

What sort of wounds should OpSite* Post-Op dressings be used to dress?

Post-operative wounds, lacerations, cuts, abrasions, minor burns, wounds where levels of exudate are low/moderate.

Is OpSite Post-Op a waterproof dressing?

Yes, OpSite Post-Op dressings are completely waterproof, and the patient can shower whilst wearing them.

Does the OpSite Post-Op dressing form a bacterial barrier?

Yes, the top layer of the dressing is a transparent film which is totally impervious to bacteria, though highly permeable to oxygen. By preventing bacterial contamination, the risk of secondary infection is significantly reduced.

Is it conformable?

Yes, OpSite Post-Op's soft film backing and flexible absorbent pad conform exactly to the skin's contours to aid patient comfort.

Is OpSite Post-Op absorbent?

Yes, it has a highly absorbent pad which virtually eliminates strike-through where levels of exudate are low to medium.

How often does an OpSite Post-Op dressing need to be changed?

On average, OpSite Post-Op stays in place at least twice as long as a non-woven dressing. The dressing should be changed if strike through or leaking of exudate occurs, or if the dressing lifts allowing access to bacteria and water. Time between dressing changes may be dependent upon your hospital protocol.

Will OpSite Post-Op adhere to the skin of even feverish patients, or patients in hot, humid environments?

Yes, the film of OpSite Post-Op is moisture responsive, reacting to changing skin conditions to 'switch on' in the presence of moisture and allow any excess to transpire off. The moisture vapour transmission rate (MVTR) is a minimum of 3000g/m²/24hours at 37°C, so skin is kept dry which ensures that the dressing adheres securely, as well as helping to prevent bacterial colonisation which can flourish under moist conditions.

Is OpSite Post-Op easy to apply?

Yes, it is applied in three easy stages: first, remove the backing papers. The patterned film carrier keeps the dressing stiff enough to prevent it from creasing or sticking to itself, but is thin enough to allow the dressing to conform during the second stage - smoothing the dressing onto the patient, aligning the pad with the wound. Third, peel off the patterned carrier and smooth the dressing into place.

Is there a risk of skin maceration?

Due to the high MVTR (Moisture Vapour Transmission Rate) film, moisture on the skin's surface is transpired off, reducing the risk of skin maceration.

Can the dressing stand up to daily 'wear and tear'?

Yes, due to the dressing's rounded corners and thin film the occurrence of lifting and 'snagging' is reduced.

Does removal of the dressing compromise wound integrity?

No, wound integrity is not compromised upon dressing removal due to OpSite Post-Op's low adherent pad, thus minimising pain on removal.

Do all of these extra features and benefits make OpSite Post-Op expensive?

No, good adhesive properties and high absorbency mean that the dressing stays in place at least twice as long as the average non-woven post-op dressing, and as a bacterial barrier with a highly permeable film which discourages bacterial colonisation, infection control is also addressed - leading to a highly cost effective wound management solution.