

## General Application Guide

# Avance® Foam Dressing Kit

Including Avance Transparent Film and Avance ViewPad™



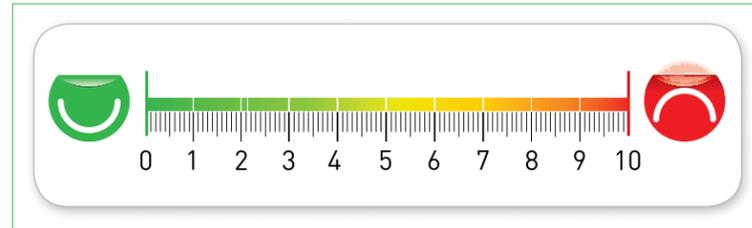
The Avance® Transparent Film has a gentle adhesive backing and is designed for use on the patient with a moist periwound, increased natural skin oils, or difficult anatomical geometries.

**NOTE:** The term **Transparent film** referenced below is the abbreviated form of **Avance Transparent Film**. The term **foam** is the abbreviated form of **Avance Foam**. The term **ViewPad™** is the abbreviated form of **Avance ViewPad**.

## 1. Prepare

- Assess the patient for pain, and medicate as indicated and as ordered, prior to the dressing application.
- Prepare all dressing materials.
- Cleanse the wound bed as instructed by the clinician.
- Cleanse the periwound skin and thoroughly dry.

**NOTE:** Do not use oxidizing agents such as hypochlorite solutions or hydrogen peroxide prior to use of the Avance Foam dressing kit.



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## 2. Protect

- Cover any areas of the wound that need protection with Mepitel®. Ensure that the Mepitel does not overlap on to intact skin and that the Mepitel is changed at every dressing application.

**NOTE:** If certain skin protection products, e.g., zinc paste or skin lotions, have been applied to the patient's skin prior to application of the Transparent film, the adhesion level on the skin will be negatively affected.



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## 3. Apply — Option 1 — Whole sheet

- Cut the foam, away from the wound, into an appropriate size corresponding with the dimensions of the wound cavity.

**NOTE:** Rub the foam edges to remove any loose particles.

- Place the foam in the wound.



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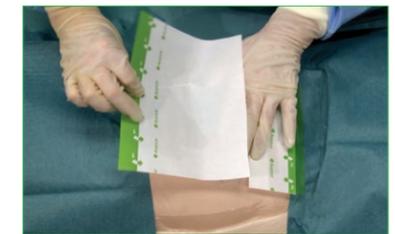
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## Apply — Option 1 — Whole sheet (continued)

- Cut the Transparent film to the appropriate size, allowing an overlap of 3–5 cm onto surrounding skin.
- Remove the protective paper at the green bar labeled "1." Without stretching the Transparent film, place it over the wound and periwound area.
- Remove the backing release liner labeled "2."



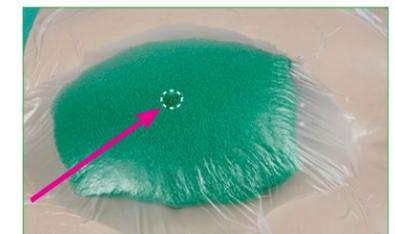
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**NOTE:** Do not stretch the Transparent film as it may affect the adhesion to the skin once negative pressure is applied.

**NOTE:** To reduce the risk of maceration, do not apply more than two layers of the Transparent film.

- Cut a hole in the Transparent film approximately 1 cm in diameter at the distal portion of the dressing. Ensure that the ViewPad™ is supported by the foam.



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- Remove the release liner of the ViewPad and place it directly over the cut hole and press firmly.

For patients with multiple wounds or to off-set the ViewPad from a pressure point, such as over a bony prominence, please refer to the Bridging Application Guide. For narrow wounds, please refer to the Mushroom Application Guide for additional technique options.

## Apply — Option 2 — Strips

- Cut the Transparent film into smaller pieces appropriate to the size of the wound.
- To expose the adhesive side, remove the protective paper at the green bar labeled number "1."
- Start to cover the wound with the Transparent film.
- Remove the backing release liner labeled "2." Continue to place other small pieces over the wound with the same technique. Work your way around the wound to cover it completely.



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## Apply — Option 2 — Strips *(continued)*

**NOTE:** Do not stretch the Transparent film as it may affect the adhesion to the skin once negative pressure is applied.

**NOTE:** To reduce the risk of maceration, do not apply more than two layers of the Transparent film.

- L. Cut a hole in the Transparent film approximately 1 cm in diameter at the distal portion of the dressing, if appropriate. Ensure that the ViewPad™ is supported by the foam.
- M. Remove the release liner of the ViewPad and place it directly over the cut hole and press firmly.



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## 4. Commence

- A. Connect the ViewPad tubing to the Avance® Tubing. Attach the canister to the Avance Max or Flex Pump and insert the Avance Tubing into the canister. Turn on the Avance Max or Flex Pump and commence therapy.

**NOTE:** Pressure setting should be selected in accordance with the prescriber's recommendation for the patient's etiology and wound type. For guidance, the recommended pressure range for the Avance Foam is -80 mmHg to -120 mmHg.

- B. Once the negative pressure is applied, the dressing will collapse. There may be a tightening sensation in the wound, but that should resolve in a few seconds.

**NOTE:** If the dressing does not collapse, the system may not be sealed. Inspect the dressing, canister and tubing connections for possible leaks and correct accordingly.



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For further information on the Avance NPWT System, including safety considerations, see the Instructions For Use for the Avance Pump, Avance Dressings, and the Avance NPWT Clinician Guidelines or call the Apria Clinical Support line at 1-800-780-1228.

### For additional information contact your Apria Healthcare Representative

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