



Helping remove barriers to healing



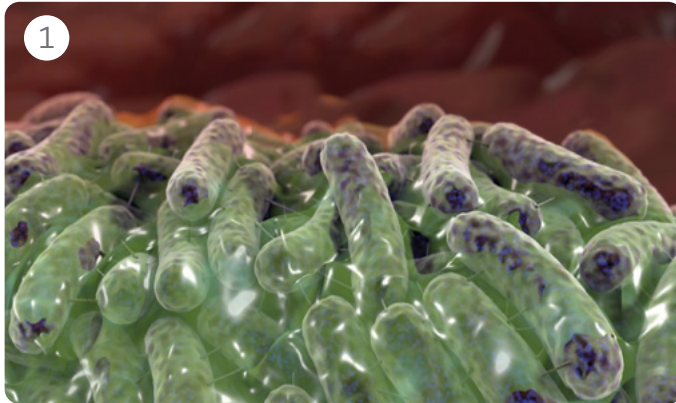
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Cadexomer Iodine Range

Detail aid

The biofilm barrier

Biofilm is a cluster of attached bacteria embedded in a matrix of proteins and sugars which offers protection from host defences and antimicrobials.²



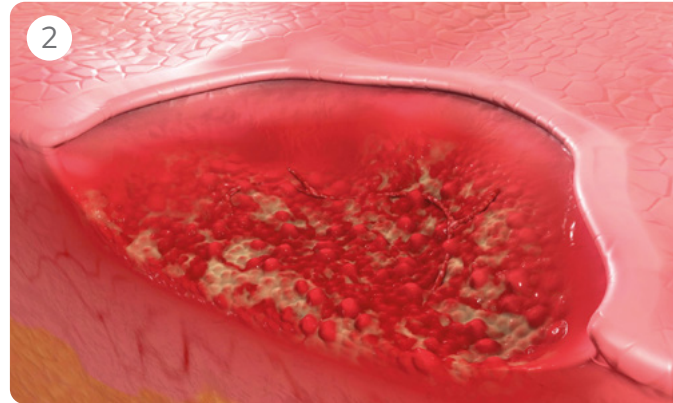
Biofilm formation

Biofilm form with the initial attachment of single planktonic bacteria, creating a coherent cluster of cells within a protective matrix.³

EPS matrix

This matrix, composed of protein, DNA and sugars, is known as Extracellular Polymeric Substance, or EPS.²⁻⁴

Biofilm is difficult to treat as it provides tolerance to antimicrobial treatments⁵⁻⁷ and the host immune response.⁸⁻¹⁰



Delayed healing

An impaired immune response leads to a vicious cycle of tissue damage and low level inflammation.^{11,12}

To effectively disrupt biofilm and promote healing, an antimicrobial must penetrate the EPS and attack the bacteria within³ with a sustained action that stops biofilm reformation.^{5,6}



Did you know?

Biofilm is difficult to identify as it is invisible to the naked eye, non-uniformly distributed across the wound¹³ and often present in deeper tissues.^{14,15}

Biofilm is thought to be present in up to **78% of all chronic wounds**¹

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When wound healing stalls, patients experience **lower quality of life** and **healthcare system costs increase**¹



24% of patients with chronic wounds have lived with their wound for at least 6 months¹

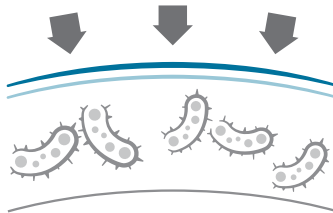
16% remained unhealed for a year or more¹



The cost of patient care for a non-healing wound has been shown to be **135%** more than that of a healed wound²



Wounds that contain biofilm may not be identified, resulting in **ineffective treatment and delayed healing**³⁻⁶



Most topical **antimicrobials fail to disrupt biofilm**⁷



*European data.

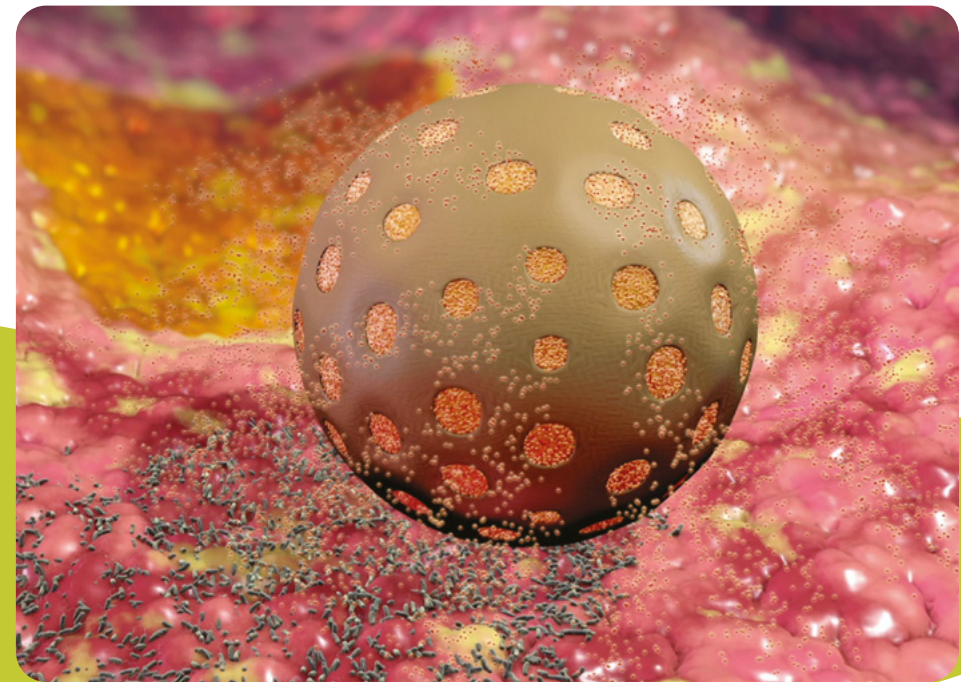
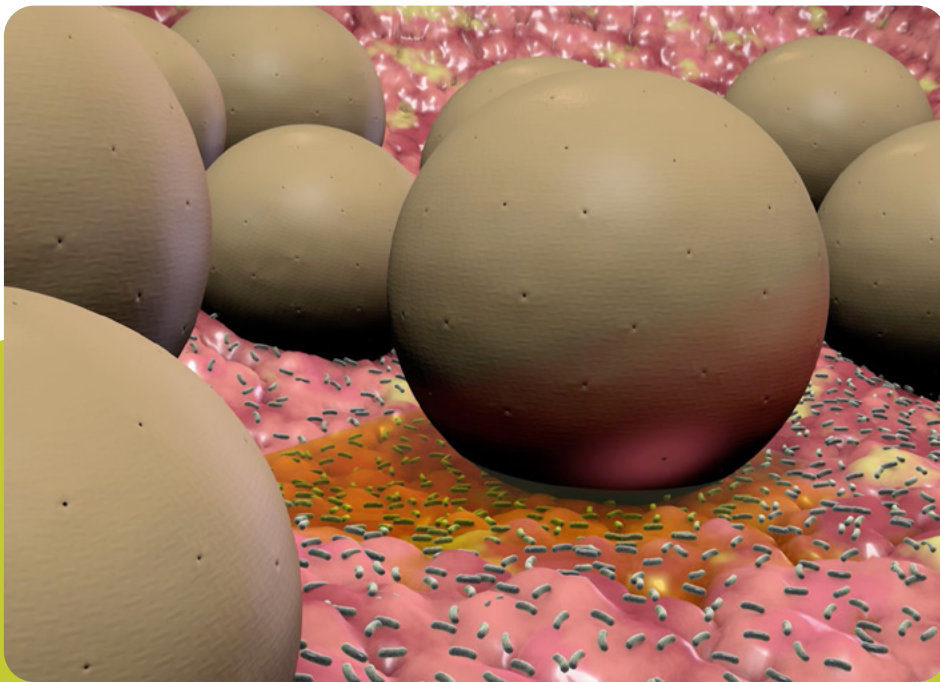
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The IODOSORB[®] Range of Dressings

IODOSORB is a range of antimicrobial dressings made of unique cadexomer micro-beads: spherical starch structures loaded with 0.9% elemental iodine.

The IODOSORB Range effectively manages wound exudate^{1–3} and removes slough,^{4,5} as well as providing sustained broad spectrum antimicrobial activity over 3 days.*^{6,7}

Iodine is encapsulated in the cadexomer matrix and provides a sustained release when the bead comes into contact with wound fluid.^{8–10}



*As demonstrated *in vitro*.

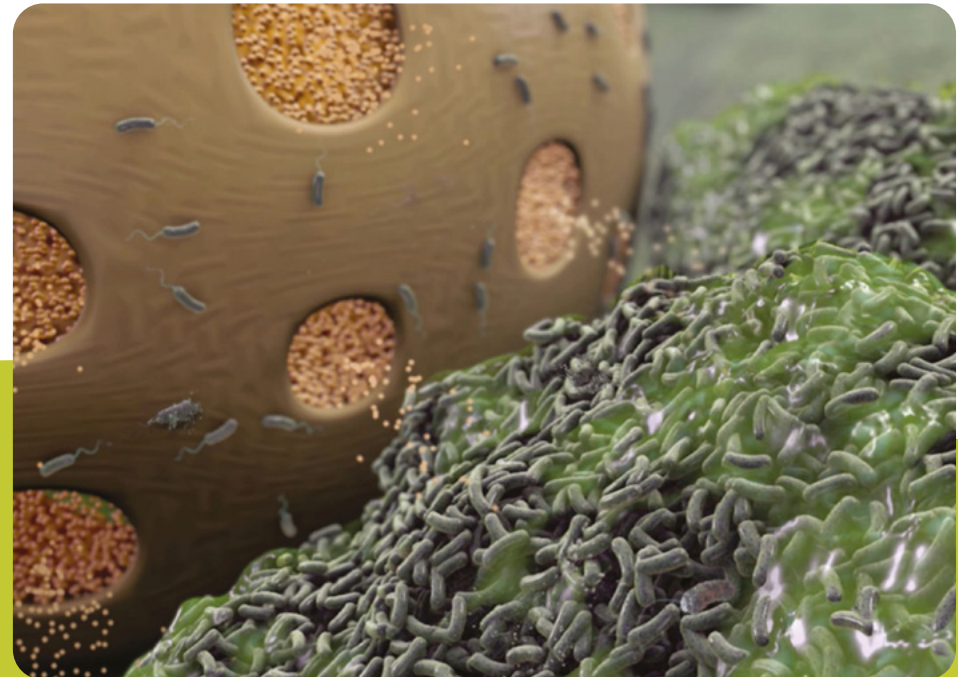
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Anti-biofilm mode of action

Dual-action to disrupt biofilm¹

It is suggested that the cadexomer micro-beads are able to dehydrate and physically disrupt the biofilm structure.¹⁻⁴

Once the cadexomer beads are able to breach the biofilm-specific matrix, the iodine can subsequently kill the exposed bacteria within the biofilm community.^{5,6}



The unique dual action of the IODOSORB[®] Range is particularly effective in the **disruption of biofilm**:¹⁻³



High absorptive property



Absorbs up to 7x its own weight in exudate⁴⁻⁶
 Dehydration of the biofilm matrix^{1,7-9}
 Desloughing action^{11,12}
 Assists autolytic debridement^{*10,12-14}



0.9% antimicrobial iodine

Kills mixed species biofilm^{†15,16}
 Sustained release of iodine¹⁷⁻²⁰
 Broad spectrum antimicrobial efficacy^{‡21-23}

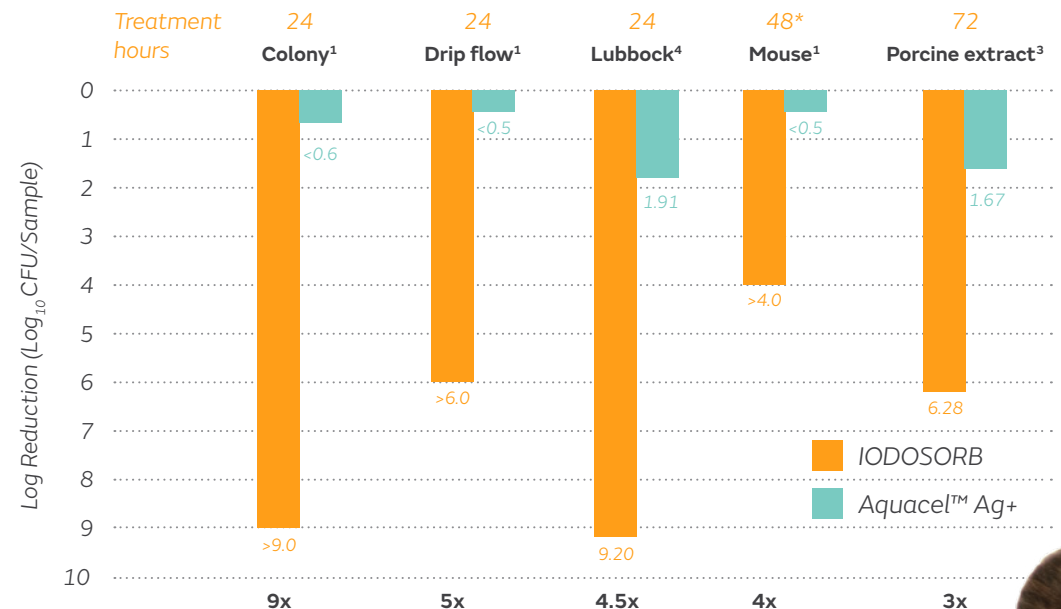
*By absorbing slough and debris. †Typical of chronic wounds, as demonstrated *in vitro*. ‡As demonstrated *in vitro*.

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Superior efficacy against biofilm **proven** across different lab models¹⁻³

IODOSORB[®] Dressings have a long history of effectiveness against biofilm with superior results compared to other topical antimicrobials such as PHMB, silver and povidone iodine.^{*1,2}

In line with the biofilm experts' recommendations on selecting an effective anti-biofilm dressing, IODOSORB Dressing has been tested and shown to be more effective than Aquacel[™] Ag+ across multiple challenging and clinically relevant biofilm models.^{1,2,5}



Adapted from: Fitzgerald et al. 2017,¹
Oates et al. 2016⁴ and Schultz G, et al. 2016³

Why silver is not effective against biofilm

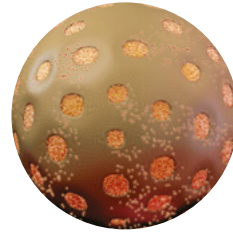
Charged ions, such as silver or chlorides are more easily neutralised by the EPS matrix.⁷

Moreover the concentration of silver required to eradicate biofilm is estimated to be 10 to 100 times higher than that used to eradicate planktonic bacteria.⁶ Such concentrations are currently unavailable in any silver dressing.

*p<0.05; as demonstrated *in vitro*.

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Removing barriers to healing



The IODOSORB[®] Range are dual-action wound management products that offer the benefits of fluid handling¹⁻³ in combination with desloughing^{4,5} and provide sustained broad spectrum antimicrobial activity for up to 3 days.*^{6,7}

IODOSORB Dressings with cadexomer bead technology is highly effective in the treatment of wounds with infection and biofilm.^{†8-11}

The IODOSORB Range's anti-biofilm efficacy has been verified by data from the laboratory to the clinic.¹²⁻¹⁴ Its efficacy, resulting in a fast rate of healing, is also supported by a positive Cochrane review.¹⁵

Indications: Assists the healing and treatment of chronic ulcers. IODOSORB reduces the bacterial count, facilitates desloughing, absorbs exudate and maintains a moist wound environment to promote healing.

Contraindications: Not to be used in patients with known or suspected iodine sensitivity.

Precautions: Should not be used in children under 12 years of age.

This material is intended for healthcare professionals. For detailed product information, including indications for use, contraindications, precautions and warnings, please consult the product's applicable Instructions for Use (IFU) prior to use.

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