

RTD®

WOUND CARE DRESSING

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. DO YOU HAVE TO MOISTEN THE RTD® DRESSING BEFORE PLACING IT IN THE WOUND?

A. No. RTD® is ready to be used right out of the package. RTD® takes very little time with application. Simple and ready to go.

Q. HOW OFTEN SHOULD YOU CHANGE THE RTD® DRESSING?

A. The wear time of a wound care dressing should always be based on the clinical judgment and presentation of the wound, the level of exudate and presence of infection.

The recommended wear time for RTD® is up to 3 days. For heavier exudate we recommend using the ¼" thickness dressings.

Q. CAN YOU PLACE RTD® UNDER A COMPRESSION BANDAGE?

A. Yes. RTD® is effective under compression bandages as well.

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Q. CAN THE SILVER IN RTD® CAUSE CYTOTOXICITY?

A. No. RTD® has been tested by an independent lab and is not cytotoxic. The silver complex in RTD® is slowly released in proportion to the amount of exudate. Sodium (Na+) is required to release the silver ion (Ag+) from the dressing.

Therefore, water and other non-sodium substances will not create an overdose of silver to the area and RTD® can be used throughout the continuum of care.

Q. DOES RTD® CHANGE COLOR?

A. No. The dressing does not change color and color is not released into the wound or skin. Methylene Blue and Gentian Violet are responsible for the bright blue color. With RTD, these dyes are covalently bound to the foam dressing and will not leach into the wound bed.

Q. DOES THE RTD® DRESSING HELP WITH ODOR?

A. Yes. RTD® is effective in killing common odor forming bacteria such as Pseudomonas aeruginosa. There is no smell associated with the interaction of exudate with RTD®, as seen with some hydrocolloid dressings.

Q. HOW DOES RTD® RELIEVE PAIN?

A. One of main ingredients in RTD® is Gentian Violet. Gentian Violet has well known analgesic effects. Patients commonly report a reduction in pain 15-30 minutes after the dressing is applied.

Q. CAN RTD® BE USED WITH ENZYMATIC DEBRIDEMENT AGENTS?

A. If an enzymatic debridement agent is called for, we recommend using it separately or in combination at the clinician's discretion.

It should be noted that metals, such as silver, may decrease the effectiveness of collagenase, however a recent study suggests that that ionic silver integrated into the polymer matrix (such as RTD®) have a mild impact on effectiveness.

