



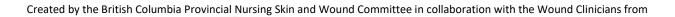
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## Skin and Wound Product Information Sheet

PHMB Gauze for Skin Folds & Contractures			
(AMD Gauze)			
Classification	Antimicrobial: Polyhexamethylene	Biquanide (PHMB)	
Key Points	<ul> <li>Antimicrobial gauze dressings impregnated with 0.2% PHMB; ionically attracts bacteria into the dressing where they are then killed.</li> <li>Effective against gram negative bacteria, gram positive bacteria, (MRSA, VRE, Pseudomonas), fungi and yeast.</li> <li>The PHMB woven gauze* sponges, gauze bandage rolls and gauze sponges have an open cell matrix which assists with moisture wicking making these types of gauze the most appropriate to use for skin folds and contractures.</li> <li>Can leave in place for up to 3 days.</li> </ul>		
Indications	• Prevention and treatment of intertrigo (when skin touches skin, creating moisture and friction		
	that causes redness, itching, burning, odour and/or maceration).		
	<ul> <li>Prevention of skin break down and odour</li> </ul>	management for hand, finger and toe contractures.	
Precautions	• N/A		
Contraindications		vity or allergy to PHMB. h solutions as these solutions will deactivate PHMB. ders, sprays as they create a barrier and prevent the	
Formats & Sizes	<ul> <li>Packing Strips <ul> <li>0.63 x 91.4 cm</li> <li>1.27 x 91.4 cm</li> <li>2.51 x 91.4 cm</li> </ul> </li> <li>Gauze Bandage Rolls <ul> <li>11.4 x 411.5 cm</li> </ul> </li> <li>Gauze sponges (non-woven) <ul> <li>5.1 x 5.1 cm (2 in peel back package)</li> <li>10.1 x 10.1 cm (2 in peel back package)</li> <li>10.1 x 10.1 cm (5 in peel back package)</li> <li>10.1 x 10.1 cm (10 in plastic tray)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Gauze sponges (woven)* <ul> <li>5.1 x 5.1 cm (2 in peel back package)</li> <li>10.1 x 10.1 cm (10 in plastic tray)</li> </ul> </li> <li>Gauze sponges (woven)* <ul> <li>5.1 x 5.1 cm (2 in peel back package)</li> <li>10.1 x 10.1 cm (10 in peel back package)</li> <li>10.1 x 10.1 cm (2 in soft pouch package)</li> <li>15.2 x 17.1 cm (5 in soft pouch package)</li> <li>15.2 x 17.1 cm (10 in soft pouch package)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	ge) ge) ge) ge) ge) age) age)	
Applicat	ion Directions for Skin Folds	Rationale	
Separate the skin folds and cleanse with no-rinse cleanser.		Minimizes any additional trauma due to friction.	
Gently pat dry.			
To Apply			
Use appropriately sized gauze sponge or cut sufficient length from a gauze roll to ensure there is a layer of PHMB gauze between the surface of the skin and full skin fold, not just the base of the skin fold.		To ensure affected area is covered and to minimize friction.	
Place into base of skin fold, smoothing it over the skin to			
	n fold, smoothing it over the skin to	Must be applied directly to the skin. The use of	
minimize folds and cr		Must be applied directly to the skin. The use of barriers will prevent the PHMB from killing bacteria.	
minimize folds and cr			







Remove gauze daily and cleanse the skin with no-rinse cleanser;	Cleanse and inspect skin daily to monitor healing.		
pat dry. Assess skin condition.			
Frequency of Change			
Change at least daily and when soiled with urine, feces or			
excessive perspiration.			
Expected Outcome			
Intertriginous dermatitis resolves within 2 weeks.			
Reddened skin resolves within 24-48 hours.			
Application Directions for Contractures	Rationale		
Cleanse area with no-rinse skin cleanser. Gently pat dry.	Minimizes any additional trauma due to friction.		
To Apply			
Choose appropriately sized product.			
Apply a single layer of gauze around a face cloth/wash cloth <u>or</u>			
between the hand/arm and splint <u>or</u> weave a packing strip			
between the toes and fingers <u>or</u> wrap each digit.			
To Remove			
Remove gauze daily and cleanse the skin with no-rinse cleanser;	Cleanse and inspect skin daily to monitor healing and		
pat dry. Assess skin condition.	assess skin for breakdown.		
Frequency of Change			
Change at least daily and when soiled.			
Expected Outcome			
No skin breakdown or odour.			
For further information, please contact your Wound Clinician.			

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