





## Product Information Sheet

Anasept Skin & Wound Cleanser	
<b>Classification</b>	<b>Antimicrobial: Sodium Hypochlorite Solution</b>
<b>Key Points</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Anasept is a skin and wound cleansing solution containing 0.057% Sodium Hypochlorite (NaClO) which is isotonic (does not cause discomfort at the site) and tissue compatible.</li> <li>Sodium Hypochlorite is a broad-spectrum, oxidizing chlorine-based antimicrobial which is effective against bacteria, fungus, spores and virus; there is no known microbial resistance to the product; most pathogens are killed within 30 seconds of contact with the solution.</li> <li>May be used as a cleanser, as a soak or for packing.</li> <li>The effect of the Sodium Hypochlorite solution is dependent upon the amount of slough/ necrotic tissue and exudate in the wound; wounds with heavy debris will need a longer 'soak time' and the cleansing steps repeated.</li> <li>Can be used in combination with debridement; autolytic, enzymatic, mechanical, conservative sharp wound debridement including biodebridement (maggots).</li> <li>A primary and/or secondary dressing is required.</li> </ul>
<b>Indications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>May be used for all wounds: 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> degree burns, graft and donor sites, frostbite injuries, fungating/malignant wounds, and peri-tube/drain sites where normal saline cleansing is not/would not be effective and:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The wound needs debridement of slough/necrotic tissue.</li> <li>The wound has an odour.</li> <li>As a treatment of wounds with signs and symptoms (S&amp;S) of contamination or local infection. See <a href="#">Wound Infection Quick Reference Guide</a> or QR Code below.</li> <li>In combination with systemic antibiotics, to treat wounds with S&amp;S of spreading infection or systemic infection</li> <li>Prophylactically to prevent infection in clients at high risk for developing a wound infection.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Unlike for the adult and older pediatric population, no research has been done or government approval given for the young pediatric/neonate population, but the product is being used for the pediatric (6 years and younger) and neonatal population with no untoward effect at this time.</li> </ul>
<b>Precautions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Avoid the eyes and the ears, for external use only.</li> <li>Prior to the application of a metal-based antimicrobial gel/dressing (e.g., silver) pat the wound bed dry to pick up excess Anasept solution to minimize the affect of the sodium hypochlorite on these products.</li> </ul>
<b>Contraindications</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Do not use for clients with known sensitivity to Sodium Hypochlorite.</li> </ul>
<b>Formats &amp; Sizes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Bottle               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>118ml with Dispensing Cap</li> <li>236ml with Dispensing Cap</li> <li>444ml with Dispensing Cap</li> </ul> </li> </ul> 

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<b>Selection</b>	
Choose the appropriate size bottle of solution for the anticipated duration of the need for the antiseptic cleanser.	
<b>Preparation</b>	
Label bottle with client's name and the date, for bottles with a cap ensure that cap stays clean and re-cap the bottle when done.	Single client use only. Once opened, solution must be used within 14 weeks. Unopened bottles are stable at room temperature for up to 2 years. Do not exposed solution to temperatures below 0°C or above 40°C.

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<b>Application for Cleansing</b> <b>Peri-tube/drain skin:</b> Cleanse the peri-drain/tube area with 2x2 solution-soaked gauzes. Thoroughly pat dry the peri-drain/tube skin. Apply appropriate drain gauze dressing.  <b>Wound:</b> Saturate gauze(s) with solution and lightly pack into the wound bed and any undermining/tunneling. Allow a soak-time for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>○ Suspected biofilm, scant to light slough of 30 seconds to 2 minutes.</li><li>○ Moderate-heavy amount of slough/necrotic tissue of 5 minutes and then remove. Reapply saturated gauzes for another 5 minutes.</li></ul> Remove the gauzes. If needed, irrigate the wound with solution using an irrigation tip catheter & syringe.  Use 5x5cm solution-soaked gauzes to remove, gently but firmly, as much of the loosen slough/necrotic tissue from the wound bed as possible. Use 5x5cm solution-soaked gauzes to cleanse the periwound and surrounding skin.  Using dry gauze, pat the wound bed to pick up excess solution, in particular if silver-based product/dressing is to be used. Pat dry the periwound and surrounding skin.  Dress the wound using appropriate packing and a wound filler as required. Apply appropriate cover dressing to maintain a 24hr moisture-balanced wound environment.	See <a href="#">WoundCleansing Procedure</a> or QR Code below.  For wounds with little or no debris, solution needs to be in contact with the wound for up to 2 minutes to ensure effectiveness of the solution.  For wounds with heavy amounts of slough/necrotic tissue, solution needs to be in contact with the wound for a longer ‘soak time’ to ensure effectiveness of the solution.  Patting the wound bed dry picks up excess solution which will minimize the affect of the sodium hypochlorite on the silver-based products.  The choice of cover dressing is depended upon the amount of exudate expected.	
<b>Application for Wound Packing</b> Soak plain ribbon packing or plain gauze(s) with solution, lightly wring out excess solution. Gently fill/pack any undermining/ tunneling and the wound cavity.  Apply absorbent cover dressing to maintain up to a 12– 24hr moisture-balanced wound environment.	See <a href="#">Wound Packing Procedure</a> or QR Code below.  The choice of cover dressing is depended upon the amount of exudate expected.	
<b>Frequency of Application</b> <u>For cleansing:</u> start with daily applications then decrease frequency depending upon the amount of slough/necrotic tissue . <u>For packing:</u> change daily or twice a day as needed to ensure packing gauze(s) does not dry out between dressing changes.		
<b>Expected Outcomes</b> Decreased amount slough/necrotic tissue is noted within 1 week. S&S of wound infection resolved within 14 days. Product performs as expected.	If product does not perform as expected, notify NSWOC/Wound Clinician and then consider submitting a <a href="#">Supply Chain Product Concern Form</a> .	
<b>QR Codes</b>		
		
Wound Cleansing Procedure	Wound Packing Procedure	Wound Infection QRG
For further information please contact NSWOC/Wound Clinician		