

## Applying/Replacing Mepilex Ag Bandage for Burns

### What is Mepilex Ag?

Mepilex Ag is a silver-infused soft foam pad with a silicone layer used to cover burns. It easily shapes to your body and stays in place for up to 7 days. The foam pad absorbs drainage from the burn and releases silver to prevent infection. Mepilex Ag does not stick to the burn. It needs another bandage (ACE bandage, Coban, Spandage, Tubigrip) to keep it in place.

### Can anyone use Mepilex Ag?

Any patient who does *\*not\** have a sensitivity to silver can use Mepilex Ag. Additionally, Mepilex Ag cannot be used with some skin cleaning solutions like hypochlorite solutions or hydrogen peroxide.

### Do I need to change Mepilex Ag?

A Mepilex Ag bandage can stay in place up to 7 days. If there is a lot of drainage leaking from the bandage or it starts to fall off, the Mepilex Ag should be changed.

### How do patients change Mepilex Ag?

#### Materials:

- Mepilex Ag bandage
- Outer bandage (such as ACE bandage, Coban, Spandage, Tubigrip)

#### Process:

1. If pain medicine has been ordered, take it 30 minutes before changing the bandage.
2. Wash hands.
3. Remove the outer bandage.
4. Gently lift a corner of the Mepilex Ag bandage and peel it away from the burn until the bandage comes off.
5. In the shower or bathtub, wash the burn with a clean washcloth using a mild soap.
6. Pat it dry with gauze or a dry cloth.
7. Cut the Mepilex to size to cover the burn, peel off the backing, and put over the burn (sticky side down). For the best results, the bandage should overlap healthy skin.
8. Put a new outer bandage on to keep the Mepilex in place.