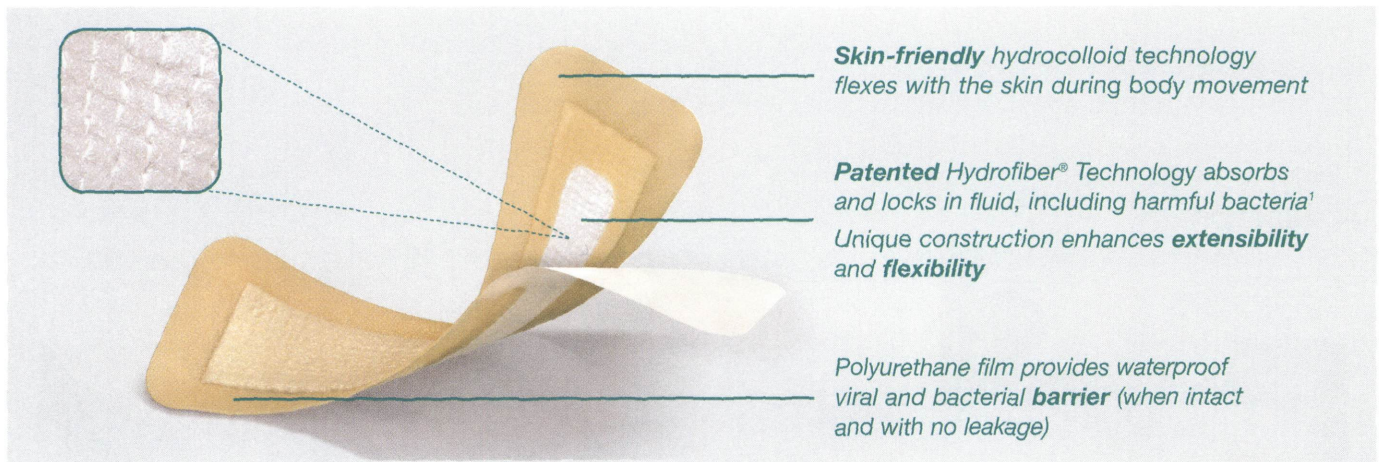


A patient's guide to AQUACEL® Ag SURGICAL dressing

An innovative design to handle post-operative challenges



- Dressing is waterproof, can be worn in the shower
- Your dressing can be left in place for up to seven days
- Dressing may need to be changed sooner depending on the amount of drainage it absorbs



Acceptable amount of fluid



Dressing needs to be changed when fluid reaches border

Removal

- To remove dressing, press down on the skin with one hand and carefully lift an edge of the dressing with your other hand. Stretch the dressing to break the adhesive seal and remove.



Call your Clinician if:

- the dressing will not stay in place or has attached to your skin
- there is a large amount of fluid coming from the incision
- you experience unusual pain or odor

Refer to package insert for full instructions for use.

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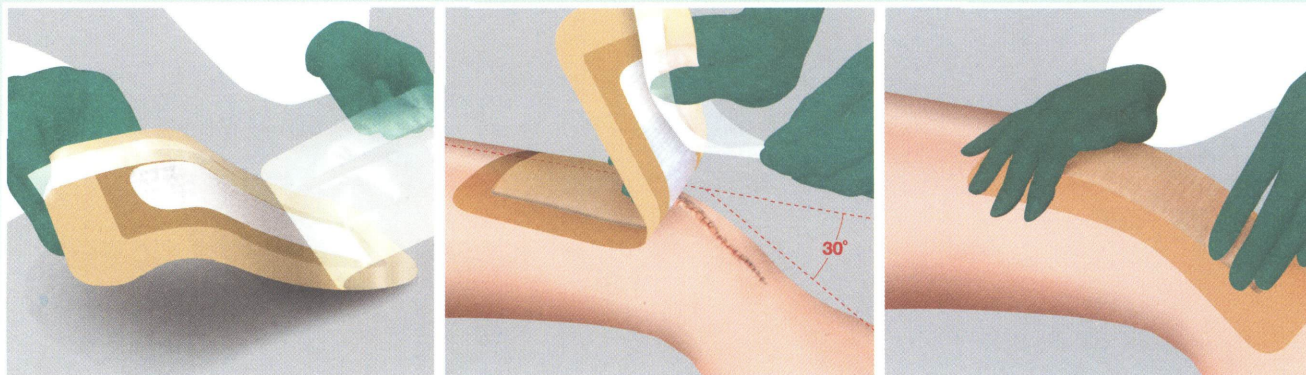
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Applying AQUACEL[®] Ag SURGICAL dressing

Preparation

- 1 Cleanse and dry the incision site according to protocol.
- 2 Choose an appropriate dressing size.
- 3 Sterile gloves are recommended prior to open dressing package.
- 4 Remove the dressing from the sterile pack.

Application



- 1 Completely remove the larger backing film (leaving the 1" secondary film in place) minimizing finger contact with the pad and adhesive.
- 2 Remove half of the 1" backing and place the dressing directly over the incision, line making sure the adhesive does not come into contact with the incision line. Do not stretch the dressing as it is being applied.
- 3 The process of moulding the dressing into place helps secure adhesion.

** To dress knee incisions: knee should be at an angle of approximately 30 degrees for optimal dressing application.*

Clinician Notes:
