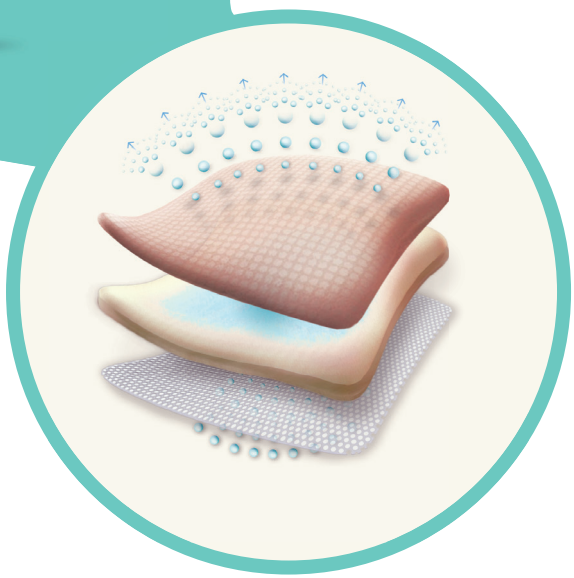
ALLEVYN◊ GENTLE

Technical information sheet

- Breathable film[1]
- Highly absorbent hydrocellular foam[1-3]
- Silicone gel adhesive



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ALLEVYN◊ GENTLE
Foam Dressing

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New

ALLEVYN® GENTLE Foam Dressing provides effective exudate management for up to 7 days[4,13] via its triple-action technology.

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Application

1
- Cleanse the application site. Ensure surrounding skin is clean, dry and free from excess hair
- Select an appropriate dressing size. Ensure the dressing covers the entire wound area to be protected

2
- Remove the first liner and anchor the adhesive side of the dressing to the skin using clean technique

3
- Remove remaining liner / liners using clean technique

4
- Smooth over. Ensure dressing covers the wound. Do not stretch the dressing. The dressing can be repositioned as required

5
- Secure with secondary retention e.g OPSITE™ FLEXIFIX Dressing, OPSITE FLEXIFIX GENTLE Dressing, tape, bandage or compression therapy

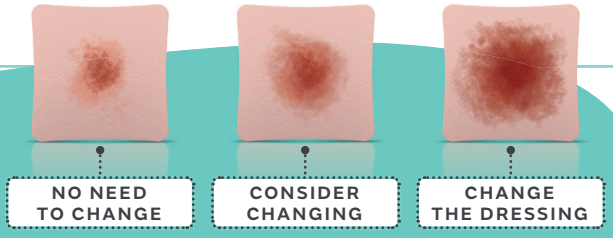
Removal

To remove ALLEVYN GENTLE, remove secondary retention, lift one corner and peel back until completely removed.

Frequency of change

During the early stages of treatment inspect the dressing frequently. Dressings can be left in place for up to 7 days. Dressings should be changed depending on the condition of the wound and surrounding skin or when exudate is within 1.5cm (5/8in) of the dressing edge.

The diagram below is for guidance only and the decision of when to change should be dependent upon clinical assessment and local protocols under the guidance of a Healthcare Professional.



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Features and benefits

- Advanced triple layer construction consisting of a breathable top film, [1] a highly absorbent hydrocellular foam[1–3] and a softsilicone adhesive.
- Softsiliconeadhesivemakesthedressingissuitablefor use on fragile and delicate skin[5,6]
- Low tack silicone adhesive holds the dressing in place whilst secondary retention is applied, which may help minimise time during dressing change[7,8]
- The top film acts as a bacterial barrier helping to prevent external contaminants migrating through the dressing through the dressing*[9]
- Suitable for use with compression bandaging[1,10,11]
- The multi-way stretch of ALLEVYN GENTLE helps when dressing awkward areas and areas of high patient movement[1,11,12]
- Wide range of sizes that can be cut to size with minimal shedding, adding further flexibility[10,13,14]

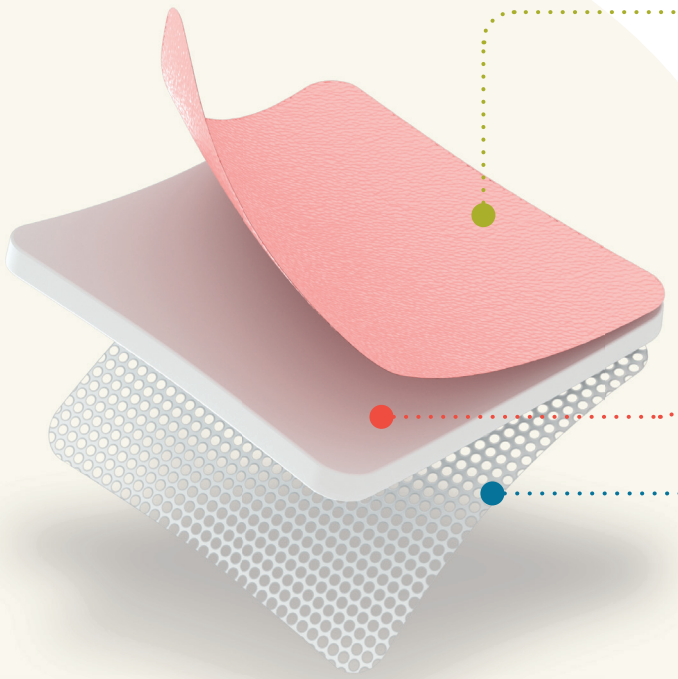
Indications

Wound management by secondary intention on shallow, granulating wounds, chronic and acute exuding wounds, full and partial thickness wounds including:

- leg ulcers
- diabetic foot ulcers
- surgical wounds
- first and second degree burns
- skin graft donor sites
- skin tears
- pressure ulcers

Precautions for use

- Do not use with oxidizing agents such as hypochlorite solutions (e.g. EUSOL◊) or hydrogen peroxide, as these can reduce the absorbency of the dressing.
- If reddening or sensitization occurs discontinue use.
- Single use only, if used on more than one patient, cross contamination or infection may occur.
- Once the pouch is opened, do not retain unused dressings for application at a later date.
- Always use clean technique during application.
- Where the product is used on infected wounds the infection should be inspected and treated as per local protocol.



1 Breathable top film[1]
- Waterproof[1]
- Helps prevent fluid penetration into the dressing[1]
- Switches to become more permeable in the presence of fluid[1]

2 Soft hydrocellular ALLEVYN foam layer
- Highly absorbent[1–3]
- Retains exudate to help prevent leakage from the edges of the dressing, when used with appropriate secondary retention**[1,4,13,15]

3 Soft silicone adhesive
- Designed for use on fragile and delicate skin[5,6]
- Holds the dressing in place whilst the secondary retention is applied[7,8]
- Enables easy repositioning without losing its adherent properties[7]
- Minimises trauma to the wound and pain to the patient during dressing changes[8,15]

*As demonstrated in vitro
**As demonstrated in laboratory testing

ALLEVYN GENTLE Foam Dressing ordering codes

Size	Code	Carton
5cm x 5cm / 2in x 2in	66802128	10
10cm x 10cm / 4in x 4in	66802129	10
10cm x 20cm / 4in x 8in	66802130	10
15cm x 15cm / 6in x 6in	66802131	10
20cm x 20cm / 8in x 8in	66802132	10
20cm x 50cm / 8in x 20in	66802133	2

For detailed product information, including indications for use, contraindications, precautions and warnings, please consult the product's applicable Instructions for Use (IFU) prior to use.

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