# Instructions for Use (Read carefully before using the device)

## **Descriptions**

Every Milliken Healthcare Products, LLC ASSIST Silver is a sterile, single-use, antimicrobial dressing. The dressing is a multi-component substrate containing a controlled-release silver ion antimicrobial throughout and provides a favorable wound healing environment by combining Active Fluid Management® technology with an effective barrier to microbes.

The silver ion antimicrobial kills microbes within the dressing. The dressing demonstrates in vitro antimicrobial activity for up to 7 days\* against microbial strains that can be detrimental to wound healing such as, but not limited to: S. auerus (including MRSA), S. epidermidis (including MRSE), E. faecalis (including VRE), and A. baumannii, and P. aeruginosa.



ASSIST Silver can be used throughout the healing process. Prepare the wound according to clinical protocol. Remove ASSIST Silver dressing from the package, taking note of the printing.

The printed side of the dressing should be applied away from the wound, and an absorbent secondary layer may be applied on top. Secure with an appropriate fixative such as roll gauze, adhesive bordered gauze, transparent film, tape, etc.

Optimal performance of ASSIST Silver requires direct contact with the dressing. ASSIST Silver can be cut as necessary. The secondary layer may be changed without disturbing the ASSIST Silver primary dressing.

#### **Directions for Removal**

ASSIST Silver should be changed when clinically indicated or as prescribed by a healthcare professional. Carefully remove the secondary layer and the ASSIST Silver from the wound. The dressing can be moistened to ease removal if necessary.

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### **Indications**

ASSIST Silver provides an antimicrobial barrier to microbial colonization in the dressing and reduces microbial penetration through the dressing.

ASSIST Silver dressings are indicated for the management of acute and chronic wounds: partial thickness burns, incisions, skin grafts, donor sites, lacerations, abrasions, and Stage I-IV dermal ulcers (vascular, venous, pressure and diabetic).

#### Contraindications

ASSIST Silver should not be used on patients with a known sensitivity to silver. In case of suspected allergic reaction, discontinue use immediately and contact your healthcare provider.

Caution: Federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a licensed healthcare practitioner (U.S.A. only).

## **Precautions and Observations**

The Active Fluid Management performance of ASSIST Silver may be impaired with petrolatum-based ointments.

The use of ASSIST Silver during radiation treatment or examinations such as X-rays, ultrasonic treatment, diathermy, microwaves, or HBO has not been demonstrated.

The use of ASSIST Silver during pregnancy, lactation and for pediatric use has not been demonstrated.

## Storage

ASSIST Silver should be stored at temperatures less than 131°F. Keep dry.

## Sterilization

ASSIST Silver is sterile as provided. Do not use ASSIST Silver if the primary package is visibly damaged or broken. Do not resterilize ASSIST Silver. For single use only.