




Skin and Wound Product Information Sheet

Silvasorb	
Classification	Antimicrobial: Silver
Key Points	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ionic silver suspended in a hydrogel base • Slow release of silver over 3 days
Indications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • For wounds with small amount of exudate which show signs and symptoms (S&S) of local wound infection
Precautions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Avoid putting electrodes or conductive gels in contact with silver products
Contraindications	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do not use for clients with a known sensitivity or allergy to silver • Do not use for wounds with moderate to large amounts of exudate • Do not use silver products in combination with oil-based products such as petrolatum or paraffin • Do not use silver products when client is undergoing MRI examination or during radiation therapy (dressing can be replaced after MRI or radiation treatment is completed)
Formats & Sizes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tube <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 7.4 ml ▪ 44.4 ml ▪ 88.8 ml ▪ 236 ml • Jar <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ 474 ml <div style="text-align: right;">  </div>
Application Directions	
Cleanse/irrigate wound with sterile normal saline or agency approved wound cleanser; dry peri-wound skin	Reduces wound debris and allows for adhesion of dressing or tape.
If required, apply a skin sealant to the peri-wound skin.	To protect the peri-wound skin from maceration and to improve the adhesion of the dressing or tape.
To Apply	
Remove the cap ensuring sterility is maintained. Peel the seal off the opening of the tube to access the gel on initial use.	
Apply a 3 mm layer of gel to the wound bed using a sterile Q-tip.	Excess gel can cause maceration.
Cavity wounds: Spread the gel onto <u>one</u> piece of appropriate packing (gauze) and insert into the cavity.	Will help keep packing moist so it does not dry out and adhere to the wound bed.
Packing: Moisten one (where possible) gauze packing strip with normal saline and wring out well; then moisten the gauze with Silvasorb gel. Lightly fill undermining or sinus tract with the prepared gauze. Leave a tail of the ribbon so that it can easily be seen.	Over packing undermining or sinus tracts can lead to tissue necrosis. The tail will facilitate the removal of packing.
Apply appropriate cover dressing to maintain a moisture-balanced wound environment.	The choice of cover dressing is depended upon the amount of exudate expected.
To Remove	
Gently remove packing, if used. Cleanse to remove remaining gel.	To avoid trauma to the wound bed.
Frequency of Dressing Change	
Will depend upon the amount of exudate. Silver gel provides sustained antimicrobial release for up to 3 days. Change the cover dressing as required.	
Expected Outcome	
S&S of local wound infection are resolved within 2 weeks.	
For further information, please contact your Wound Clinician.	