

## Burn dressing information

# Emollient ointment

Emollient ointment is a clear, paraffin based, non-medicated ointment often used to keep facial burn wounds moist and promote healing.



### How is emollient ointment applied?

Every four hours, clean the burn wound with a clean cloth and apply a thin layer of emollient ointment to the burn wound. Care must be taken to avoid the eye area. More frequent reapplication may be required if the ointment rubs off. If irritation occurs, contact PCH Ward 1B.

### What do I need to look for?

The wounds must be kept clean and ointment used as advised by your child's doctor or nurse. If have concerns about the wound, please phone PCH Ward 1B as soon as possible to organise a review.

Infections in burns patients can be very serious and must be treated urgently. Observe your child and the wound/dressing site frequently. Phone PCH Ward 1B immediately on 6456 3630 if any of the following occur:

- a temperature below 35.5°C or above 38°C
- a rash, increased pain, redness or swelling at the wound site
- changes in your child's behaviour such as poor appetite, sleep disturbances, lethargy (quiet, lack of energy or flat mood)
- excessive ooze/wound fluid (though a small amount is expected)
- offensive odour.

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