

Fishing Time!

Andy gets back to enjoying his fishing again thanks to AQUACEL® Ag+ Ribbon and AQUACEL® Foam dressings.



Andy's Experience

Back in March I was admitted into hospital with an infected hair follicle on the back of my left hand. My hand was really painful and swollen. I was admitted for antibiotics and then had surgery to drain the infection. I was discharged home.

When I returned to the wound clinic for my dressings to be changed the dressings that had been put on my wound in theatre had become stuck and were really painful to remove. I was becoming concerned that my wound would take a long time to heal as I use my hands for work as an engineer and I am left handed. I also enjoy fishing and would not be able to fish until my wound had fully closed due to the risk of infection.

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The nurse applied some different dressings and assured me that it wouldn't be as painful to remove next time. The wound was redressed with AQUACEL® Ag+ Ribbon dressing and AQUACEL® Foam dressing. The following dressing changes were much less painful. My wound was redressed every few days and I could quickly see an improvement in my wound. Within 4 weeks my wound had fully closed and I was able to go fishing again, so thank you ConvaTec!

Andy



15th March 2016



18th March 2016



3rd April 2016

The TVN's Experience

On the 18th March Andy presented to my wound clinic following incision and drainage of an infected abscess on the back of his left hand. The post-operative dressings had adhered to the wound and caused him significant pain and trauma on removal, despite soaking them in warm water.

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The wound cavity was filled with AQUACEL® Ag+ Ribbon dressing to ensure that any residual infection and exudate would be managed effectively. This was secured with AQUACEL® Foam dressing. I reviewed the wound 3 days

later, the dressing had retained the exudate and was easily removed with minimal discomfort for the patient. The wound was redressed and reviewed again a further 3 days later. At this point I felt that AQUACEL® Ag+ Ribbon dressing was no longer appropriate as there were no clinical signs of infection present and the wound was healing well. The wound was redressed with AQUACEL® Extra™ dressing and AQUACEL® Foam dressing until there was no cavity present. At this point AQUACEL® Foam dressing was applied until healed and the patient was discharged on 3rd April.

I was really pleased that I was able to minimise the pain that was experienced by the patient at dressing changes and at how quickly his wound went on to heal. This meant that he was able to return to work and his hobby of fishing quickly.

Lisa Wood, TVN