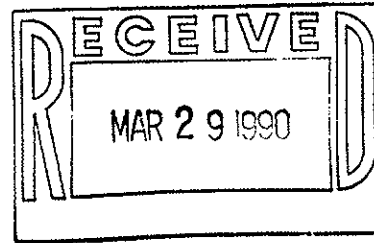


DAKOTA OSTOMY CENTER

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Dear Jeanie,

I have been handing out the elasto-gel samples to the doctors that I feel would use it the most. So far I haven't heard anything back, but will send you information as soon as I hear something. I am anxious to hear how the radiation oncologist likes it.

I am enclosing some pictures of my toes. Now how many people send pictures of their toes instead of their faces!!!

I really don't know what I would have done without the elasto-gel dressings, as there were different days that I tried other products, just to give them a try and see what the results would be. I found that the dressing either adhered to the toes because of the drainage and it was difficult to remove, or else the dressing absorbed the drainage and would have to be changed more frequently because it became saturated.

Just a brief history - Bilateral great toenails removed - February 15, 1990.
Started using the elasto-gel dressing immediately after the toenail was removed. Needed to change the dressing only on a daily basis and several times I used the dressing over again after my feet were soaked in Boric Acid Solution.
Easy to apply as used either a kling wrap, Coban tape or just plain tape to hold the dressing in place.

Pictures were taken March 1 and March 20 and you can see how clean the nail beds are. I have developed an infection and have a lot of pain. (Infection in no way related to the dressing). Because of my job and wearing shoes, I am able to wear flats without pressure onto my toes because of the cushion effect of the elasto-gel dressing.

I am very pleased with the results and with the easy application of the elasto-gel dressing. The only problem I encountered was some maceration around the nail bed probably as a result of the dressing become saturated with the drainage and not being changed often enough. The dressing is easy to remove and does not pull on the nail bed.

I will certainly let the doctors and nurses know that I feel Elasto-gel is a great product for superficial wounds.

Sincerely,

Mavis
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