring needle. Do not stretch the dressing during application, as mechanical skin trauma may result.
4. Apply dressing to the skin with firm yet gentle pressure, beginning in the dressing region opposite the selected tubing notch.
5. While removing the paper frame, pinch the dressing notch around the tubing and apply firm yet gentle pressure to dressing border to enhance adhesion to skin.
6. The laminated sterile tape strips and documentation label may be used to further secure the I.V. tubing.
7. Document the dressing change information on the label according to the facility protocol.

Site Care

1. The insertion site should be visually observed daily for signs and symptoms of infection or other complications, in accordance with facility protocol.
2. The dressing changes should occur at least every 7 days and may be needed more frequently with highly exudative sites or if integrity of the dressing is compromised.

Removal

1. Remove tape strips.
2. Always secure I.V. tubing during dressing changes with either tape or gloved finger.
3. In a low and slow manner, gently peel the dressing back upon itself starting at the tubing notch, until the dressing has been removed completely.

Shelf Life and Storage Information: For best results, store in a cool, dry place. For shelf life, refer to the expiration date on the package. Supplied in boxes of individually packaged sterile dressings. Sterility of the dressing is guaranteed unless individual package is damaged or open.

Explanation of Symbols

- Do not use if package is damaged or open
- This product and package do not contain natural rubber latex.
- Caution, see instructions for use
- Do not reuse
- Use by date
- Batch code
- Manufacturer
- Sterilized using irradiation
- Do not resterilize