

Mepore Film FAQ

FAQ

Top ten most frequently asked

Are there any allergy problems with the Mepore Film product?

The type of adhesive used in Mepore® Film is known in general to cause very few allergic reactions.

Is Mepore Film easy to handle?

It is easy to open the package in an aseptic way, the release paper and the application frame and provides for easy application.

What are the main indications of Mepore Film?

Mepore Films main indications are clean wounds in the granulation phase such as superficial burns, IV sites, abrasions, lacerations, donor sites, superficial pressure sores and closed surgical wounds as well as for prevention of skin breakdown. Mepore Film can also be used as fixation device to cover primary dressings such as hydro gels and alginates.

What sterilization method is used? Can it be re-sterilised?

Mepore Film is sterilized with ethylene oxide. We do not recommend re-sterilising Mepore Film.

How is secure adhesion to the skin obtained?

The adhesion level is optimized if applied onto dry clean skin. Position the dressing over the wound without stretching. Firmly smooth the adhesive onto the skin to obtain proper adhesion.

Does Mepore Film contain natural latex?

The Mepore Film products and the packaging are natural latex free.

What is the shelf life for Mepore Film?

3 years

What is the composition of Mepore Film?

A polyurethane film coated with a polyacrylate adhesive

Is Mepore Film permeable to air?

Yes.

Technical issues

Does Mepore Film contain any pharmaceutical component?

No.

What type of adhesive is used in Mepore Film?

The adhesive is a solvent based polyacrylate.

Is it possible that the adhesion level varies per batch?

Yes. There is always a chance of small variation in the adhesive raw material, which might cause minor variations between batches. All products released to the market are in accordance with our technical specifications.

How is the waste handled (package and used product)?

Product and package could be incinerated without forming any hazardous effluents. Shelf container and transport box can be recycled.

Does Mepore Film contain PVC, latex or colophony?

No, Mepore Film does not contain PVC, latex or colophony, neither the product, the release liner, or the packaging material

What material is Mepore Film packaging made of?

The outer packaging system, including transport and dispenser box, is made from a corrugated board carton to withstand heavy loads during transport and storing.

How robust is the transport container?

The transport container is made of corrugated board. It is designed to withstand expected stress during transportation.

How many sizes does Mepore Film have?

Five different sizes. Please see the Mepore Film overview for details.

Are there smaller inner packages for wholesalers and pharmacy use?

No. There is a pharmacy assortment with smaller inner packages available in some markets. Please check with your sales representative for what assortment is available.

Clinical & handling issues

Is Mepore Film elastic and/or extensible and follow the patient's movement?

Mepore Film is elastic and slightly extensible, and will follow the patient's movement. As for all elastic adhesive dressings it is important not to stretch the dressing during application, as this might damage the skin and potentially cause skin blisters.

Does Mepore Film leave adhesive residues on the patient's skin after removal?

Adhesive residuals are rarely seen after removal.

Will removal of Mepore Film cause any pain?

Since the pain experienced when removing a dressing is very individual it is only possible to give a general answer. To minimize the pain during removal lift a corner of the dressing and gently pull the film along the skin (in the direction of hair growth parallel to the skin).

How long can Mepore Film remain on the patient's skin? How often should Mepore Film be changed?

Mepore Film can be left in place for several days depending on the wound/skin condition or as indicated by good clinical practice.

Are there any precautions to consider when using Mepore Film?

Mepore Film should not be used by patients who are sensitive to polyacrylate adhesives. Mepore Film should not be used directly on full thickness wounds involving muscle, tendon or bone or on third degree burns.

When is Mepore Film contraindicated?

This kind of product has been on the market for more than 10 years and the used raw materials are used in a variety of different medical devices.