

Information for Clinical Choice

Non-Silicone Wound Contact Layers

Support Document

Introduction

Information for Clinical Choice (ICC) has been developed to assist Clinicians in the decision-making process when assessing the suitability of a product by providing a clear illustration and description of the features of a range of similar products supplied through NHS Supply Chain.

The criteria provided, in the form of a Product Matrix and Support Document, is the result of a product review, conducted by DHLs Clinical Procurement and Quality Assurance Team with support from clinical stakeholders from across the NHS as part of our assurance process.

The aim, alongside delivering savings back into NHS frontline services, is to ensure that clinical choice remains at the forefront of any product switching decision.

Advanced Wound Care: Wound Contact Layers

Contact layer dressings are thin, non-adherent sheets designed to be placed on the wound bed to protect the tissue from direct contact with other agents or dressings. They conform to the shape of the wound and are porous to allow exudate to pass through for absorption by an overlying, secondary dressing.

WCLs require the use of a secondary dressing, and the clinician must consider the properties and interaction between both the selected WCL and the secondary dressing when providing care. This provides clinicians with a high level of flexibility and control to create the optimal environment for wound healing but may require a slightly elevated level of clinical expertise to be utilised most effectively. It is therefore also important to consider the overall value of treatment, rather than individual product cost.

Non-Silicone Wound Contact Layers

Standard use dressings which meet the criteria to be considered a WCL. They may be coated or impregnated to reduce trauma on removal, however this may lead to reduce fluid handling and generally shorter wear-times. A cost-effective solution when used appropriately.

To be listed by NHS Supply Chain as an Antimicrobial product there must be evidence presented that the product can reduce bacterial load under laboratory conditions.

One Sided Non-Silicone (Part 1)							
Supplier	BSN Medical Ltd	Crest Medical Ltd	Crest Medical Ltd	Crest Medical Ltd	Crest Medical Ltd	Crest Medical Ltd	H&R Healthcare Ltd
Brand	Cuticell Classic	Espuma Lipo Comfort	Pharmajelly	Pharmapad	Pharmapore	Pharmatull	Telfa Clear Kendall
MPC	7253802	ESPADHLIPO100100	JN100100	PAD100100	POREPULIPO100120	TULL100100	1111
NPC	EKA034	EKB099	EKB096	EKG007	EKA046	EKA047	ELY148
Description	Wound contact layer dressing 10cm x 10cm	Wound contact layer dressing 10cm x 10cm	Wound contact layer dressing 10cm x 10cm	Wound contact layer dressing 10cm x 10cm	Wound contact layer dressing 10cm x 12cm	Wound contact layer dressing 10cm x 10cm	Wound contact layer dressing 10cm x 12.5cm
Picture							
Route	Blue Diamond	Blue Diamond	Blue Diamond	Blue Diamond	Blue Diamond	Blue Diamond	Stocked
UOI	10	10	10	50	60	10	25
Range of Available Sizes	5cm x 5cm 5cm x 5cm 10cm x 7cm 10cm x 10cm 10cm x 40cm	5cm x 7cm 15cm x 20cm	5cm x 5cm 7.5cm x 10cm 10cm x 20cm 20cm x 30cm	5cm x 5cm 8cm x 9cm 10cm x 20cm 14cm x 20cm 20cm x 20cm	5cm x 10cm 15cm x 20cm	5cm x 5cm 10cm x 7cm 10cm x 40cm 15cm x 2cm	7.5cm x 7.5 30cm x 30cm 30cm x 60cm
Coating Type	Paraffin	Polymer	Polymer	None	Polymer	Paraffin	Polymer
Number of dressings displayed on box	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Are they supplied sterile	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Are they individually wrapped	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Maximum Weartime	2-3 days	7 days	7 days	7 days	7 days	7 days	-
Apertures present to allow fluid to pass into a secondary dressing?	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Size of apertures	2.0mm ² (+ 0,3 mm)	1 mm ²	2 mm ²	0.2mm ²	1 mm ²	4 mm ²	1-2mm
Suitable for use with NPWT	N	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Safe to cut to size	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Single or double sided	Double	Single	Double	Single	Single	Double	Double
Product described as 'WCL'	Y	N	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Clear panel to internal packaging to allow visualisation of dressing	N	N	N	N	N	N	Y
Instructions for application on individual packaging	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	N
Conforms to digit easily	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Anti-Microbial Option Available	N	N	N	N	N	N	N

One Sided Non-Silicone (Part 2)					
Supplier	KCI Medical Ltd	L&R Medical UK Ltd	L&R Medical UK Ltd	Oscartech UK	Paul Hartmann Ltd
Brand	N-A Ultra	Lomatuell pro	Metalline VC	Pharmatull	Atrauman
MPC	MNA095	30871	214-5985	TULL70100	499553
NPC	EKG031	EKA023	EJI191	EKA054	EKA032
Description	Wound contact layer dressing 9.5cm x 9.5cm	Wound contact layer dressing 10cm x 10cm	Wound contact layer dressing 8cm x 9cm	Wound contact layer dressing 10cm x 7.5cm	Wound contact layer dressing 7.5cm x 10cm
Picture					
Route	Stocked	Stocked	Stocked	Blue Diamond	Stocked
UOI	40	10	50	50	50
Range of Available Sizes	19cm x 9.5cm 19cm x 19cm	5cm x 5cm 10cm x 20cm 10cm x 30cm 15cm x 30cm	No other sizes available	No other sizes available	5cm x 5cm 7.5cm x 10cm 20cm x 30cm
Coating Type	None	Polymer	None	Paraffin	Polymer
Number of dressings displayed on box	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Are they supplied sterile	Y	Y	N	Y	Y
Are they individually wrapped	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Maximum Weartime	-	7 Days	7 Days	7 Days	3 Days
Apertures present to allow fluid to pass into a secondary dressing?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Size of apertures	-	-	10mm	4 mm ²	1mm
Suitable for use with NPWT	N	Y	N	Y	Y
Safe to cut to size	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Single or double sided	Single	Double	Single	Double	Double
Product described as 'WCL'	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Clear panel to internal packaging to allow visualisation of dressing	N	N	N	N	N
Instructions for application on individual packaging	N	Y	Y	Y	N
Conforms to digit easily	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Anti-Microbial Option Available	N	N	N	N	Y

One Sided Non-Silicone (Part 3)					
Supplier	Smith & Nephew Healthcare Ltd	Smith & Nephew Healthcare Ltd	URGO Ltd	URGO Ltd	URGO Ltd
Brand	Profore WCL	Jelonet	Urgotul Duo	Urgotul	Urgotul Duo
MPC	66000701	7409	550278	504008	508332
NPC	ELA127	EKA011	EKB087	EKB057	EJE046
Description	Wound contact layer dressing 14cm x 20cm	Wound contact layer dressing 10cm x 10cm	Wound contact layer dressing 10cm x 10cm	Wound contact layer dressing 10cm x 10cm	Wound contact layer dressing 10cm x 12cm
Picture					
Route	Stocked	Stocked	Stocked	Stocked	Stocked
UOI	50	100	10	25	16
Range of Available Sizes	No other sizes available	5cm x 5cm 10cm x 7cm 10cm x 10cm 10cm x 40cm 10cm x 7m 15cm x 2m Roll	5cm x 7cm 15cm x 20cm	5cm x 5cm 10cm x 40cm 15cm x 15cm 15cm x 20cm 20cm x 30cm	5cm x 10cm 15cm x 20cm
Coating Type	None	Paraffin	Polymer	Polymer	Polymer
Number of dressings displayed on box	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Are they supplied sterile	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Are they individually wrapped	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Maximum Weartime	7 days	-	7 days	7 days	7 days
Apertures present to allow fluid to pass into a secondary dressing?	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Size of apertures	N	N	500 µm	500 µm	500 µm
Suitable for use with NPWT	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Safe to cut to size	N	Y	Y	Y	Y
Single or double sided	Double	Double	Double	Double	Single
Product described as 'WCL'	Y	N	Y	Y	N
Clear panel to internal packaging to allow visualisation of dressing	N	N	Y	Y	Y
Instructions for application on individual packaging	N	N	N	N	N
Conforms to digit easily	Y	Y	Y	Y	Y
Anti-Microbial Option Available	N	N	N	Y	N

Two Sided Non-Silicone		
Supplier	Smith & Nephew Healthcare Ltd	Smith & Nephew Healthcare Ltd
Brand	Solvaline N	Solvaline N VC
MPC	280005	280004
NPC	EJE141	EJE611
Description	Wound contact layer dressing 10cm x 10cm	Wound contact layer dressing 5cm x 5cm
Picture		
Route	Blue Diamond	Stocked
UOI	100	100
Range of Available Sizes	10cm x 20cm	No further sizes available
Coating Type	None	None
Number of dressings displayed on box	Y	Y
Are they supplied sterile	Y	Y
Are they individually wrapped	Y	Y
Maximum Weartime	7 Days	7 Days
Apertures present to allow fluid to pass into a secondary dressing?	-	-
Size of apertures	-	-
Suitable for use with NPWT	N	N
Safe to cut to size	Y	Y
Single or double sided	Double	Double
Product described as 'WCL'	Y	Y
Clear panel to internal packaging to allow visualisation of dressing	N	N
Instructions for application on individual packaging	Y	Y
Conforms to digit easily	Y	Y
Anti-Microbial Option Available	N	N

References:

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