



## **Mepilex Ag Bandage for Burns**

### **What is Mepilex Ag?**

Mepilex Ag is a soft foam pad with a silicone layer used to cover your burn. It easily shapes to your body and stays in place for up to 7 days. The foam pad absorbs drainage from the burn and releases silver to prevent infection. Mepilex Ag does not stick to the burn. It needs another bandage (ACE bandage, Coban, Spandage, Tubigrip) to keep it in place.

### **Can anyone use Mepilex Ag?**

Tell the doctor or nurse if you have sensitivity to silver. Also, Mepilex Ag cannot be used with some skin cleaning solutions like hypochlorite solutions or hydrogen peroxide.

### **Do I need to change Mepilex Ag?**

A Mepilex Ag bandage will be put on before you leave the hospital and should stay in place until you come to clinic (up to 7 days). If there is a lot of drainage leaking from your bandage or it starts to fall off, you may need to change your Mepilex Ag at home.

### **How do I change Mepilex Ag?**

You need to have:

- ▶ Mepilex Ag bandage
- ▶ Outer bandage (such as ACE bandage, Coban, Spandage, Tubigrip)

1. If your doctor ordered pain medicine for you, take it 30 minutes before changing the bandage.
2. wash your hands.
3. Take off the outer bandage.
4. To take off the Mepilex Ag, gently lift a corner and peel away the Mepilex AG from your burn until the bandage comes off.
5. In the shower or bathtub, wash the burn with a clean wash cloth using a mild soap (for example Dove®, or Ivory®).
6. Pat it dry with gauze or a dry cloth.
7. Put a new Mepilex Ag bandage over the burn (sticky side down). For the best results, the bandage should overlap on healthy skin.
8. Put a new outer bandage on to keep the Mepilex in place.

## Important Reminders:

If an arm or leg is burned, elevate the arm or leg on pillows.

### When should I call the doctor?

Call the Burn Center or the Burn Clinic if you notice:

- ▶ More than one inch of redness around the burn.
- ▶ More swelling than the day before. (Remember swelling is normal 3 -5 days after the burn injury).
- ▶ Skin is warm to the touch around the burn.
- ▶ Fever (temperature of 102°F or higher).
- ▶ Drainage that is green and/or has a bad smell.



If you have questions, please call **the Burn Center** at:

(212) 746-5317 (24 hours a day), or

(212) 746-5024 (Monday - Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm)

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