

## Australian medical sheepskin (coccyx pad)

### Wound dressing directions for use

- Product is for single patient use only and may be repeatedly laundered for same patient using only Skinsan detergent. Alternatively, it can be discarded as single use only; this is for infectious wounds and venous or arterial ulcers.
- **Coccyx pads are to be changed minimum once daily**, or every time an incontinence pad has been soiled. As in severe wounds stated above, change ratios may vary from 2 to 3 times daily at the beginning of use according to amount of wound exudates. ( Once moisture is noted on the leather, changing is required) **DO NOT LEAVE COCCYX PAD DRESSINGS IN PLACE FOR MORE THAN A DAY!!!**
- Wool fiber is to be placed directly on wound sites from grade one to grade four wounds on the Braden scale. If skin or wound sensitivity is an issue, apply a non occlusive dressing before the sheepskin. If adherence to the wound is noted when changing the dressing, apply saline solution to the wool fiber for easy removal. Once removed, irrigate the wound site with more saline solution and pad dry, removing any loose tissue that is self sloughing.
- Necrotic tissue will form on deep areas of the wound site and is to be left in place. Australian medical sheepskin ( AMS ) will allow the necrotic tissue to self slough when ready, this will result in far less scarring of the wound once healed, if any.
- Higher protein intake is required. One third more protein over and above standard daily requirements is required to deal with one wound. In cases of multiple wounds, consult your dietitian. **Protein is a requirement, not a choice.** High protein drinks are available in many flavors.
- Coccyx pads are generally used in conjunction with AMS bed pads, footwear or wheel chair accessories to maintain standard body temp @ 37 degrees c, also critical to wound healing and prevention. Further, providing reduction in pressure and shearing at the skin interface.
- Write the clients name on back of coccyx pad with black marker for easy identification.
- **Coccyx pads are microbial absorbent**, meaning infection will be absorbed into the sheepskin. Gloves should be used on all wound dressing changes.
- As blood flow is increased into the subcutaneous and dermal tissue layers due to moisture absorption, antibiotics will have the ability to take better effect.
- Coccyx pads are for use on all wounds, i.e.: pressure, moisture, shearing, burns, trauma, surgical and infectious related wounds.
- For wounds larger than 5" x 5" state special order and measure
- **No ointments or debriding agents are to be used with this product**
- If not using incontinence garments to keep coccyx pads in place, use gauze bandage or other means. Please do not use adhesives as these may be detrimental to surrounding skin tissue.
- When soiled from urine, fecal or wound matter, rinse immediately if there is a time delay before laundering. If these by products are allowed to ammoniate, the sheepskin will be destroyed.
- Coccyx pads do not come with any conditional warranty due to areas of use with this product.