



Instructions for Use: SkinTemp™ II Dressings

Availability

Product#	Description	Size	Units/box	HCPC
ST 1022	SkinTemp™ II Dressings	2" x 2"	5	A6021
ST 1002	SkinTemp™ II Dressings	3" x 4"	5	A6021
ST 1003	SkinTemp™ II Dressings	8" x 12"	5	A6023

Detailed Instructions for Use

(Instructions are also available on each unit and each box)

A. Preparation of wound bed:

- 1) Remove and dispose of old dressings following manufacturer's recommendations.
- 2) Gently irrigate wound with sterile water or saline until it is free of debris (necrotic tissue, slough, etc.)
Use enough irrigation pressure to enhance wound cleansing without causing trauma to the wound bed. Safe and effective irrigation pressures range from 4 to 15 pounds per square inch (psi). An irrigation pressure of 8 psi effectively cleanses the wound and reduces the risk of trauma and wound infection. Certain concentrations of povidine iodine, hydrogen peroxide, sodium hypochlorite, etc. are cytotoxic and should not be used to cleanse the wound.
- 3) Gently blot wound edges dry.
- 4) An ointment or cream may be applied to the wound margin if desired to protect the area.
- 5) If a topical medication is ordered, apply to the wound bed.

B. Application of SkinTemp™ II Dressings

1) Apply SkinTemp™ II Dressings to cover wound surface:

- a) **Minimally Draining or Dry Wounds-** SkinTemp™ II Dressings should be hydrated with sterile normal saline prior to application.
- b) **Moderately Draining Wounds-** SkinTemp™ II Dressings may be used dry on moderately draining wounds. If dressings has to be changed more than daily due to excessive drainage, discontinue SkinTemp™ II Dressings and switch to Medifil™ II Particles (follow instructions for application of Medifil™ II Particles).
- c) Apply the porous collagen membrane side of the SkinTemp™ II Dressings to the wound. Once the SkinTemp™ II Dressings have been positioned on the wound, non adherent backing may be removed.
- d) If the wound margin is at a risk for maceration, cut the SkinTemp™ II Dressings to fit the size of the wound (Avoid overlapping SkinTemp™ II Dressings on the wound.)

2) Apply secondary dressings:

- a) **Minimally Draining or Dry Wounds-** Secondary dressings may include: non- adherent dressings, hydrocolloid, hydrogel sheet, semi-permeable film or foam, etc. (Continued on next page)

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b) **Moderately Draining Wounds-** Secondary dressings may include: conventional gauze, abdominal pads, specialty absorptive, etc.

*The secondary dressings should be selected to maintain a moist wound environment. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO KEEP THE WOUND BED MOIST!***

When necessary, GENTLY secure wound cover dressings with surgical netting or a tape.

C. Removal of SkinTemp™ II Dressings

- 1) Remove secondary dressings and any remaining SkinTemp™ II Dressings
- 2) If the SkinTemp™ II Dressings have become adhered to the wound, irrigate with sterile normal saline solution. Lift very gently.
- 3) If the SkinTemp™ II Dressings is still adherent, after irrigation, DO NOT attempt to remove (This can cause damage to granulating wound bed). Rehydrate with sterile normal saline solution and dress with a secondary dressings that will promote and maintain moisture (See Application of SkinTemp™ II Dressings for minimally draining/dry wounds).

Precautions and Comments:

- **Normal reactions:** Wounds may appear larger during the first several days of treatment due to the reduction of edema and the removal of necrotic tissue and/or slough. An increase in drainage (which may or may not have an odor) may be seen in the first several days of treatment.
- **Allergic reaction:** SkinTemp™ II Dressings products are of bovine origin. Signs and symptoms of local allergic reaction are pain (to the wound site) and localized redness that may extend beyond the perimeters of the wound. Irrigate the wound with sterile normal saline to remove the product and the symptoms should disappear. Do not use Kollagen products if patient is sensitive to materials of bovine origin.
- **Wound debridement:** Wet to dry gauze dressings should not be used in conjunction with SkinTemp™ II Dressings. Although this procedure will remove necrotic tissue and slough, it can also damage new granulation tissue.

A collagenase enzymatic debriding agent should not be used in conjunction with SkinTemp™ II Dressings products. Other enzymatic debriding agents may be used in conjunction with or prior to utilization of SkinTemp™ II Dressings products.

WARNING: Discontinue the use of SkinTemp™ II Dressings and notify your doctor if excessive redness, pain, swelling or blistering occurs

WARNING: Potential risk of loss of sterility and infection if opened and re-used.

Secondary wound dressings that may be used with SkinTemp™ II Dressings

1. Gauze roll dressings
2. Gauze (impregnated and non-impregnated)
3. Non-adherent
4. Specialty absorptive
5. Hydrocolloids
6. Hydrogels
7. Semi-permeable film
8. Semi-permeable foam

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