

Health Facts

## Burn dressing information Intrasite Gel



Intrasite gel is a wound gel often used for burn wounds in combination with Acticoat dressings.

Intrasite gel is used to keep the Acticoat dressing moist and prevents stinging as the silver moves into the wound. It also helps to keep the wound hydrated and loosen and absorb the dead tissue. Intrasite is applied in a 3mm to 5mm layer to the affected area after cleansing. Wash with normal saline to remove gel if required. Take care around the eyes and deep wounds. For external use only.

## How frequently is it changed?

The frequency will be determined by your child's doctor or nurse. Intrasite and Acticoat dressings must never be left in place for longer than three days.

## How do I care for the dressing?

The dressing must be kept clean, dry and in place as advised by your child's doctor or nurse. If the dressing is accidentally removed or becomes wet or dirty, please phone PCH Ward 1B as soon as possible to organise a new dressing.

## What do I need to look for?

Infection in burns patients can be very serious and must be treated urgently. Observe your child and the wound/dressing site frequently. Phone PCH Burns 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 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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