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Flamazine		
Classification	Topical Antimicrobial: Silver	
Key Points	<ul> <li>Sterile 1% silver sulfadiazine in a water-soluble base cream with no preservatives.</li> <li>Requires a Physician/Nurse Practitioner order (pharmacy product).</li> </ul>	
Indications	• Use as per Physician/NP order for wounds, burns, skin grafts with signs & symptoms of local infection.	
Precautions	<ul> <li>For large area burn wounds and/or with prolonged application, systemic absorption of silver can cause clinical argyria (permanent dark discoloration of skin caused by overuse of medicinal silver preparations).</li> <li>Use with caution in clients with significant hepatic or renal impairment or G-6-PD (glucose 6 phosphate dehydrogenase) deficiency.</li> <li>Monitor WBC count for leukopenia.</li> <li>Monitor blood glucose levels of clients using both Flamazine and oral hypoglycaemic agents as concurrent use may potentiate effects of the oral hypoglycaemic medication.</li> <li>Monitor Phenytion (Dilantin) blood levels of clients using both Flamazine and Phenytoin as concurrent use may potentiate effects of Phenytoin.</li> <li>Use with caution for clients taking Cimetidine (Tagamet).</li> <li>Use of Flamazine and enzymatic debriding agents may cause inactivation of the enzymatic debriding agent.</li> <li>Use of Flamazine may lead to the development of pseudo-eschar and may alter the appearance of the wound. Pseudo-eschar occurs when wound drainage and the Flamazine forms a thick yellow gelatinous covering over the wound bed.</li> </ul>	
Contraindications	<ul> <li>Do not use for clients with a sensitivity/allergy to silver.</li> <li>Do not use for clients with sensitivity/allergy to sulfonamides (sulpha) drugs.</li> <li>Do not use on clients who are pregnant or breast-feeding.</li> <li>Do not use on premature infants or newborns in their first months of life.</li> </ul>	
Formats & Sizes	Tube 20 gm 50 gm Container 500 gm	
Application Directions		Rationale
Label and date container for single-client use only. Cleanse/irrigate the wound and peri-wound skin with sterile normal saline, or agency approved wound cleaner. Remove any loose tissue, eschar and/or blistering which is present within the wound bed.		Tubes - discard after 7 days; containers – discard after 24hrs. Store at 8° to 25° <sup>C</sup> . Removes wound debris in preparation for dressing application.
Dry the peri-wound skin. Apply a skin barrier to the peri-wound skin.		Protect the peri-wound skin from maceration.
To Apply		
Apply Flamazine directly to the wound bed in a 3mm to 5mm thick layer or butter onto a sterile 4x4 gauze for easier application.		Avoid applying to the surrounding skin.
Covered with a sterile absorbent dressing or sterile gauze; it may be left open to the air.		The type of cover dressing selected is dependent on the amount of exudate and the amount of intact peri-wound skin available for dressing adhesion.
To Remove		
Gently remove dressings. Cleanse/irrigate wound with normal saline to remove any remaining cream.		

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If pseudo-eschar has developed, use normal- saline soaked gauze	Pseudo-eschar will interfere with the cream's		
and gently but firmly remove it.	contact/ effectiveness within the wound bed.		
Frequency of Dressing Change			
Reapplied at least every 24 hours.	Bioavailability of silver's antimicrobial activity is		
	reduced at 12-24 hours post application.		
Expected Outcome			
Signs & symptoms of local infection are resolved in 2 weeks.			
For further information, please contact your Wound Clinician			