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3M™ Tegaderm™ Clear Acrylic Dressings Application and Removal Techniques

# Tegaderm™ Absorbent Clear

Acrylic Dressings

a clear advance  
in wound management

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3M™ Tegaderm™ Absorbent Clear Acrylic dressing is a sterile wound dressing consisting of a conformable acrylic pad enclosed between two layers of transparent adhesive film. The film in contact with the wound surface is perforated to allow uptake of the wound fluid by the absorbent acrylic pad. The top film backing is not perforated. The non-perforated film backing is moisture vapour permeable, but impermeable to liquids, bacteria and viruses.\* The dressing maintains a moist wound environment, which has been shown to enhance wound healing. The moist skin adhesive

formulation provides secure yet gentle adhesion. The dressings are not designed, sold or intended for use except as indicated.

\*Laboratory testing has proven that the film provides a barrier against HIV-1 and HBV while the dressing remains intact without leakage.

## Indications for Use

Tegaderm™ Absorbent Clear Acrylic Dressings are ideal for:

- Pressure ulcers
- Skin tears
- Abrasions
- Donor sites
- Superficial burns
- Post-surgical wounds

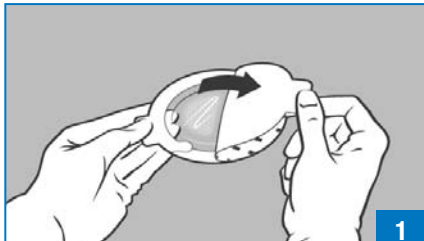
This dressing can also be used as a secondary (cover) dressing over wound fillers (such as alginate dressings).

## Prior to Application

*Note: Follow facility guidelines for infection control.*

1. Clip excess hair for best adhesion and patient comfort.
2. Clean the skin and wound thoroughly.
3. Allow the skin to dry before applying the dressing.
4. If the patient's skin is easily damaged or drainage is expected to go beyond the wound edge, 3M™ Cavilon™ No Sting Barrier Film may be applied.
5. Evaluate the wound and select the correct dressing size so that 3/8" (1 cm) of the absorbent pad extends beyond the wound edge.
6. Dressings are not intended to be cut.

## Dressing Application



1. Hold the dressing by a tab and peel the liner from the dressing, exposing the adhesive surface.



2. Hold the dressing by the tabs and centre the dressing over the wound, adhesive side down. Avoid stretching the dressing.

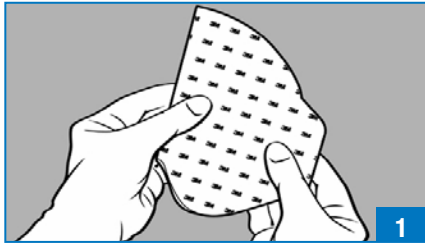


3. Gently press the dressing in place, smoothing from the centre outward.

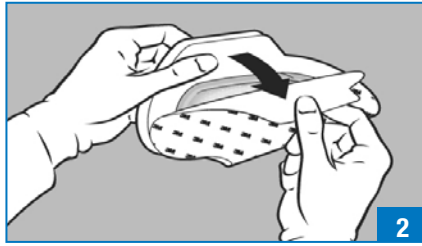


4. Slowly remove the paper frame while pressing down and smoothing the film border to ensure good adhesion.

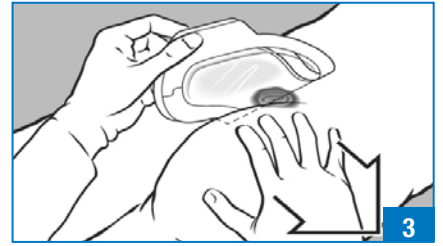
## Dressing Application: Sacral Design



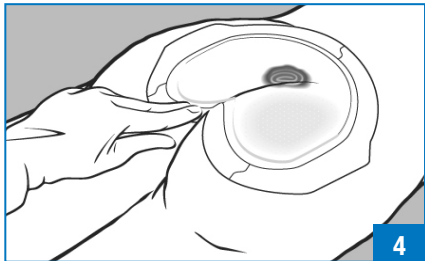
1. Fold the dressing in half with the liner side exposed.



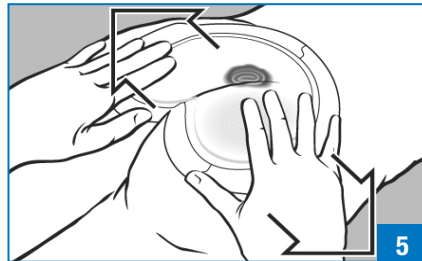
2. Holding both tabs with one hand, remove the liner.\*



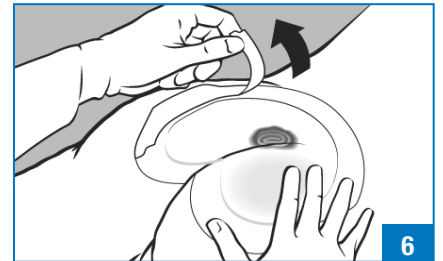
3. Spread buttocks to get a better surface for dressing placement. While still holding both tabs, position the dressing over the wound, tilting the dressing toward the anal area.



4. Secure dressing notch in the anal region first and press in place.



5. Press dressing in place from the centre outward. Avoid stretching the dressing or the skin.

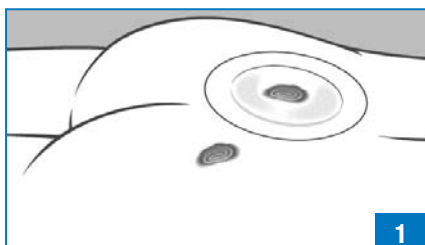


6. Remove the dressing frame, starting at the top and gently pulling down. Do not lift the film edge. Smooth the dressing in place from the centre outward. Repeat until all sections of the frame are removed.

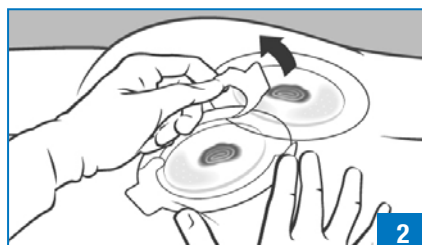
*\*The acrylic pad is not intended to be cut. If needed, the film border may be trimmed before the paper frame is removed.*

## Dressing Application – Overlap Technique

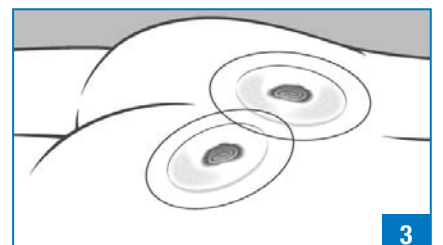
Dressing may be overlapped to cover large and/or multiple areas of skin damage.



1. Select dressing size to adequately cover wounds. Apply the first dressing per steps 1–4 in Dressing Application.



2. Overlap second dressing as needed to cover remaining wounds.



3. Gently press the dressing in place, smoothing from the centre outward.

## Removal Technique

1. Carefully lift the film edges from the skin. If there is difficulty lifting the dressing, apply tape to the edge and use tape to lift.







2. Continue lifting the film until all edges are free from the skin surface.

3. Remove the dressing slowly, folding it over itself. Pull carefully in the direction of hair growth.

## Considerations and Precautions

1. Treatment of any wound should be part of a well-defined plan under the supervision of a health care professional.
2. When using 3M™ Tegaderm™ Absorbent Clear Acrylic Dressing, the wound may initially appear larger in size and depth as unnecessary tissue is cleaned away. This increase should be accompanied by an improved appearance of the wound. If the wound gets larger after the first few dressing changes, consult a health care professional.
3. Observe the wound for signs of infection. Consult a health care professional if any of the following are noted: fever, increased pain, redness, bleeding, swelling, unusual odour, increased drainage or cloudy or foul drainage. 3M™ Tegaderm™ Absorbent Clear Acrylic Dressing may be used on infected wounds only under the care of a health care professional.
4. If irritation (redness) or maceration (whitening) of the surrounding skin, or hypergranulation (excessive tissue formation in the wound) develops, consult a health care professional.
5. If the wound does not begin to show signs of healing or if any other unexpected symptoms occur, consult a health care professional.

**Ordering Information:** 3M™ Tegaderm™ Absorbent Clear Acrylic Dressing should overlap the wound margins by at least 3/8" (1 cm).

Catalogue No.	Dressing Pad Size (W x L)	Fits Wounds Up To (W x L)	Overall Dressing Size (W x L)
 90800 Oval	1½ in. x 2¼ in. 3.8 x 5.7 cm	1⅞ in. x 1⅞ in. 2.9 x 4.8 cm	3 in. x 3¾ in. 7.6 x 9.5 cm
 90801 Oval	2⅝ in. x 3 in. 6.0 x 7.6 cm	2 in. x 2⅝ in. 5.1 x 14.3 cm	4⅞ in. x 5 in. 11.1 x 12.7 cm
 90802 Square	3⅞ in. x 4 in. 9.8 x 10.1 cm	3½ in. x 3⅝ in. 8.9 x 9.2 cm	5⅞ in. x 6 in. 14.9 x 15.2 cm
 90803 Oval	3⅞ in. x 4¼ in. 8.5 x 10.7 cm	3 in. x 3⅞ in. 7.6 x 9.8 cm	5⅞ in. x 6¼ in. 14.2 x 15.8 cm
 90805 Square	5⅞ in. x 6 in. 14.9 x 15.2 cm	5½ in. x 5⅝ in. 14.0 x 14.3 cm	7⅞ in. x 8 in. 20.0 x 20.3 cm
 90807 Sacral	4½ in. x 5⅝ in. 11.75 x 14.3 cm	4⅞ in. x 5⅝ in. 10.5 x 13.0 cm	6⅞ in. x 7½ in. 16.8 x 19 cm

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