



# Helping remove barriers to healing



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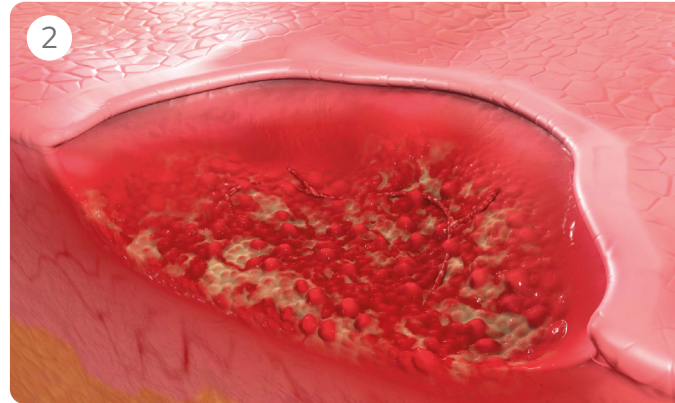
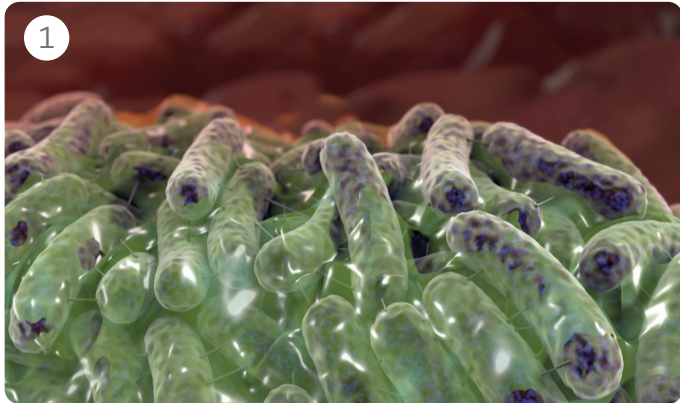
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Detail aid

# The biofilm barrier

Biofilm is a cluster of attached bacteria embedded in a matrix of proteins and sugars which offers protection from host defences and antimicrobials.<sup>2</sup>



## Did you know?

Biofilm is difficult to identify as it is invisible to the naked eye, non-uniformly distributed across the wound<sup>13</sup> and often present in deeper tissues.<sup>14,15</sup>

### Biofilm formation

Biofilm form with the initial attachment of single planktonic bacteria, creating a coherent cluster of cells within a protective matrix.<sup>3</sup>

### EPS matrix

This matrix, composed of protein, DNA and sugars, is known as Extracellular Polymeric Substance, or EPS.<sup>2-4</sup>

Biofilm is difficult to treat as it provides tolerance to antimicrobial treatments<sup>5-7</sup> and the host immune response.<sup>8-10</sup>

### Delayed healing

An impaired immune response leads to a vicious cycle of tissue damage and low level inflammation.<sup>11,12</sup>

To effectively disrupt biofilm and promote healing, an antimicrobial must penetrate the EPS and attack the bacteria within<sup>3</sup> with a sustained action that stops biofilm reformation.<sup>5,6</sup>

Biofilm is thought to be present in up to **78% of all chronic wounds**<sup>1</sup>

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# When wound healing stalls, patients experience **lower quality of life** and **healthcare system costs increase**<sup>1</sup>



**24%** of patients with chronic wounds have lived with their wound for at least 6 months<sup>1</sup>

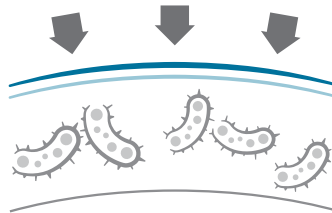
**16%** remained unhealed for a year or more<sup>1</sup>



The cost of patient care for a non-healing wound has been shown to be **135%** more than that of a healed wound<sup>2</sup>



Wounds that contain biofilm may not be identified, resulting in **ineffective treatment and delayed healing**<sup>3-6</sup>



Most topical **antimicrobials fail to disrupt biofilm**<sup>7</sup>



\*European data.

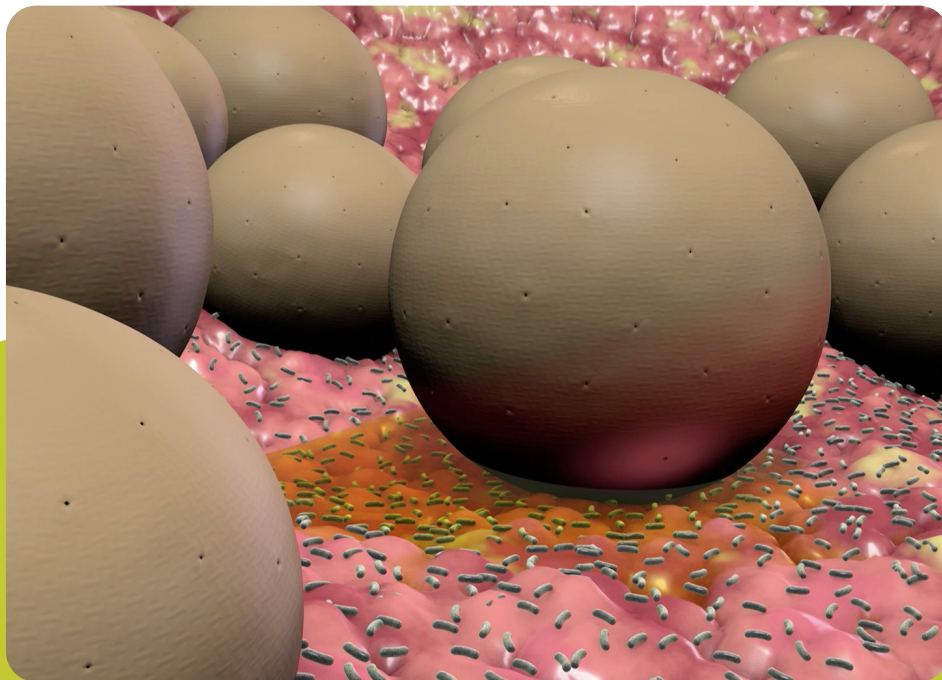
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# The IODOSORB<sup>®</sup> Range of Dressings

IODOSORB is a range of antimicrobial dressings made of unique cadexomer micro-beads: spherical starch structures loaded with 0.9% elemental iodine.

The IODOSORB Range effectively manages wound exudate<sup>1-3</sup> and removes slough,<sup>4,5</sup> as well as providing sustained broad spectrum antimicrobial activity over 3 days.\*<sup>6,7</sup>

Iodine is encapsulated in the cadexomer matrix and provides a sustained release when the bead comes into contact with wound fluid.<sup>8-10</sup>



\*As demonstrated *in vitro*.

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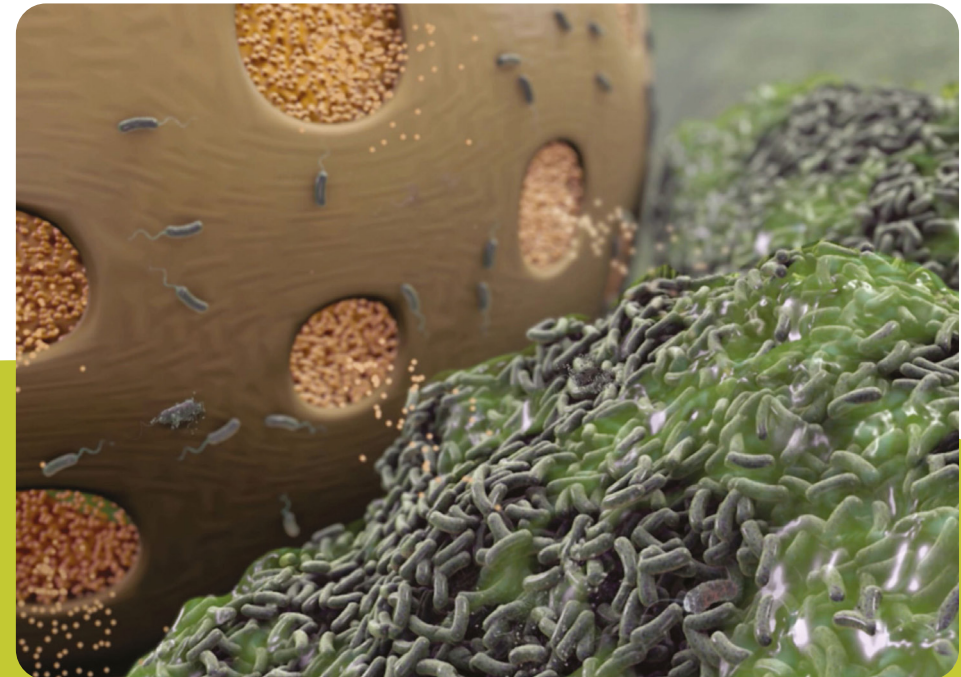
# Anti-biofilm mode of action

## Dual-action to disrupt biofilm<sup>1</sup>

It is suggested that the cadexomer micro-beads are able to dehydrate and physically disrupt the biofilm structure.<sup>1-4</sup>



Once the cadexomer beads are able to breach the biofilm-specific matrix, the iodine can subsequently kill the exposed bacteria within the biofilm community.<sup>5,6</sup>



# The unique dual action of the IODOSORB<sup>◊</sup> Range is particularly effective in the **disruption of biofilm**:<sup>1-3</sup>



**High absorptive property**



**0.9% antimicrobial iodine**

Absorbs up to 7x its own weight in exudate<sup>4-6</sup>  
 Dehydration of the biofilm matrix<sup>1,7-9</sup>  
 Desloughing action<sup>11,12</sup>  
 Assists autolytic debridement\*<sup>10,12-14</sup>

Kills mixed species biofilm<sup>†15,16</sup>  
 Sustained release of iodine<sup>17-20</sup>  
 Broad spectrum antimicrobial efficacy<sup>‡21-23</sup>

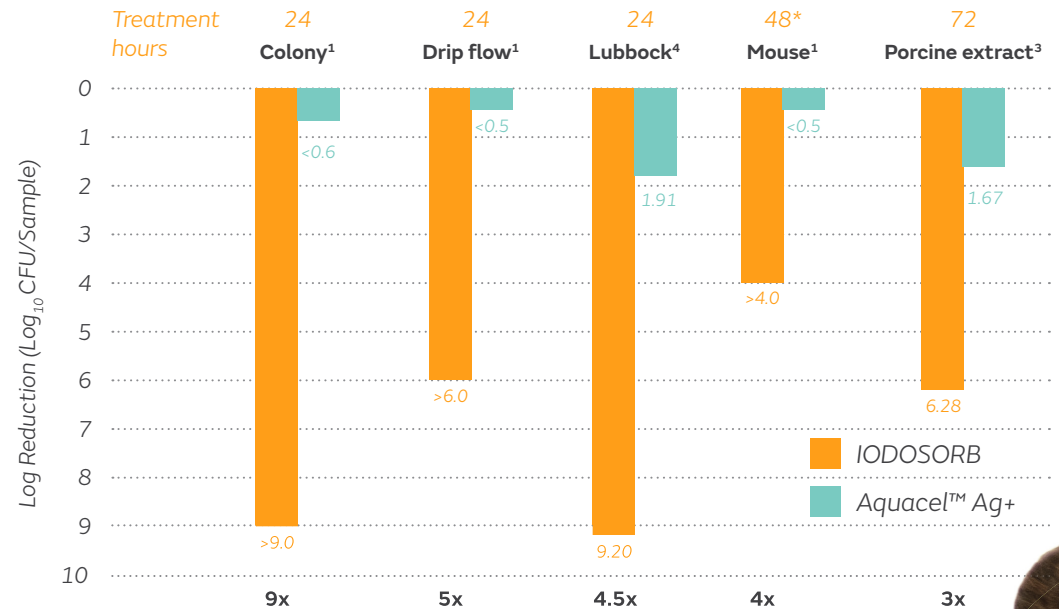
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# Superior efficacy against biofilm proven across different lab models<sup>1-3</sup>

IODOSORB<sup>®</sup> Dressings have a long history of effectiveness against biofilm with superior results compared to other topical antimicrobials such as PHMB, silver and povidone iodine.<sup>\*1,2</sup>

In line with the biofilm experts' recommendations on selecting an effective anti-biofilm dressing, IODOSORB Dressing has been tested and shown to be more effective than Aquacel<sup>™</sup> Ag+ across multiple challenging and clinically relevant biofilm models.<sup>1,2,5</sup>



Adapted from: Fitzgerald et al. 2017,<sup>1</sup> Oates et al. 2016<sup>4</sup> and Schultz G, et al. 2016<sup>3</sup>

## Why silver is not effective against biofilm



Charged ions, such as silver or chlorides are more easily neutralised by the EPS matrix.<sup>7</sup>

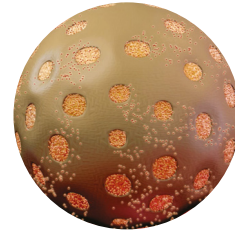
Moreover the concentration of silver required to eradicate biofilm is estimated to be 10 to 100 times higher than that used to eradicate planktonic bacteria.<sup>6</sup> Such concentrations are currently unavailable in any silver dressing.

\*p<0.05; as demonstrated *in vitro*.

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# Removing barriers to healing



The IODOSORB Range are dual-action wound management products that offer the benefits of fluid handling<sup>1-3</sup> in combination with desloughing<sup>4,5</sup> and provide sustained broad spectrum antimicrobial activity for up to 3 days.\*<sup>6,7</sup>

IODOSORB<sup>®</sup> Dressings with cadexomer bead technology is highly effective in the treatment of wounds with infection and biofilm.<sup>†8-11</sup>

The IODOSORB Range's anti-biofilm efficacy has been verified by data from the laboratory to the clinic.<sup>12-14</sup> Its efficacy, resulting in a fast rate of healing, is also supported by a positive Cochrane review.<sup>15</sup>

For detailed product information, including indications for use, contraindications, precautions and warnings, please consult the product's applicable Instructions for Use (IFU) prior to use.

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efficacy backed by evidence

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