PRODUCTS AND SERVICES

NEW CALCIUM ALGINATE DRESSING

ConvaTec has introduced a new dressing and wound packing, Algoderm calcium alginate dressings and sterile wound packing (rope).

The manufacturers say that Algoderm is naturally hemostatic (1) claiming that the ion exchange with sodium ions in exudate provides a matrix that promotes clotting (2). It is also claimed that the dressing stops capillary bleeding in three to five minutes (3) and reduces pain during dressing changes due to gel formation (2).

Other advantages which the manufacturer claim for Algoderm are that it absorbs many times its own weight in exudate, thereby reducing dressing changes (1); that it conforms to the wound surface creating a moist wound environment (2); that it removes easily in one piece without damaging healthy new tissue (2); and that it can be used under occlusive dressings in order to minimize dressing leakage (3).

For further information, contact ConvaTec Canada at 1-800-465-6302, or by fax at (514) 744-8124.


DISTRIBUTOR FOR GOLD EYELID IMPLANTS

Labtician Ophthalmics, Inc, has announced that the company has been appointed the exclusive Canadian distributor for MedDev Gold Eyelid Implants, which are used in the surgical treatment of lagophthalmos.

These 99.99% pure gold implants are sutured to the surface of the lower septum, just beneath the orbicularis, with the lower edge about 4 mm above the lid margin. The latest implant design features a spherical curvature, rounded lower corners, and a tapered lower edge. Labtician claims that the implant is generally quite inconspicuous.

A complete range of sizes (six standard weights and six special order weights) is offered to provide the most appropriate gram weight required to achieve closure. The manufacturer also offers a silver sizing set used to determine the proper implant weight to be used in surgery.

For more information, contact Labtician Ophthalmics, Inc, Unit 6, 2140 Winston Park Drive, Oakville, Ontario L6H 5V5. Telephone (905) 829-0055 (outside of metropolitan Toronto, phone 1-800-265-8391)

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