

The use of Advadraw® rapid capillary action dressing within cavity wounds

Case Study One

An 80 year old lady admitted to hospital with diagnosis of extended cva. On admission to the ward she was found to have a severe infected pressure ulcer.

Previous dressings used had not successfully contained the exudate and odour and therefore Advadraw® was recommended.



The dressing was changed daily and within eight days an improvement could be seen to the wound.



The patient described the wound as less painful and family members noted the reduction of odour. Nursing staff stated that the dressing was containing the purulent exudate to allow daily dressing changes and were surprised by the progress of the ulcer despite the many patient factors that would normally delay wound healing.

Conclusion

All aspects of wound care and management were met by the dressing. Exudate was managed and dressing changes were reduced, odour was controlled and debridement of slough and necrotic tissue achieved.

Its unique non-adherent bonded outer layers prevented adhesion to the wound and the newly formed granulation tissue.

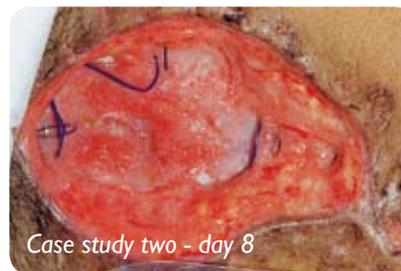
The above features combined with the benefits of the capillary action make this dressing a useful addition to any wound care formulary.

Case Study Two

A 34 year old lady admitted for emergency surgery and developed a dehisced abdominal surgical wound.



The main wound care objectives with this lady were exudate management, debridement of slough and odour control. The newly sited stoma was in close proximity to the wound and therefore isolating the wound exudate away from the stoma needed to be achieved. The photographs were taken at weekly intervals. The wound care objectives were met and this lady was able to have day trips home with the reassurance that wound leakage was comfortably contained.



Method

All patients were referred to the Tissue Viability Team via nursing or medical staff. The patients had cavity wounds that had previously been difficult to manage, due to exudate or odour control and were therefore deemed appropriate to enter into this small scale product evaluation.

The dressing was explained to the patient and consent gained to take weekly photographs. Photographs were taken for as long as the patient remained in hospital. Along with the visual nursing assessment the photographs were used as a means of monitoring the condition of the wound.

Results

The dressing was used on a variety of wounds to include surgical and pressure ulcers. The results demonstrated that the dressing was excellent in assisting wound debridement, exudate management and odour control, whilst being easy to cut and shape to fit the wound and promote patient comfort. Its non-stick bonded contact layer prevented adherence to the wound bed and assisted in the healing process.

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