

Date: Thu, 19 Oct 2000 07:07:56 -0400
From: "Nancy Gutman" <ngutman@voyager.net>
Subject: odor control with Gold Dust

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The down side of using these products is the way it is delivered, in a bead/granular form. It is much easier to apply an alginate for instance. However, one can premix it, if desired, with a little water or saline, stir it and put in the wound wet vs. dry. Of course, if you do that, it will absorb less than putting it in dry form.

But the upside is they are cheaper, I think they handle MORE drainage, not less, and do a much better job at controlling odor. I personally use it as a standard in pilonidal cysts wounds. I use to use alginates, foams, etc, but found Gold Dust and Elastogel to better handle the drainage in these usually infected, odorous wounds. Even though patients have to rely on caregiver support to put the beads in, they heal much faster, have better pain control, less dressing changes and odor is eliminated.

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To: <wound-forum@wocn.org>
Sent: Wednesday, October 18, 2000 10:18 PM
Subject: Re: odor control

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> Elastogel and Gold Dust. We could not use the Elastogel due to bleeding
but the Gold Dust has helped contain the drainage and the odor. This ladies
> quality of life has improved w/ Gold Dust and I will continue to recommend
> this. Ed (I know you're lurking) thank you so very much and everyone else
> that had suggestions.
> Susan Gurney RN CETN Maine

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cc. C/S 10/19/00
Thank you SM - satisfaction & put w/ Wastimonal

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