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## Indications and Limitations of Coverage for Surgical Dressings



Dressing Type	Frequency <sup>1</sup> (up to)	Thickness <sup>1</sup>	Drainage <sup>1</sup>
Alginate	Daily	F	M to H
Collagen Pad	Up to 7 days*	F†	L to M†
Composite Dressing	3 x week		M to H
Contact Layer	1 x week		
Foam	3 x week	F	M to H
Gauze Pad Impregnated	Daily		
Gauze Pad Sterile	3 x day		
Gauze Pad Sterile w/Brdr	Daily		
Hydrocolloid Pad	3 x week		L to M
Hydrogel Amorphous	Daily‡	F	N to I
Hydrogel Pad	Daily	F	N to I
Hydrogel Pad w/Brdr	3 x week	F	N to I
Specialty Absorb Dressing	Daily	F	M to H
Specialty Absorb Dressing w/Brdr	Every other day	F	M to H
Transparent Film	3 x week	P, C	N to I

\*Depending on specific product; †Or wounds that have stalled or have not progressed towards a healing goal; ‡Max 3 oz/month.

C=closed; P=partial; F=full. N=none; I=minimal; L=light; M=moderate; H=heavy.

**Bordered Dressing:** When a wound cover with an adhesive border is being used, no other dressing is needed on top of it and additional tape is usually not required.<sup>1</sup>

**Dressing Combination:** It is not appropriate to use combinations of a hydrating dressing on the same wound at the same time as an absorptive dressing (e.g., hydrogel and alginate).<sup>1</sup>

**Dressing Size:** Must be based on and appropriate to the size of the wound. For wound covers, the pad size is usually about 2 inches greater than the dimensions of the wound.<sup>1</sup>

**Tape:** Tape is covered when needed to hold on a wound cover, elastic roll gauze or non-elastic roll gauze.<sup>1</sup>

**Wound Filler and Wound Cover:** Use of more than one type of wound filler or more than one type of wound cover in a single wound is rarely medically necessary.<sup>1</sup>

**Frequency of Change:** The product in contact with the wound determines the change frequency. It is not reasonable and necessary to use a combination of products with differing change intervals... such claims will be denied as not reasonable and necessary.<sup>1</sup>

To learn more, please call 1-877-742-1972

1. Local Coverage Determination (LCD) for Surgical Dressings - Effective July 24, 2017 (L33831).

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