

SUBJECT: Protocol for SilvaSorb Site Dressing		EFFECTIVE:
APPLICATION: Pin Care	PAGE: 1	REVISED:

Supplies:

SilvaSorb Site Antimicrobial Dressing
Secondary dressing can be determined based on level of exudate.

Indications:

Where an antimicrobial dressing is preferred on a dry to minimally draining pin site. May be used prophylactically for general pin care, or as needed, on an infected pin site.

Contraindications:

Individuals with a known sensitivity to silver or as a surgical implant. Do not use with topical antibiotics.

Preparation:

1. Wash hands thoroughly and don gloves.
2. Position the patient for ease of cleansing, debridement, preparing the wound bed and pin site, and application of dressing.
3. Cleanse wound, peri-wound skin, and pin with appropriate wound cleanser per facility protocol. Pat the surrounding skin dry.
4. Remove SilvaSorb Site Dressing from the foil pouch, and remove blue liner.

Wound Care:

1. Wash hands thoroughly and don gloves.
2. Gently wrap the round patch around the external pin, placing either side of the dressing against the skin.
3. The two sides of the radial slit can then be brought back together and overlapped if necessary and should align beneath the device. The slit edges must approximate each other to maximize efficacy.
4. Secure the SilvaSorb Site Dressing to the skin using a 2x2 bordered gauze, or appropriate sized dressing, to address wound. The bordered gauze may need to be slit to accommodate the pin.
5. Change the SilvaSorb Site Dressing at a minimum every 7 days. Dressing changes may be more frequent on a highly exuding site.

Removal:

1. Gently lift and discard the bordered gauze.
2. The SilvaSorb Site Dressing should slide away from the area with very little adhesion. If not, flush with 0.9% NaCl or commercial wound cleanser.

Follow-Up:

1. In the event the pin site becomes overly infected upon follow-up, clean with Betadine, Hibiclens, or MicroKlenz antimicrobial wound cleanser.
2. Culture wound/pin site after debriding and thoroughly flushing with sterile, non-preserved 0.9% NaCl.

3. Apply Arglaes Antimicrobial Powder around the infected areas. The Arglaes Powder will absorb the excess moisture while reducing bacteria. The Powder will help to create a barrier “seal” as it reduces the bacteria.
4. Secure with a 2x2 bordered gauze, or appropriate sized dressing to address wound.. The bordered gauze may need to be slit to accommodate the pin.
5. Begin oral antibiotics.