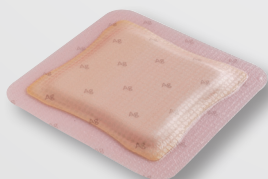


Breathable film<sup>1</sup>

Absorbent<sup>2</sup> foam with silver sulfadiazine

Adhesive non-adherent<sup>3</sup> wound contact layer



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**ALLEVYN<sup>®</sup>**  
Ag Adhesive

ALLEVYN<sup>®</sup> Ag Adhesive is a dressing that delivers fluid management via the unique triple-action technology which absorbs, retains and transpires the optimal balance of fluid<sup>1,2,4</sup>. This optimises the moist wound environment and helps to promote healing<sup>4</sup>. The addition of silver sulfadiazine to the hydrocellular pad provides a sustained antimicrobial action (demonstrated *in-vitro*)<sup>5</sup>.

- A highly breathable top film helps to minimise the risk of maceration to the wound and peri-wound<sup>1,2</sup> as well as providing an effective barrier to bacteria to minimise the risk of contamination<sup>6</sup>
- Low allergy adhesive<sup>7</sup> helps to keep the dressing securely in place without adhering to the wound<sup>8</sup>
- High conformability to body contours helping to ensure patient comfort<sup>2,5</sup>
- Available in a wide range of sizes which can be cut to fit awkward areas such as elbows and heels
- Sacral sizes available which combine the same high-absorbency<sup>2</sup> and secure adhesion in an anatomically-shaped dressing.
- Proven *in-vitro* against a broad spectrum of bacteria including antibiotic resistant bacteria such as *Pseudomonas*, Methicillin-Resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) and Vancomycin Resistant Enterococcus (VRE)<sup>9</sup>.
- Provides a sustained action with antimicrobial properties remaining effective for up to 7 days *in-vitro*<sup>5</sup>.

## Indications

ALLEVYN Ag Adhesive is indicated for wound management by secondary intention on shallow, granulating wounds, chronic and acute exudative wounds, full and partial thickness wounds such as pressure ulcers, diabetic foot ulcers, leg ulcers, fungating wounds, infected wounds, malignant wounds, surgical wounds, donor sites and 1st and 2nd degree burns

## Application

Cleanse the wound in accordance with normal procedures.

Select appropriate dressing size. ALLEVYN Ag Adhesive can be cut to fit awkward areas. Always use a clean technique when cutting the dressing.

Prepare and clean the skin surrounding the wound area and remove excess moisture. Any excess hair should be clipped to ensure close approximation to the wound.

Remove one of the protector films and anchor the adhesive side of the dressing to the skin.

Remove the remaining protector film and smooth the dressing over the remainder of the wound without stretching, ensuring there are no creases. The pad area of the dressing must be adhered across the entire surface of the wound.

If the dressing has been cut ensure any exposed foam areas are covered with an appropriate film dressing taking care not to cover the entire dressing.

When positioning ALLEVYN Ag Adhesive Sacrum place the narrow end of the dressing a minimum of 2cm above the anal sphincter, then smooth the dressing over the sacrum.

## Frequency of change

During the early stages of wound management ALLEVYN Ag Adhesive should be inspected according to local clinical protocol. Where the product is used on infected wounds the infection should be inspected and treated as per local clinical protocol. Dressings can be left in place for up to 7 days, except the sacral area where dressings can be left in place for up to 5 days, depending on the condition of the wound and the surrounding skin or until exudate is visible and approaches to within 0.5cm of the edge of the dressing pad, whichever is sooner. The decision of when to change should be dependent upon clinical assessment and local protocols should also be taken into consideration.



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## Dressing Removal

To remove ALLEVYN Ag Adhesive, lift one corner of the dressing and slowly peel back until completely removed from the wound. Sacral dressings should be removed from the top edge down towards the anus to minimise the potential for faecal contamination.

## Contra-indications

- Do not use on patients known to be hypersensitive to SSD or sulfonamides
- As sulfonamides are known to cause kernicterus, ALLEVYN Ag Adhesive should not be used on females who are at, or near full-term pregnancy, or lactating, or on premature and newborn infants during the first months of life.

## Precautions

- For external use only.
- Do not use ALLEVYN Ag Adhesive with oxidizing agents such as hypochlorite solutions (e.g. EUSOL) or hydrogen peroxide, as these can break down the absorbent polyurethane component of the dressing
- ALLEVYN Ag Adhesive may not be compatible with topical antimicrobials.
- In the event of clinical infection, topical silver does not replace the need for systemic therapy or other adequate infection treatment.
- In common with all adhesive products irritation and/or maceration of the skin surrounding the wound may occur. If reddening or sensitisation occur, discontinue use, and consult a healthcare professional.
- It should be noted that inappropriate use or too frequent dressing changes, particularly on patients with fragile skin may result in skin stripping.
- Avoid contact with electrodes or conductive gels during electronic measurements such as EEG (Electroencephalogram) and ECG (Electrocardiogram).
- When ALLEVYN Ag Adhesive is used on a patient during MRI (Magnetic Resonance Imaging) some warming may be experienced.
- ALLEVYN Ag Adhesive is not compatible with oil based products such as petrolatum.
- ALLEVYN Ag Adhesive is not suitable for use alone on cavity wounds but may be used over cavity wounds as a secondary dressing.
- As with all products containing SSD the following precautions should be noted, especially when covering a large surface area with the dressing:
  - Use caution in patients with significant hepatic or renal impairment,
  - Use caution in individuals known to have glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency,
  - Effects of systemically administered drugs may be altered. This can especially apply to oral hypoglycaemic agents and to phenytoin. In the case of these drugs, it is recommended that blood levels should be monitored as their effect can be potentiated.
- ALLEVYN Ag Adhesive is a single use only product.

	Code	Size	Pieces per Carton
ALLEVYN Ag Adhesive	66800073	7.5cm x 7.5cm	10
	66800075	10cm x 10cm	10
	66800078	12.5cm x 12.5cm	10
	66800081	17.5cm x 17.5cm	10
ALLEVYN Ag Sacrum	66800094	Small	10
	66800097	Large	10

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