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WOUND CARE SILVER ALGINATE DRESSING

Bandage Removal: Carefully remove the dressing and follow the instructions below

- **DO NOT WASH WOUND.**
- **DO NOT APPLY HYDROGEN PEROXIDE, TRIPLE ANTIBIOTIC OINTMENT OR ALCOHOL.**
- **DO NOT GET DRESSINGS WET.** *Silver Alginate dressings are to remain dry along with the injured wound site.*

Waterproof protection/ shower boots are available at the office.

Application: When placing Silver Alginate cut dressing to the size of the wound. Make sure to place the dressing silver side down. If there is over hang this can macerate wound edges. Cover the silver dressing with a non-occlusive/ gauze secondary dressing.

Dressing change: Change dressing every 24 hours. Gently remove secondary dressing. If wound appears dry, moisten dressing with sterile water or normal saline prior to removal. Remove dressing from bed of wound and discard. Pat wound dry with dry gauze. Re-apply dressing to wound.

Return visit to office for weekly rechecks on wound.

Explanation: You have been dispensed a calcium alginate dressing for your lesion to provide a warm less moist, healing environment to promote formation of granulation tissue and re-epithelialization. This dressing also has wicking properties to lessen heavy exudates in the wound bed. The silver in the dressing will aid as an antimicrobial. This helps to facilitate the healing process by promoting the concentration of the body's naturally produced growth factors, nutrients and regenerated cells in the wound bed. You were instructed to keep the dressings dry and were given 2x2 dressings.

Appointment: Please call and make an appointment in one week. Contact our office at 316-269-3338 if you have any questions or problems.