






WOUND DRESSING SELECTION CHART

These are suggested dressings – please refer to the Formulary for further guidance.

	Aims of Care	Exudate	Consider using		Special Notes
			Primary dressing	Secondary dressing	
Necrotic 	Debride eschar and promote moisture balance N.B. DO NOT debride hard, black necrosis on heels or ischaemic limbs. Refer to appropriate specialist.	Low	Hydrocolloid – Duoderm Thin Hydrogel – Kerralite Cool or Flaminal Hydro Honey – MediHoney Wound gel or HCS	Film – C-View Film / C-View Post-Op or Mepitel Film if skin is friable	<p>A holistic assessment is essential before choosing a wound dressing.</p> <p>Inappropriate care can lead to delayed wound healing for patients and unnecessarily high costs for the healthcare provider.</p> <p>ALWAYS use the most appropriate primary dressing (in contact with the wound and to the size of the wound) and only use a secondary dressing when necessary.</p> <p>Protect peri-wound skin if necessary to prevent excoriation.</p> <p>Frequency of dressing change depends on level of exudate. Always dress as appropriate.</p> <p>Skin tears – apply non-adherent dressing and leave for 7 days.</p> <p>Diabetic Foot – please ensure patient under care of Diabetic Podiatrist. Povitulle may be used to protect the wound.</p> <p>Leg Ulcers / compression A full leg ulcer assessment MUST be completed by a competent practitioner prior to application of compression.</p> <p>ONLY use antimicrobial dressings if the wound is confirmed as infected or critically colonised. Review treatment plan every two weeks, updating accordingly.</p>
		Moderate	Honey – Algivon Plus	Super Absorbent – Kliniderm, Kerramax Care or Sorbion Sana	
Sloughy 	De-slough and provide healthy bed for granulation; promote moisture balance.	Low	Hydrogel – Kerralite Cool or Flaminal Hydro	Film – C-View Film / C-View Post-Op or Mepitel Film if skin is friable	
		Moderate	Iodine – Iodoflex Alginate – Sorbsan, Flaminal Forte Hydrofiber – Aquacel Extra or Foam Alginate – Urgosorb	Foam – Mepilex Border or Mepilex XT, Urgotul Absorb Border	
		High	Foam – Mepilex XT Gelling Fibre – Kytocel	Super Absorbent – Kliniderm, Kerramax Care or Sorbion Sana	
Granulating 	Provide healthy bed for epithelialisation and promote moisture balance.	Low	Low / non-adherent dressing Atrauman, Urgotul, Mepitel One	Film – C-View Film / C-View Post-Op or Mepitel Film if skin is friable	
		Moderate	Foam – Mepilex Border or Mepilex XT, Urgotul Absorb Border	Foam – Mepilex Border or Mepilex XT, Urgotul Absorb Border	
		High	Alginate – Sorbsan, Flaminal Forte Hydrofiber – Aquacel Extra or Foam	Super Absorbent – Kliniderm, Kerramax Care or Sorbion Sana	
Epithelialising 	Promote epithelialisation and wound maturation.	Low	Low / non-adherent dressing Atraumen, Urgotul, Mepitel One	Island Dressing – C-View Post-Op	
		Moderate	Foam – Mepilex Border or Mepilex XT, Urgotul Absorb Border	Foam – Mepilex Border or Mepilex XT, Urgotul Absorb Border	
		High		Super Absorbent – Kliniderm, Kerramax Care or Sorbion Sana	
Infected 	Manage infection and associated wound characteristics.	Low	Non-Adherent – Urgotul SSD	Dressing Pad	
		Moderate	Iodine – Iodoflex Alginate – Flaminal Forte Hydrofiber – Aquacel AG + Extra	Foam – Mepilex Border or Mepilex XT, Urgotul Absorb Border	
		High	Gelling Fibre – Kytocel Alginate – Urgosorb Silver	Super Absorbent – Kliniderm, Kerramax Care or Sorbion Sana	