

Application guide

ACTICOAT FLEX Dressings assist in faster healing¹⁻⁴, and rapidly kill bacteria in as little as 30 minutes*⁵⁻⁸

Applying ACTICOAT FLEX Dressing



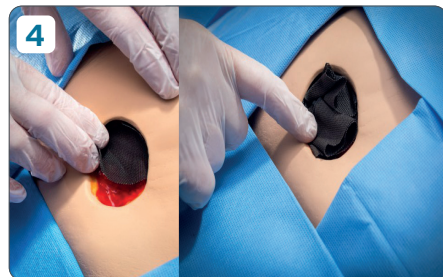
- Where required, wound cleansing should be performed according to local clinical protocol. **DO NOT** use saline.
- Remove ACTICOAT FLEX 3 or FLEX 7 Dressing from the package using a clean technique



- Cut the dressing to shape as necessary
- ACTICOAT FLEX 3 and FLEX 7 Dressings may be used as wound contact layers in combination with negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT) for a period of up to 3 days.
- When used with compression therapy the dressing must be cut to the size of the wound



- Moisten the dressing according to local clinical protocol, fully submerging the dressing then squeezing gently (DO NOT use saline)
- Allow excess water to drain prior to application
- Alternatively, a thin layer of a hydrogel product (e.g. INTRASITE[®] Gel Hydrogel Wound Dressing) can be applied directly to the wound and/or the dressing



- Without stretching the dressing, apply ACTICOAT FLEX 3/FLEX 7 Dressing either way up, to the wound surface ensuring there are no creases
- The dressing should be applied with the direction of stretch running along the limb to allow movement
- ACTICOAT FLEX 3/FLEX 7 Dressings may be used to pack wounds



- Secure ACTICOAT FLEX 3/FLEX 7 Dressing in place using an appropriate secondary dressing or compression therapy that will maintain a moist wound environment
- In the case of highly exuding wounds an absorbent secondary dressing is appropriate
- ACTICOAT FLEX 3/FLEX 7 Dressings allow transport of exudate directly into secondary dressing
- Keep ACTICOAT FLEX 3/FLEX 7 Dressings moist, but not so wet that tissue maceration occurs



- Change the dressing depending on the amount of exudate present and the condition of the wound
- When using ACTICOAT FLEX 3/FLEX 7 Dressing under compression, regularly check the entire dressing system and change only if strike through occurs
- An additional non-occlusive absorbent dressing may be required if the level of exudate is high
- Should the dressing dry or adhere to the wound, moisten or soak the dressing to assist removal and avoid disruption of the healing wound

*As demonstrated in vitro.



ACTICOAT FLEX 3 Dressing				
Code	Size	NHSCC Code	PIP Code	Carton
66800396	5cm x 5cm	ELY291	351-0781	5
66800398	10cm x 10cm	-	351-3256	5
66800399	10cm x 10cm	ELY292	351-0799	12
66800409	10cm x 20cm	ELY293	351-0807	12
66800419	20cm x 40cm	ELY295	351-0815	6
66800432	40cm x 40cm	ELY296	-	6
66800435	10cm x 120cm roll	ELY294	-	6

ACTICOAT FLEX 7 Dressing				
Code	Size	NHSCC Code	PIP Code	Carton
66800395	5cm x 5cm	ELY297	351-0823	5
66800397	10cm x 12.5cm	ELY298	351-0831	5
66800420	15cm x 15cm	ELY299	351-0849	5
66800400	20cm x 40cm	ELY300	-	6
66800401	40cm x 40cm	ELY340	-	6
66800545	2.5cm x 60cm roll	ELY370	364 - 7773	5

ACTICOAT FLEX 3 Dressing may be left in place for 3 days.
ACTICOAT FLEX 7 Dressing may be left in place for 7 days.

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

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