

– Instructions for Use –

Product Description: Vitále® Silicone Skin Tear Dressings utilize silicone adhesive, so that dressing removal is safe and comfortable. They provide a moisture-proof protective cover for skin tears, to keep torn skin in place to allow it to heal, & to help prevent infection. The absorbent pad is non-adherent so coagulated blood won't stick. The border can be firmly adhered to the skin with the silicone borders and the dressings are breathable to allow any bleeding to coagulate.

Vitále Silicone Skin Tear Dressings are available in a selection of convenient sizes. They are sterilized by ethylene oxide and must not be resterilized.

Indications: Skin tears that have removed the epidermis & dermis should be treated with advanced wound care dressings after physician or nurse consultant assessment. Skin tears that are full thickness or have less than 75 percent of the epidermis still available to cover the wound should similarly be assessed and treated.

Skin tears that have more than 75 percent coverage by the torn epidermis are good candidates for the Vitále Silicone Skin Tear Dressings. This should represent most common skin tears in the LTC environment.

Side Effects/Interactions: None have been observed to date.

Storage: Vitále Silicone Skin Tear Dressings should be stored in a cool & dry area. The products are sterile unless the package is opened or damaged.

Application:

1. If skin flap caused by a skin tear is "loose", approximate the loose tissue so that the skin flap is in its original position.
2. Open sterile package using established sterile technique and remove dressing from package.
3. Holding "flap side" (adhesive side) facing you, grasp dressing by one flap edge and remove one of the release films. (Note: smaller dressings have 2 release films; larger have 3 with the 1st one to remove being the center film.)
4. Looking at the patient side of the dressing, you should see an oval shaped "target" in the center of the dressing formed by the clear silicone adhesive on the sides and the absorbent pad in the center. This oval represents the area of the dressing that will absorb blood & other fluids. Continuing to hold the dressing in the same way, place adhesive side over the wounded area, centered on the skin tear and/or purpura "bruise", with the oval covering the tear, and gently adhere to the skin.
5. Remove the remaining release film(s) to expose full adhesive side to the skin, and gently adhere the full dressing to the skin.
6. Change dressing daily or if blood collects under the surface larger than the tear, if the dressing begins to roll back at the edge, or after bath/shower. Be careful to remove the dressing slowly in a direction that does not damage any scab that has formed or a skin flap that is being allowed to re-adhere.

– Product Line –

Catalog Number:	Description:	Dressing Size:	Pad Size:	Dressings/Box:
20923	Vitále Silicone Skin Tear Dressings	2" x 3" (5cm x 7.5cm)	1" x 1.6" (2.5 cm x 4 cm)	10
20934	Vitále Silicone Skin Tear Dressings	3.5" x 4" (9cm x 10cm)	2" x 2.4" (5cm x 6cm)	10
20937	Vitále Silicone Skin Tear Dressings	3.5" x 7" (9cm x 17.5cm)	2" x 5" (5cm x 12.5cm)	10
20956	Vitále Silicone Skin Tear Dressings	5" x 6" (12.5cm x 15cm)	3" x 4" (7.5cm x 10cm)	10