Changing your AQUACEL® Ag+ dressing at home

This guide will illustrate how to safely apply AQUACEL® Ag+ dressing to your wound

Why do I need to change my dressing?

A dressing is designed to cover and protect an area to keep a wound clean. The dressing acts as a barrier to reduce the amount of bugs able to get into the wound that could lead to an infection.

When do I need to change my dressing?

Your dressing should be changed as per your healthcare professional's advice or if it starts to leak.

It is important that there is a dressing on the wound at all times to reduce the risk of infection

What is AQUACEL® Ag+ dressing?

AQUACEL® Ag+ is a silver wound contact layer dressing (in direct contact with the wound) which will kill harmful bacteria that may be present in your wound. The dressing will form a soft gel, this is normal, and will help to absorb wound leakage as well as keep your wound clean and support the healing process.

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Before changing your dressing

1. Hand hygiene

Wash hands with soap and water and dry thoroughly with a clean towel

2. Gather all needed equipment as required

- Clean disposable gloves
- Mirror to view wound, if necessary
- Adhesive remover, if necessary
- Disposable plastic bag for used dressings
- Wound cleanser or clean tap water
- Dressing
- Moisturisers, if necessary
- Tape and clean scissors

3. Removal and disposal of previous dressing

With clean, gloved hands remove dressing and dispose in a plastic bag

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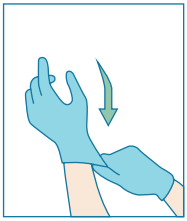
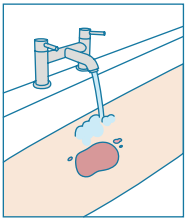
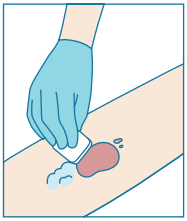


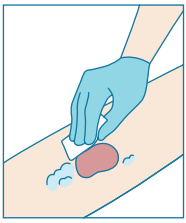
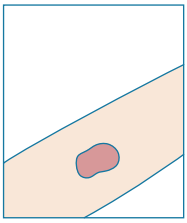
1 Wash hands

Wash hands with soap and water and dry thoroughly with a clean towel. Then apply clean gloves.

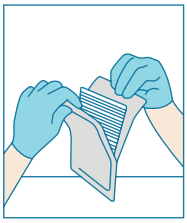
2 Cleanse wound

Cleanse your wound with clean water or specific wound cleansing product if advised by your healthcare professional.

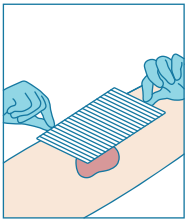
3 Dry the skin

Ensure the skin around the wound edge is clean and dry.



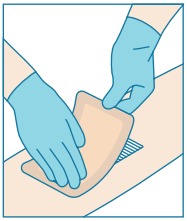
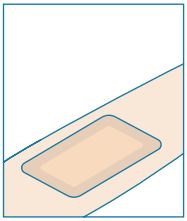
4 Open dressing

Repeat step 1. Carefully open AQUACEL® Ag+ dressing packaging trying to minimise touching the dressing as much as possible.



5 Apply dressing

Apply AQUACEL® Ag+ dressing directly to the wound. Ensure the dressing overlaps the wound edges by at least 1cm, cut if needed.

6 Secure dressing

Apply a cover dressing to secure AQUACEL® Ag+ dressing in place per healthcare professional guidance.

For additional guidance please refer to the instructions for use leaflet in the box.
To be used following the advice of a healthcare professional.

If you have any of the following signs or symptoms, contact your healthcare professional

- New or increasing size of wound
- New or spreading redness or swelling of the skin around the wound edge
- New or increasing pain
- New or increase of smell after cleansing of wound
- More wound leakage than usual

Precautions/Warnings

- Each dressing should not be left in place for more than 7 days
- If you find the dressing difficult to remove, soak the dressing with sterile saline or clean water
- Do not use if individual dressing package is open or damaged
- Store at room temperature and in a dry place

For additional guidance on indications and precautions please refer to the instructions for use leaflet in the box.

Please refer to the below code table to ensure you receive the correct dressing

AQUACEL Ag+ Extra™

Dressing Size	Pack size	Product Code	NHS Code	PIP Code
AQUACEL® Ag+ Extra™ Dressings				
5cm x 5cm	10	413566	ELY514	386-2703
10cm x 10cm	10	413567	ELY515	386-2695
15cm x 15cm	5	413568	ELY516	386-2711
20cm x 30cm	5	413569	ELY517	386-2679
4cm x 10cm	10	413581	ELY520	386-0350
4cm x 20cm	10	413598	ELY521	386-0368
4cm x 30cm	10	413599	ELY522	386-2687

AQUACEL Ag+ Ribbon

Dressing Size	Pack size	Product Code	NHS Code	PIP Code
AQUACEL® Ag+ Ribbon Dressings (for cavity wounds)				
1cm x 45cm	5	413570	ELY518	386-2729
2cm x 45cm	5	413571	ELY519	386-2737

Here to help

This brochure has been designed to help you understand how to apply and remove your dressing safely and correctly. Should you need additional advice, our ConvaTec Wound Helpline is open Monday to Friday 9am-5pm. Our clinical team is happy to help.

If you have any questions about your AQUACEL® Ag+ dressing please call:

0800 289 738 (UK) or 1800 946 938 (ROI)

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