

Mepilex AG[®] (For use with draining wounds)

What is Mepilex AG[®]?

Mepilex AG is a soft silicone silver dressing used to cover open wounds. There is silver in the dressing that helps prevent infection. The dressing will absorb drainage and keep the wound clean. This will help with healing. Mepilex AG does not stick to the wound. This makes checking the wound and changing the dressing less painful.



Mepilex AG is made for use on clean wounds. Keep the burns covered and the dressings dry. Look at the burn dressing daily.

How often should it be changed?

Mepilex AG may be **left in place for 5 to 7 days** depending on the condition of the wound and skin around it. It should be changed when the drainage gets to the edge of the pad, or as directed by your nurse or doctor.

If the Mepilex AG is completely wet with drainage to the edges:

1. Wash your hands with soap and water. Dry them with a clean towel.
2. Remove all of the dressings. Wash the wound with soap, water and a clean washcloth and remove all drainage. Rinse well and gently pat the wound dry.
3. Take the plastic backing off the Mepilex AG.
4. Put the sticky side of the Mepilex AG onto the wound. Do not stretch the Mepilex AG.
5. Wrap with new Kerlix or clean Tubigrip to hold Mepilex AG in place.
6. Check the burn dressing daily until you return to clinic.

ALERT: Call your child's doctor, nurse, or clinic if you have any questions or concerns or if your child has:

- Any sign of infection. This includes fever, more redness or swelling, or yellow/green or bad smelling drainage.
- Special health care needs that were not covered by this information.

This teaching sheet is meant to help you care for your child. It does not take the place of medical care. Talk with your healthcare provider for diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up.