

Protocol and Information about Biatain Silicone Fit Dressing

1. Continue to open a coccyx grouper for all patients upon admission, and document the initial skin assessment
2. Apply dressing as soon as possible after admission, ideally before any scans or OR (high risk time)
3. Wash and rinse the skin with gentle rain soap or plain water. Dry well before application.
4. Do not use anything with a moisturizer or emollient (no barrier cream, Cavalon, Baza or Critic-Aid, Sproam, alginate).
5. Chart the date and time of application in the grouper, and indicate if being used for Prevention or Treatment.
6. If an injury is not over the coccyx or sacrum, create a separate grouper. Pressure injuries need to be over a bony prominence or due to a medical device.

APPLICATION STEPS

1. Blue strip indicates where to open the packaging
2. Slowly remove centre strip
3. Fold dressing in half and press bottom piece in first, then press up the centre
4. Slowly peel the side piece and press the dressing out to the edge to seal

Prevention:

If being used for prevention, you need to peek once every 12 hours and document the skin's appearance in the grouper. Document purpose as "P" for prevention, identifying the number of times that peeking has been done "P1, P2 or P3".

The Biatain Silicone Fit dressing needs to be changed with the 4th "peek". **Example:** *If you apply it today (Tuesday), the first peek will be on nights tonight. The second and third peeks will be days and nights Wednesday. The dressing should then be changed on Thursday Days.*

Treatment

If the patient develops a Stage I or II pressure injury, apply the Biatain Silicone Fit dressing and leave it in place for up to 5 days without peeking.

If the patient develops a Stage II area of breakdown, ***you can apply a small amount of Triad over the wound before applying the dressing.***

SWOT

Initiate a SPEAK for all pressure injuries. Consult SWOT for all Stage III, IV or unstageable wounds. SWOT may choose to use the Biatain dressing for a wound that is ≤ 2 cm deep. The Biatain Silicone Fit acts as a filler to fit into a wound bed. It is not suitable for infected wounds.

When to Change the Dressing

Exudate is pulled up vertically and then spreads across the top. The fluid does not go back to the wound bed.

Change if there is more than 75% saturation or if saturation is 1-2 cm from any edge (edge of the higher ridge).