




Skin and Wound Product Information Sheet

Iodoform Packing	
Classification	Antimicrobial/Antiseptic: Iodine
Key Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A ravel-resistant strip gauze packing impregnated with Iodoform, an antiseptic effective against pseudomonas. • In the presence of exudate, iodoform breaks down to release Iodine (96%) and therefore should be used with caution. • The packing's colour may be opaque to yellowish and may have an oily appearance, as a small amount of oil may have been used to aid in easier removal of product from the container. • Should be packed dry.
Indications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Use under the direction of a Physician, NP, NSWOC/Wound Clinician: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ For wounds with or without undermining, sinus tract/tunnels which have signs and symptoms (S&S) of, or are at risk for, local wound infection.
Precautions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • May cause some discomfort/pain, especially when first applied. • Avoid using before and after radio-iodine diagnostic tests • Make Physician/NP aware of Iodine usage for clients: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Taking lithium, as Iodine may increase the possibility of hypothyroidism when used in combination with lithium. Blood work should be monitored on a regular basis. ○ With renal impairment, as poor renal function is thought to be a factor in increased iodine levels in serum and urine with prolonged use and use in large wounds. ○ With thyroid disorders, as they are more susceptible to thyroid metabolism changes in long-term therapy. Thyroid function should be monitored if large areas are being treated for a prolonged period of time.
Contraindications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not use for clients with known sensitivity or allergy to iodine. • Do not use in cases of Dühring's herpetiform dermatitis (a rare skin disease). • Do not use with any silver products as iodine inactivates the silver. • Do not use with Santyl as iodine inactivates the enzymatic debriding effect. • Do not use for a prolonged period of time for clients with thyroid disorder or who are on Lithium therapy. • Do not use on irritated or broken skin. • Do not use under an occlusive dressing. • Do not use in pregnant or breast-feeding women. • Do not use for premature neonates or neonates weighing < 1.5 kg.
Formats & Sizes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bottle w single ribbon 4.5m (5yds) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 0.6 cm (¼ inch) ▪ 1.3 cm (½ inch) ▪ 1.9 cm (¾ inch) ▪ 2.5 cm (1 inch) <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>
Application Directions	
Cleanse/irrigate wound and peri-wound skin with sterile normal saline or agency approved wound cleanser, dry peri-wound skin.	Reduces wound debris, allows for visualization of wound bed and aids in wound healing.
If required, apply skin barrier to peri-wound skin.	Protects the peri-wound from maceration.
To Apply	
<p>Label the bottle with client's name and date.</p> <p>Choose a packing width that will fit the cavity, undermining or sinus track/tunnel to be filled.</p> <p>Measure/cut the length of packing needed to lightly fill the area; for undermining or sinus track/tunnel; ensure the length includes a "tail" (e.g. 2-3 cm extra) which will sit in the wound bed cavity or on peri-wound skin.</p>	Bottle is single-client use only. Once opened, use packing prior to the expiry date on the bottle



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<p>Apply the packing dry:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For undermining or sinus tract/tunnel; lightly pack one piece of ribbon packing into the non-visible wound bed. Ensure that the tail of the packing remains outside of undermining or sinus tract/tunnel. Tape the tail to the peri-wound skin if necessary. • For a wound cavity, fluff the gauze/packing strip and fill cavity loosely. <p>Cover the wound with an appropriate cover dressing.</p>	<p>If two or more pieces of packing ribbon is needed, tie the pieces together; this will assist proper removal of all of the packing pieces.</p> <p>The type of cover dressing is determined by the amount of exudate expected within a 24-hour period as packing should be changed daily.</p>
To Remove	
<p>Carefully remove cover dressing.</p> <p>Locate 'tail' of packing and gently remove ensuring all packing is removed.</p>	<p>Ensure the complete packing removed matches the charted amounts (number of packing pieces and packing length).</p>
Frequency of Application	
<p>Change Iodoform daily or as per orders.</p>	<p>The antimicrobial properties are effective within 3 hours of application and diminish within 24 hours.</p>
Expected Outcome	
<p>S&S of local wound infection will resolve within 2 weeks.</p>	
For further information, please contact your NSWOC/Wound Clinician	