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The Right Medical Tape Matters

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The medical tapes you choose, as well as how you apply and remove them, can make a difference. Improper use of medical tapes is more common than you might think, and may seriously impact clinical outcomes, cost targets and patient care.

According to Medical Adhesives and Patient Safety: State of the Science consensus statements, the foremost consideration when selecting an adhesive product is intended use or purpose of the product.¹ Generally speaking, most facilities have three types of securement needs: general securement, flexible securement and critical device/tube securement.

At 3M, we've made it easy to meet these securement needs while choosing the right tape for the right patient and application, with four types of tape that can work harder and smarter: the four core 3M medical tapes.

1. McNichol, L., Lund, C., Rosen, T., & Gray, M. (2013). Medical Adhesives and Patient Safety: State of the Science. *Journal of Wound Ostomy & Continence*, 40(4), 365-380.

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WOUND CARE CORNER

Rethinking skin + wound care

Did you know that grapefruit can help you stage a pressure ulcer/injury? In the first video in our “Where Practice Meets Perspective” series, Dr. Heather Hettrick demonstrates the stages of pressure ulcers/injuries using grapefruits as a proxy for skin.

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SKIN INTEGRITY INSIGHTS

Furthering skin health research.

Education and research remain vital components in advancing the importance of skin health in clinical settings. In this video, global skin experts explore the importance of cross-industry partnerships and existing literature in helping to inform and educate organizations about skin health issues.

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THE SCIENCE OF SECUREMENT

Protect the skin that protects your patients

Patient care begins with skin, and 3M can help you keep patients safe and comfortable while protecting their skin from unnecessary injury and pain associated with Medical Adhesive-Related Skin Injury (MARS). Our skin-friendly solutions help you protect patient skin integrity and reduce the risk of MARS.

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KINDNESS MATTERS - EVERY DAY

Measuring your facility's rate of MARS

Our MARS Prevalence Audit Program will measure your facility's MARS prevalence rate, benchmark it against other facilities and recommend interventions that can help improve it. Contact your 3M sales representative to get started.

Medical Adhesive-Related Skin Injury (MARS) is the red, irritated skin that may occur on your patients

when medical adhesives are removed.

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Kindness Matters.

Never underestimate your power to transform the patient experience.

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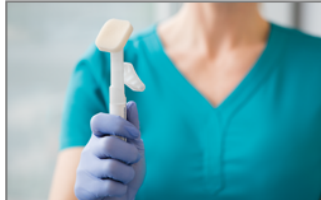
ADDITIONAL RESOURCES



3 steps, 3 solutions for post-op care

Learn about the process and products that help keep post-operative care simple and successful with this free sample kit.

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