

Medicare Wound Dressing Utilization Guide

Alginate wound cover, **Stage III IV**, Dressing change once daily

Alginate wound filler, **Stage III IV**, Dressing change once daily

Composite dressing, **Stage II III IV**, Dressing change 3 times per week

Foam dressing, **Stage III IV**, Dressing change 3 times per week

Elastic bandage, **Stage II III IV**, Dressing change once per week

Gauze (non-impregnated), **Stage II III IV**, Dressing change 3 times per day

Gauze (impregnated), **Stage II III IV**, Dressing change once daily

Hydrocolloid dressing, **Stage II III IV**, Dressing change 3 times per week

Hydrogel wound cover, **Stage III IV**, Dressing change once daily (or 3 times/week if using adhesive border)

Hydrogel wound filler, **Stage III IV**, Dressing change once daily

Specialty absorptive dressing, **Stage III IV**, Dressing change once per day (or every other day if using adhesive border)

Tape, **Stage II III IV**, Determined by frequency of dressing change

Transparent film, **Stage II III IV**, Dressing change 3 times per week

Wound filler (not classified), **Stage III IV**, Dressing change once per day