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A VISIBLY EFFECTIVE WAY TO HELP PREVENT CENTRAL LINE INFECTIONS

3M™ Tegaderm™ CHG Dressings offer clinicians a new look at IV site protection

LONDON, Ont. – September 1, 2009 – 3M Canada today launched 3M™ Tegaderm™ CHG (Chlorhexidine Gluconate) IV Securement Dressing, a transparent antimicrobial dressing that protects both insertion and suture sites, securing the catheter while allowing full site visibility for early infection detection.

“Health care professionals are facing increasing pressure to reduce the number of facility-inflicted infections and are highly committed to finding solutions,” said Elaine Tardif, Tegaderm IV dressing professional services advisor, 3M Canada. “The integrated design of Tegaderm™ CHG Dressings improves efficiency while allowing clinicians a clear view to detect any signs of inflammation or infection at the insertion site for improved patient safety.”

As the only integrated transparent dressing available, this product contains a two per cent CHG gel pad which provides continuous antimicrobial activity at the IV site. Its large size covers sutures and insertion sites for added protection from infections while absorbing light drainage including blood and exudates.

“Tegaderm CHG incorporates the key features required to protect our patients and their lines, which brings a peace of mind to patients and healthcare workers,” said Daphne Broadhurst, vascular access specialist, Desjardins Healthcare Group. “Both simple and effective, this dressing is recognized as an emerging trend and should be given consideration as part of healthcare facilities’ best practices standards.”

Primarily used for central venous and peripherally inserted central catheter applications, this easy-to-use dressing reduces skin flora under the dressing and inhibits re-growth for up to seven days. Other uses include protection of arterial, dialysis and midline catheters, and any percutaneous device.



Learn more about Tegaderm CHG dressings, including application and removal, and tips for care at www.3M.ca/TegadermCHG.

About Tegaderm™ Dressings

For over 25 years, health care professionals have relied on the Tegaderm dressing family for simple, clinically effective, dependable and trusted products that incorporate 3M's patented product designs, adhesives, polymer and transparent film technologies.

About 3M Canada Company

Established in 1951, 3M Canada Company was one of the first international subsidiaries opened by 3M and remains one of the largest. 3M Canada's head office and original manufacturing site is in London, Ontario where approximately half of the company's 1,800 employees work. Other Ontario plants are located in Toronto, Brockville, and Perth with one in Morden, Manitoba. Sales offices are located in major cities nationwide and a national service network supports customers.

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