Debrisoft®

Active Debridement

Patient information leaflet for the use of Debrisoft® on dry skin and wounds

Available on Prescription

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Each piece of Debrisoft® is packaged individually and is sterile. Debrisoft® is available in a box containing 5 pieces.

Advising & further information

Your healthcare professional will advise you how often to use Debrisoft® and for how long.

If you are prescribed Debrisoft®, your healthcare professional may find the following ordering details helpful. Alternatively, please speak to your pharmacist to purchase Debrisoft®.

If you have any questions about your treatment, please contact your healthcare professional:

Name:

Contact details:

If you have any questions about Debrisoft®, please contact Activa Healthcare on 08450 606707

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If you would like to see Debrisoft® being used by a healthcare professional on patients with wounds and dry skin, please go to YouTube and search for Debrisoft® or visit www.activahealthcare.co.uk

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What is Debrisoft® for and why has it been recommended for use?

The healthcare professional looking after you has recommended Debrisoft® because you may have dry, scaly/flaky skin which needs to be removed. This may be due to hyperkeratosis (see Figure 1), which is a skin thickening associated with chronic oedema (swelling of the limbs), varicose eczema or actinic keratosis. Debrisoft® can also be used on wounds which may contain debris and dead cells. Debrisoft® is a rapid, highly effective, safe and easy method for removing this debris.

Wound debris and dead skin cells make an ideal breeding ground for bacteria, which can lead to infection. Debrisoft® can be used to remove this from the skin or a wound, to help the healing process. Because Debrisoft® is soft and gentle it will not harm healthy cells.

How do I use Debrisoft®?

Wash off any emollients, creams or ointments prior to using Debrisoft®.

Step 1
Open the Debrisoft® packet

Step 2
Fully moisten the soft fleecy side of Debrisoft® with tap water (or saline, if advised to do so), approximately 30ml should suffice, which is about 2 tablespoons. Shake off any excess water - DO NOT squeeze out!

Step 3
With gentle pressure, using long sweeping strokes on the skin (or a circular motion on a wound), cleanse the area with the soft, fleecy side of the moistened Debrisoft®

Step 4
Use a new piece of Debrisoft® for each separate area being treated - for example if you have dry skin or a wound on both legs. For larger areas, you may need more than one piece of Debrisoft® and your healthcare professional will advise you about this.

Dispose of the used Debrisoft® according to local policy (this may be your normal waste bin or clinical waste, just ask your healthcare professional).

Figure 1