Mepore® Adhesive surgical dressing

Product description
Mepore is a sterile, self-adhesive and absorbent dressing. Mepore consists of:
- an absorbent wound pad with an integrated non-sterile wound contact layer
- an adhesive border with water based acrylic adhesive. The adhesive is skin friendly and free from organic solvents. The adhesive area is covered with two overlapping release liners enabling easy application.
- an outer breathable nonwoven providing a physical protection to the wound.

Dressing material content:
Acrylic adhesive, polyethylene nonwoven, viscose and polyethylene nonwoven

Indications for use
Mepore is designed for use on low to moderately exuding wounds, such as surgical wounds, cuts and abrasions.

Precautions
- Do not use Mepore on patient with known hypersensitivity to acrylic adhesives or other impregnated materials/components of the product.
- Do not use on fragile skin. If used on fragile skin it may cause skin irritation.
- Do not stretch the dressing when applying.
- If you see signs of infection e.g. pus or the wound or surrounding skinbecoming red, warm or swollen, consult a healthcare professional for appropriate treatment.
- Do not reuse. If reused performance of the product may deteriorate, cross contamination may occur.
- Sterile. Do not use if inner package (sterile barrier) is damaged or opened prior to use. Do not re-sterilise.

Instructions for use
Mepore can be used by lay persons under supervision of healthcare professionals.
1. Cleanse the wound in accordance to clinical practice. Dry the surrounding skin thoroughly. Discard moisturizers, gels or ointments on the site surrounding the wound may affect the adhesive and should be avoided.
2. Remove the release liners and apply the sticky side to the skin without stretching the dressing. Ensure that the absorbent pad covers the wound.
3. Gently press the border to ensure proper adhesion to the skin.
4. Upon removal grasp the edge and slowly peel the dressing from the skin in the direction of hair growth.

Care should be taken to ensure that Mepore is not applied under tension, to prevent shear forces causing damage to the skin. When applying over joints be certain to apply in such a way that it does not impair flexibility of the joint. After some surgical interventions excessive swelling may occur. In such case it could be better to use a more flexible dressing in order to prevent skin tension. Mepore should be changed before the dressing is fully saturated, at signs of leakage or as indicated by clinical practice.

Disposal should be handled according to local environmental procedures.

Other information
If any serious incident has occurred in relation to the use of Mepore, it should be reported to Mölnlycke Health Care.

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