

Wound care starts with skin care.

Skin is the body's largest organ, making it one of the most vulnerable to forces like pressure, friction and shear. As a wound care clinician, your mission is to protect and maintain the integrity of each patient's skin – but it's a complicated job with many factors to consider.

Take wound care dressings. Many clinicians choose to use silicone foam dressings because they're more gentle to skin than standard dressings, decreasing the risk of Medical Adhesive-Related Skin Injury (MARSI).

Pioneering the science of strong and gentle.

3M invented gentle-to-skin medical adhesives more than 50 years ago, and we continue to innovate solutions that provide consistent adhesion with easy removal to help minimize the risk of MARSI. Learn how to protect your patients from MARSI at **3M.com/MARSI**.

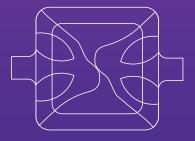
In a colorimetric protein study that measured skin cell proteins left on an adhesive after removal from the skin, 3M's silicone adhesive removed significantly fewer skin cells than a standard acrylate adhesive – helping to reduce the risk of skin trauma.¹



Skin cell proteins on 3M's gentle silicone adhesive.



Skin cell proteins on a standard acrylate adhesive.



Not all silicone foam dressings are created equal. Unlike many competitors who license their adhesive technology, 3M scientists developed our unique silicone adhesive in our labs – applying their decades of adhesive expertise and innovation to your toughest dressing challenges.

3M™ Tegaderm™ Silicone Foam Dressings feature layers of innovation.

Patented spoke delivery system

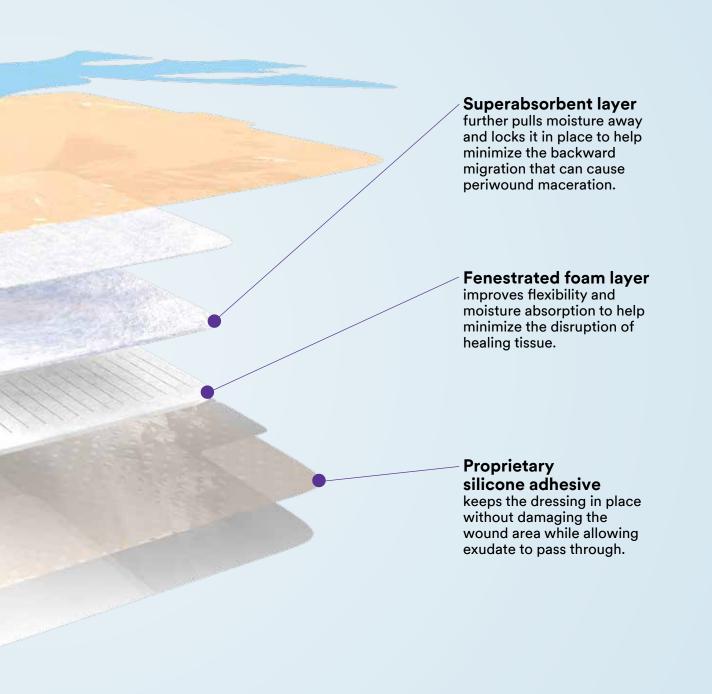
enables easy application, even with gloves on, so your other hand is free to position the patient.

3M™ Tegaderm™ film backing

combines 3M's adhesive innovation and film expertise in a breathable dressing cover.

Moisture control layer

helps maintain an optimal moisture balance by facilitating evaporation through the film backing.





Silicone foam dressings that don't wear as long as you need.



3M solution:

Significantly longer wear time plus gentle adhesion

3M™ Tegaderm™ Silicone Foam Dressings offer significantly longer wear time than the leading competitive silicone foam dressing² while being gentle to the skin. Which may help save your facility time and money on unscheduled dressing changes.

2X longer wear time



3M[™] Tegaderm[™] Silicone Foam Dressing



Mepilex® Border Dressing

The 3M[™] Tegaderm[™] Silicone Foam Dressing wore 2X longer than the leading competitive silicone foam dressing when worn for seven days and lifted daily.³



Silicone foam dressings that lift and roll up in high-shear locations.

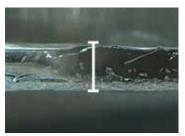


3M™ Tegaderm™ Silicone Foam Dressings are highly conformable and feature a thin, low-profile edge, helping to minimize the rolling and lifting that can impact adhesion and wear time.

Dressing edge comparison







Mepilex® Border Dressing

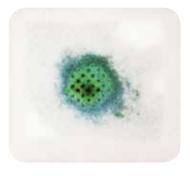
Wound drainage that pools under the dressing, causing periwound maceration.



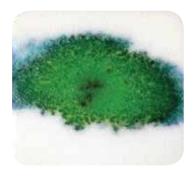
3M[™] Tegaderm[™] Silicone Foam Dressings have a unique multi-layer design that absorbs and evaporates moisture to help reduce the potential for skin maceration.

Dressing saturation comparison

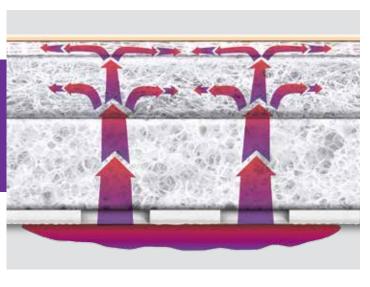
In a simulated in-vitro study with a highly exuding wound model under compression, the 3M™ Tegaderm™ Silicone Foam Non-Bordered Dressing had significantly less fluid accumulation on the wound side of the dressing compared to the leading silicone foam dressing competitor.⁵



3M[™] Tegaderm[™] Silicone Foam Non-Bordered Dressing



Mepilex® Foam Dressing



Fluid management simulation

Our innovative layer technology is designed with a superabsorber that helps minimize the backward moisture migration that can cause maceration.

Anatomical locations that make dressing application difficult.



Our patented spoke delivery system enables easy application in challenging locations like the sacrum, for a more positive clinician experience.



Most evaluators (31 out of 33) were "very satisfied" or "satisfied" with ease of application for the 3M™ Tegaderm™ Silicone Foam Sacral Dressing.6

See how 3M™ Tegaderm™ Silicone Foam Dressings can make a difference in your practice. Visit 3M.com/SiliconeFoam to request a free sample.





Where smart protection meets pressure ulcer/injury prevention.

Facility-acquired pressure ulcers/injuries are a growing healthcare problem.⁷ Not only can they lead to longer hospital stays and higher rates of readmission, but they can contribute to greater patient pain and suffering – and in some cases, premature mortality.⁸

As part of a comprehensive pressure ulcer/injury prevention plan, the use of polyurethane foam dressings to protect bony prominences from friction and shear should be considered to decrease the risk of pressure ulcer/injury development.^{9,10}



A cost of up to \$70K

per individual pressure ulcer/ injury.9,10

Ideal properties for dressings used in pressure ulcer/injury prevention:

When selecting a dressing for pressure ulcer/prevention, there are several ideal properties to consider – including the following from the National Pressure Ulcer Advisory Panel (NPUAP) Prevention and Treatment of Pressure Ulcers: Clinical Practice Guidelines document:



Ability to access and assess skin

Body areas at high risk for pressure ulcer/ injury should be inspected often to detect early signs of pressure damage.

Look for a dressing that can be lifted and re-adhered frequently for assessment without damaging the skin.



Ability to manage microclimate

Warm, moist skin is more vulnerable to the damaging effects of pressure and shear, which are recognized risk factors for pressure ulcer/injury formation.¹¹

Look for a dressing with properties that reduce the amount of moisture trapped at the skin's surface.



Ease of application and removal

Applying and removing dressings from locations such as the heel and sacrum can be challenging, often requiring assistance to properly position the patient.

Look for a dressing designed to make application easier, which in turn can help lead to fewer dressing failures and fewer unnecessary dressing changes.



Correct dressing size for high-risk locations

Anatomical sites that overlay a bony prominence, such as the heel and sacrum, account for more than half of all pressure ulcers/injuries⁹ due to their vulnerability to pressure, friction and shear.

Look for a dressing that is specifically designed for these high-risk locations and available in sizes to accommodate a wide range of body types.

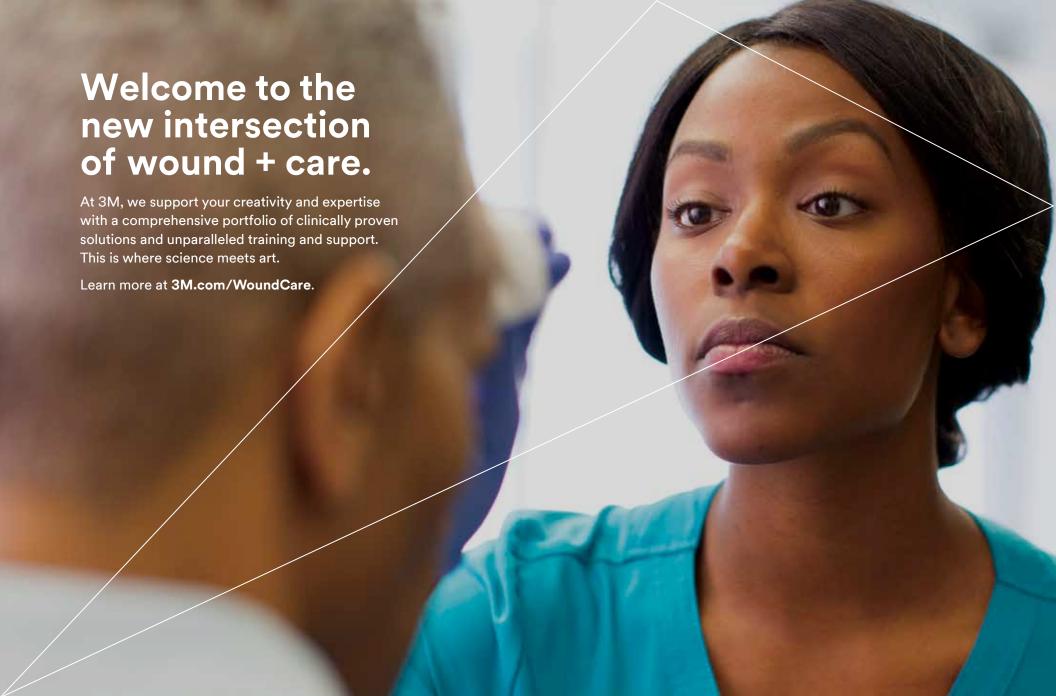


Where variety meets value.

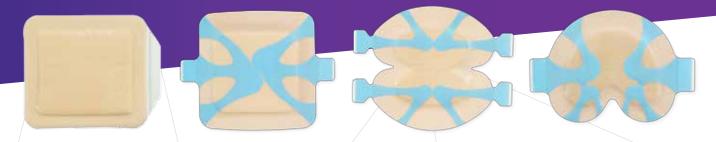
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	Product	Cat Number	HCPCS Code	Size	Dressings/ Box	Boxes/ Case
	Non-Bordered Dressing	90631	A6210	4 in. x 4.25 in. 10 cm x 11 cm	10	4
	Non-Bordered Dressing	90632	A6210	6 in. x 6 in. 15 cm x 15 cm	10	4
	Bordered Dressing	90643	A6212	2 in. x 2 in. 5 cm x 5 cm	10	6
	Bordered Dressing	90640	A6212	3 in. x 3 in. 8 cm x 8 cm	10	6
	Bordered Dressing	90641	A6212	4 in. x 4 in. 10 cm x 10 cm	10	6
	Bordered Dressing	90642	A6213	6 in. x 6 in. 15 cm x 15 cm	10	4
	Heel & Contour	90646	A6212	6 in. x 6 in. 15 cm x 15 cm	5	4
	Small Sacral	90647	A6213	6 in. x 6.75 in. 15 cm x 17 cm	10	4
	Large Sacral	90648	A6213	7.25 in. x 8.75 in. 18.5 cm x 22 cm	5	4



Discover why 3M[™] Tegaderm[™] Silicone Foam Dressings are an excellent choice for your wound management and pressure ulcer/injury prevention programs. Visit **3M.com/SiliconeFoam** to request a free sample.





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