

General Application Guide

Avance® Foam Dressing Kit

Including Avance Film with Safetac® technology and ViewPad™



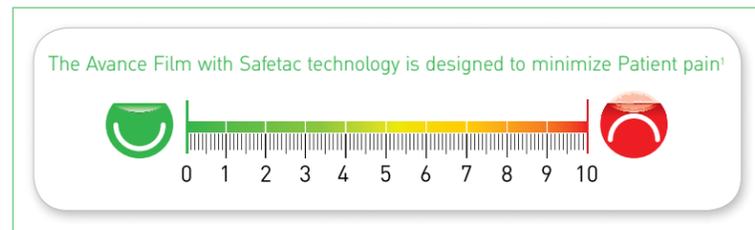
The Avance® Film with Safetac® technology promotes patient comfort by reducing pain, erythema, skin stripping at the dressing change¹ and is designed for use on the patient with a dry periwound.

NOTE: The term **Safetac film** referenced below is the abbreviated form of **Avance Film with Safetac technology**. 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.



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2. Protect

- Cover any areas of the wound that need protection with Mepitel®. Ensure that the Mepitel does not overlap onto 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 Safetac film, the adhesion level on the skin will be negatively affected.



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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.

3. Apply

- Cut the foam, away from the wound, to the 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.
- Dry the periwound skin before applying the Safetac® film.

- Cut the Safetac film to the appropriate size, allowing an overlap of 3-5 cm onto the surrounding skin.

- Remove the release liner in the middle of the Safetac film.
- Apply the Safetac film and cover the foam. Now remove the outer release liners of the Safetac film.

NOTE: Do not stretch or cut the Safetac film into strips 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 Safetac film.

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

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



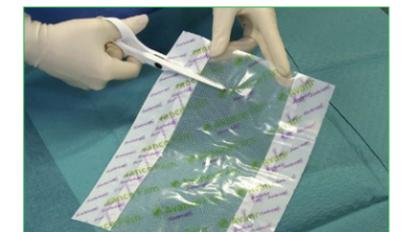
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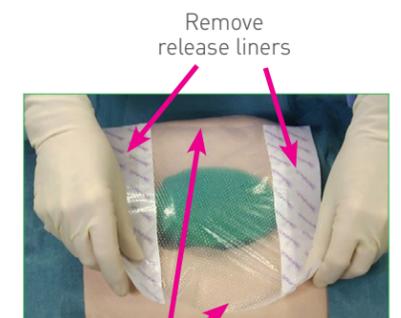
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Remove release liners
Allow 3-5 cm overlap onto the surrounding skin.



3G

1 cm hole



3H

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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4B

Best Practice Tips for the Avance Film with Safetac® technology:

- Always apply to a dry periwound. Do not use any skin protectants on the periwound.
- Do not cut the Safetac film into strips.
- Always apply the Safetac film in one piece without stretching, with a 3-5 cm overlap onto intact skin.
- When multiple pieces of Safetac film are required for large wounds: Ensure that there is a 3-5 cm overlap where the Safetac film layers meet and a 3-5 cm overlap onto intact skin.
- Do not apply a periwound picture frame (window pane) with the Safetac film, except in instances of narrow wounds and when the relocation of the ViewPad is needed. Please refer to the Mushroom and the Bridging Application Guide for further instructions.

Reference: 1. Davies, P., Rippon, M. *Evidence review: the clinical benefits of Safetac® technology in wound care.* MA Healthcare Ltd, London, 2008.

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.

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