Any other questions?
• If you have any other questions about your wound care, please ask your nurse or carer.
• Please phone our wound care helpline on 0800 590173.

Notes from your nurse or carer:

All claims can be supported by data on file which is available upon request.

Patient Information for ALLEVYN dressings
ALLEVYN™ dressings are designed to promote wound healing...

- They are good at absorbing wound fluid that would otherwise hinder wound healing
- They will keep the wound moist which has been proven to speed up the healing process
- They have a protective layer that prevents bacteria from entering the wound
- They are available with silver (ALLEVYN Ag) which naturally kills bacteria that exist in the wound

...and to make living with a wound more comfortable

- They are good at absorbing wound fluid which means there is less chance of leakage
- They are designed to be comfortable and to stay in place which makes them nicer to wear and easier to forget
- They will not stick to the wound so they reduce pain on removal and the wound will not be disturbed

Q: When does the dressing need to be changed?
A: This depends on how much wound fluid there is and where the dressing is located on the body. When absorbing wound fluid, the dressing might show slight discoloration through the top, but it’s supposed to look like that and you can keep wearing the dressing. It only needs to be changed when the discolouration comes close to the edge of the dressing pad (within 0.5cm) or within 7 days of application.

Q: Why is it important to control bacteria?
A: Every wound has natural bacteria in it, but too many could cause an infection and that could slow down wound healing. Bacteria can also cause bad odor.

Q: When do I need a dressing with silver?
A: ALLEVYN Ag should be used when the wound is showing signs of an infection or when the patient is at extra risk of getting an infection (diabetic patients). Along with offering all the benefits of ALLEVYN dressings, ALLEVYN Ag is designed to release silver for 7 days and kill a host of bacteria including MRSA.

Q: What is skin maceration?
A: Maceration of the skin occurs when it is consistently wet. The skin softens, turns white, and can easily get infected with bacteria or fungi. This could happen with the skin surrounding a wound and that’s why it’s important that the dressing absorbs wound fluid.

Q: How do ALLEVYN™ dressings stay in place on difficult areas?
A: ALLEVYN dressings are available in a range of shapes designed for different areas of the body which means they will fit better, feel more comfortable and stay in place longer.

Q: Do I have to keep the dressing dry?
A: All ALLEVYN dressings are showerproof, but if your nurse or carer has given you ALLEVYN Non-Adhesive or ALLEVYN Gentle please remember they are only showerproof if secured using a waterproof product. We would recommend to keep your dressing dry where possible.