

Time to Change

The ideal wound dressing is designed to minimize the level of tissue disturbance. Too frequent dressing changes can lead to reduced temperature of the wound bed and disturbance to healing cells.¹

The added benefit to an institution is a reduction in spend due to dressings being changed too often.

This guide is designed to demonstrate dressing saturation levels to guide clinicians and caregivers.



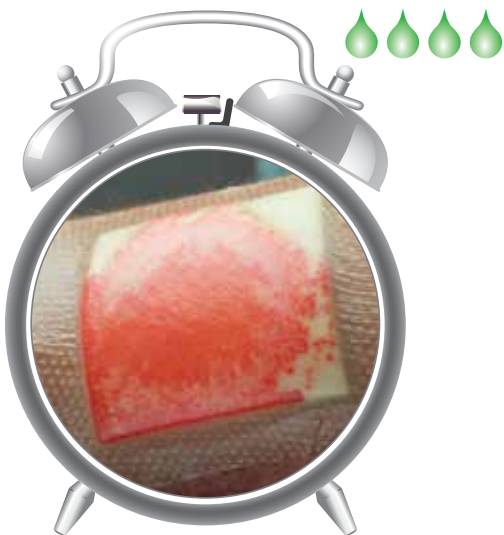
Strikethrough does not touch any edges. The dressing can remain in place.



Strikethrough has reached one edge. The dressing can remain in place.



Strikethrough touches two edges. The dressing can remain in place.



Time to change. The dressing is saturated when the strikethrough has reached three of the edges.

Mepilex® Border offers up to a 7 day wear time.

Mepilex® Border is designed for superior^{2,3} fluid retention. Initial strikethrough does not necessarily mean that the dressing is saturated. The dressing was constructed to make the strikethrough visible so that you can determine when it is time to change it.

Mepilex® Border may be left in place for several days depending on the condition of wound and surrounding skin, or as indicated by accepted clinical practice.

 = indication of exudate level

The information provided herein is not to be construed as the practice of medicine or substituted for the independent medical judgment of a patient's treating physician. Each patient's physician shall remain solely responsible for assessing the severity of patient wounds, determining the appropriate treatment, and managing treatment of the wound.

See beyond the surface

5th layer:

Backing film provides moisture, viral and bacteria barrier, and it has high permeability to allow effective moisture vapor transfer.†

4th layer:

The highly absorbent retention layer stores exudate.

3rd layer:

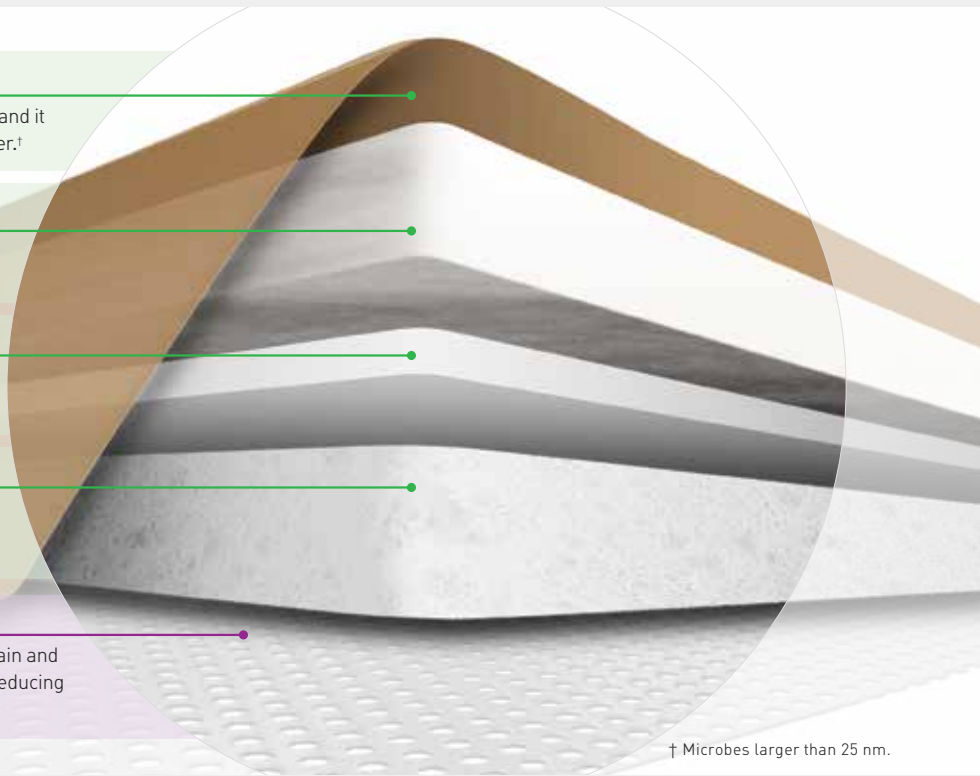
The spreading layer distributes exudate evenly to maximize the full surface area of the retention layer above it.

2nd layer:

Absorption layer attracts moisture/exudate rapidly and prevents it from returning to the wound while protecting the periwound skin.

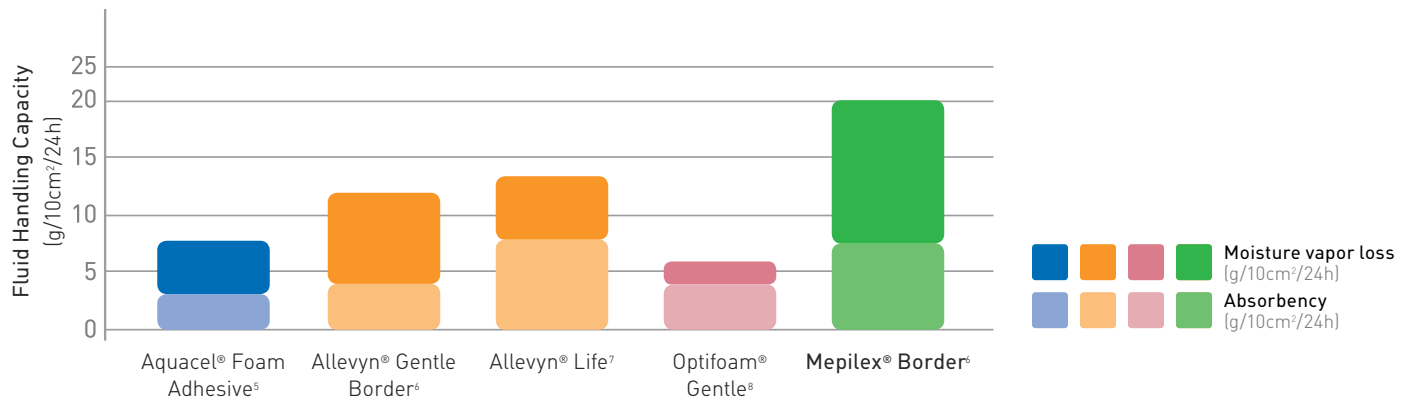
1st layer:

Safetac® technology wound contact layer minimizes patient pain and trauma to the wound and surrounding skin at removal while reducing the risk of maceration.^{2,3,4}



† Microbes larger than 25 nm.

See bordered foam fluid management comparison



Mepilex® Border demonstrates superior *in vitro* values for fluid handling, maximum absorption time and initial absorption time. *In vitro* testing and peer-reviewed publications illustrate the superior fluid retention characteristics of Mepilex® Border when compared to Aquacel® Foam Adhesive, Alleevyn® Gentle Border and Optifoam® Gentle.

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