

Antimicrobial Gauze Dressing* with PHMB Manages and May Help Prevent Infection In Large Claggett's Window

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CLINICAL PROBLEM

Controlling infections in immuno-compromised patients with open Claggett's windows which expose lung tissue to microbes in the environment can be challenging to clinicians and traumatic for the affected patient.

DESCRIPTION OF PAST MANAGEMENT

A 59 year-old patient with a history of lung cancer and recurrent empyemas was referred to our homecare agency for the management of a Claggett's window under his left axilla. The patient was also malnourished. The homecare nurse was unable to control the copious drainage from the deep wound cavity and consulted the WOC Nurse.

CURRENT CLINICAL APPROACH

The WOC Nurse selected KERLIX™ AMD™, a sterile, absorbent gauze impregnated with polyhexamethylene Biguanide; proven to resist bacterial colonization within the dressing and reduce bacterial penetration through the dressing.

PATIENT OUTCOMES

The broad-spectrum effectiveness of the antibacterial gauze dressing may have helped prevent infection and decrease copious drainage in the patient's Claggett's window for 1 full year, i.e., the patient is free of infection and performs his wound packing once a day.



*PRODUCT NOTATION

KERLIX AMD Antimicrobial Dressing, Tyco Healthcare Group LP.

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