Smith & Nephew Expands Portfolio

The Advanced Wound Management Division of Smith & Nephew, Inc. will launch extensions to its ACTICOAT™ Silver Coated Antimicrobial Barrier Dressing portfolio at the Symposium on Advanced Wound Care this weekend.

The ACTICOAT range of antimicrobial dressings helps in the management of wounds at risk for infection. The antimicrobial properties last up to seven days, meaning fewer dressing changes. The launch of the ACTICOAT Flex 7 Ribbon and ACTICOAT Post-Op 4x13 3/4 wound dressings extend Smith & Nephew's unique range of antimicrobial barrier dressings for use in chronic and acute wounds. The ACTICOAT portfolio utilizes Nanocrystalline silver technology to provide an effective barrier to more than 150 wound pathogens, including 188 strains of MRSA.

The ACTICOAT Post-Op 4x13 3/4 size was developed based on customer need for a longer post operative dressing for larger incision sites. Similar to the existing ACTICOAT post-op range, this new size has an absorbent hydrocellular foam core for cushioning and comfort, a Nanocrystalline silver coated perforated wound contact layer, and IV 3000, a waterproof top film that protects from exogenous bacteria.

Based on the ACTICOAT Flex technology, the new ACTICOAT Flex 7 ribbon dressing is highly conformable and maintains contact with irregular wound surfaces and hard to dress wound areas, like cavity wounds that may have tunneling or undermining. The antimicrobial barrier properties and the ability of the dressing to allow fluid to pass through has shown to be compatible with negative pressure wound therapy for a period of up to three days.

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