



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Question: What wound types can I treat with SelectSilver dressings?

Answer: SelectSilver dressings are indicated for the management of Stage I-IV dermal (vascular, venous, pressure and diabetic), partial thickness burns, incisions, skin grafts, donor sites, lacerations and abrasions.

Question: Do SelectSilver dressings maintain a moist environment for wound healing?

Answer: Yes. SelectSilver dressings help maintain a moist environment for wound healing by removing exudate without desiccating the skin.

Question: Do SelectSilver dressings control the odor commonly associated with chronic wounds?

Answer: Yes, the silver ion antimicrobial inhibits the growth of microbes in the dressing to control malodors.

Question: How does the silver in SelectSilver dressings compare to others?

Answer: SelectSilver dressings use the same silver-ion delivery system as several other commercial wound care products. The rate of silver release is controlled to provide excellent biocompatibility (safety) while delivering a potent antimicrobial effect in the dressing.

Question: How much exudate do SelectSilver dressings absorb and for how long?

Answer: The SelectSilver dressings are designed to transport exudate away from the wound to a secondary dressing. They only stop transporting exudate to a secondary dressing when the secondary dressing can no longer absorb fluid.

Question: What range of exudate can SelectSilver dressings handle?

Answer: SelectSilver dressings can be used on wounds that range from low to highly exuding. However, the fluid handling properties of SelectSilver are optimized for moderate to highly exuding wounds.

Question: How long can I leave SelectSilver dressings on a wound?

Answer: The interval between dressing changes is typically 2-3 days. However, SelectSilver dressings have been left in place for up to seven days under the advisement of healthcare professionals. The secondary dressing can be changed as needed depending upon the level of exudate.

Question: What types of secondary dressings can I use with SelectSilver dressings?

Answer: SelectSilver dressings are compatible with commonly used secondary dressings, such as gauze sponges and tapes, abdominal pads (ABD), foams and transparent films.

Question: Can SelectSilver dressings be used with hydrogels, wound cleansers and rinses?

Answer: Yes. SelectSilver dressings have been tested with a range of these products and are compatible with those products tested. Some products may cause the SelectSilver dressing to discolor; however, no deterioration in the dressing performance has been observed.

Question: Can SelectSilver dressings be used with enzymatic debriding agents?

Answer: This is currently under study. Please contact your Milliken representative for the latest update.

Question: Are SelectSilver dressings compatible with oil-based products such as petroleum jelly or antibiotic ointments?

Answer: It is recommended to avoid the use of oil-based products with SelectSilver dressings because the ointments may compromise the fluid transport and antimicrobial performance of the dressings.

Question: What solutions can be used to pre-wet SelectSilver dressings?

Answer: Unlike many other silver dressings, SelectSilver dressings can be pre-wet or re-wet with either sterile saline or water.

Question: Do SelectSilver dressings require an activator?

Answer: No. The release of silver ions will be activated by contact with wound exudates, water or saline solution.

Question: Can I cut SelectSilver dressings?

Answer: Yes, the product can be cut to dress any size wound. The dressings are constructed so the cut edges don't fray, lint or fall apart. SelectSilver dressings will not fall apart in the wound under normal conditions.

Question: How do I affix SelectSilver dressings to the wound?

Answer: SelectSilver dressings can be secured with adhesive bordered gauze, island dressing, transparent film, or tape.

Question: What should I do if SelectSilver dressings adhere to the wound bed or the periwound area?

Answer: In the unlikely circumstance the SelectSilver dressing adheres, the dressing and wound should be pre-moistened to facilitate easier removal.

Question: Why do SelectSilver dressings sometimes change color in use?

Answer: SelectSilver dressings can change color as the silver ion reacts with components of wound exudate or with light. Color change does not indicate deterioration of performance.

Question: What happens if the printed side of the dressing is applied toward the wound?

Answer: The dressing is designed to pump exudate from the non-printed side to the printed side. With moderately to highly exuding wounds, localized maceration could occur if the printed side of the dressing is applied to the wound area.

Question: Will SelectSilver dressings stain the skin / wound?

Answer: No. Wound exudate triggers the controlled release of silver ions. Patients treated continuously for up to four weeks have not experienced skin staining.

Question: Can SelectSilver dressings be used under compression?

Answer: Yes. As evidenced by clinical trials, the performance of SelectSilver is not compromised by compression. SelectSilver dressings have been shown to resist exudate moving from the secondary dressing back into the wound at pressures up to 340 mmHg (6.6 psi).

Question: Will patients feel any tingling or discomfort with SelectSilver dressings?

Answer: Some patients may feel temporary tingling or discomfort as exudate moves from the wound into the dressing. No inflammatory response has been observed.

Question: Can SelectSilver dressings be used with HBO therapy?

Answer: This application has not been studied. However, dressings typically are removed during HBO therapy.

Question: Can SelectSilver dressings be left in place during MRI and CAT scans?

Answer: No. The dressing has not been tested for interference with these diagnostic procedures.

Question: Can I rinse and reuse SelectSilver dressings?

Answer: No. The device is registered for single use only.

Question: Why are SelectSilver dressings stretchy?

Answer: SelectSilver dressings have been engineered to address patient comfort and conformability of the dressing to the wound bed.

Question: Does SelectSilver draw bacteria out of a wound?

Answer: Bacteria in the wound exudate are transported into the dressing. Silver ions in the dressing destroy these microbes (e.g. MRSA, *P. aeruginosa*, *C. albicans*).