

## Mepitel FAQ

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#### **How frequently should Mepitel be changed?**

As a general rule, Mepitel can be left in place for several days (up to 14 days) depending on the wound condition. Mepitel can be used on a variety of different types of wounds, each with its own specific wound care protocol and characteristics. Mepitel should be observed at the time of each cover dressing change to be sure the pores remain unclogged with thick exudate or other material. Although the general condition of the wound can be observed through the Mepitel in place the dressing should be changed when the clinician wishes to examine the wound bed closely.

#### **Are there other considerations for using Mepitel for fixation of skin grafts?**

Yes. Be sure haemostasis (the arrest of bleeding) is achieved before applying the Mepitel over the graft, otherwise draining blood will clog the pores. With mesh grafts, use moist secondary dressings after procedures and change them on the first and third day post-operative. Mepitel should not be removed within the first five days post-operative.

#### **Can Mepitel be washed and reapplied to the same wound?**

No. Mepitel is a sterile, single use product. All testing and published data of Mepitel was completed in this manner. It is strongly urged that clinicians follow the standard recommendations for Infection Control protocols.

#### **Can Mepitel be used concomitantly with topical creams or ointments?**

Yes, if desired. The porosity of Mepitel will allow creams or ointments to come in contact with wound bed tissue either when applied over the top or underneath the Mepitel. It is recommended, however, when changing the cover dressing, that the pores be observed for occlusion. If too many pores become occluded, it may cause a damming effect and the Mepitel should be changed.

#### **Can Mepitel be used as a dressing for donor sites?**

Many clinics around the world use Mepitel on donor sites. The regime often used is to cover with moist gauze that is changed daily as long as the donor site is bleeding.

#### **Can two or more pieces of Mepitel be overlapped for use on larger wounds?**

Mepitel remains in place best over wounds when one continuous piece is used and anchored on all four edges with at least 1 cm to intact skin surrounding the wound. It is recommended to use a size that accomplishes this goal whenever possible. When a wound is larger than can be accommodated by our largest size 9"\*12" (20\*30 cm), you may use and overlap two or more pieces by up to 1 cm, but observe the overlapped edges at each change of the cover dressing to ensure that they remain in contact. Note that the overlap may cause occlusion of the holes in that area. On larger wound this has no practical implications, but we do not recommend it on smaller wounds.