

KerraPro Questions & Answers

Q: Where should KerraPro be used?

KerraPro is indicated for use on patients who are at risk of developing pressure damage on bony prominences or on areas where medical devices may cause damage to the skin due to pressure.

KerraPro should not be used as a wound dressing or directly on broken skin. The pad should be used on intact skin, on areas where damage is likely to occur or where a category I pressure ulcer is already present.

A category I pressure ulcer is intact skin with non-blanchable redness of a localized area usually over a bony prominence. Darkly pigmented skin may not have visible blanching; its colour may differ from the surrounding area. A category I pressure ulcer may result in the skin being painful, firm, soft, warmer or cooler when compared to the adjacent tissue (EPUAP Guidelines).

Q: Can KerraPro be used alongside other pressure relieving devices?

If KerraPro is being used alongside another pressure relieving device such as a cushion, closer monitoring of the site may be required as this may interfere with the properties of the pad causing friction, excessive moisture and could reduce the pressure relieving properties of the pad.

Q: Can I use creams and ointments underneath KerraPro?

Yes creams and ointments can be used underneath the pad however please ensure that they are fully absorbed by the skin before applying KerraPro.

Q: Can KerraPro be cut to size?

A: Yes KerraPro can be cut with scissors to fit around awkward areas and tailored to the patient.

Q: How should KerraPro be cleaned?

A: We recommend that KerraPro is cleaned by simply using soap and water. Moistened the pad with soap and then massage to remove dirt then rinse, dry thoroughly. The pads can be autoclaved in exceptional circumstances or washed with a dilute disinfectant. If a disinfectant is being used do not immerse the pad into the solution simply wipe the surface clean, rinse completely afterwards to avoid any irritation from the disinfectant. The skin area under KerraPro should also be washed at the same time.

Always ensure the pads and skin are fully dried before re-applying KerraPro.

Q: How often should I clean KerraPro?

A: KerraPro should be cleaned at least once a day. Please ensure you dry KerraPro thoroughly before putting it back in place. It is recommended that you also wash the skin underneath the pad to ensure that any moisture build up or contaminants are removed.

KerraPro may need to be cleaned and monitored more frequently when being used in warmer climates or on patients who are known to have excessive perspiration.

Q: Can I use the pad on more than one patient?

A: No – KerraPro can be washed and re-used on the same patient but not on different patients due to the risk of cross contamination.

Q: How long will KerraPro last?

A: This will vary as it is dependent on a number of factors:

- The frequency the pad is being used
- The tension and weight the pad is being exposed to
- The general wear of the product

KerraPro is made from silicone, a hard wearing material that can be reused again and again. Only reuse KerraPro while in its original condition. If any damage occurs or the pad loses its natural ‘tack’, please replace with a new KerraPro.

Q: What is the best way to secure KerraPro?

A: KerraPro has a natural tack which helps the adherence of the pad to the skin. If additional securing is required the following methods can be used:

- Patients underwear or sock
- Tubular bandage
- Bandage
- Tape
- Underneath other medical devices e.g. oxygen mask ensuring airways not compromised

Q: What is KerraPro made out of?

A: KerraPro is made from 100% silicone.

Q: Can I use KerraPro on top of a dressing to relieve pressure from the wound?

A: KerraPro is indicated for use on intact skin and should only be applied directly onto unbroken skin.