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Re: Burn Dressings and Burn Wraps in our Emergency Department

To Emergency Nurses,

We began using Water-Jel Burn Dressings in our Emergency Department in May 2009. We have found them to be very useful for pain management and the initial cooling of burn injuries to stop the burning process.

We recently had a patient who had spilled boiling hot water on her back after tipping a pot when she stood up in front of the stove. She drove herself to the hospital in intense pain. We immediately used a Water-Jel Burn Wrap – rather than laying it on top of her back, we had her lie down onto the burn wrap. We noticed the patient immediately felt a tremendous sense of relief. The Burn Wrap had instantly cooled the burn and helped stop the burning process. We also found it did a better job of pain relief than the narcotics we used.

And there was no measurable drop in body temperature. The patient was transferred to the Washington Hospital Center Burn Unit.

In another case, a patient arrived with a severe burn to the thigh and groin from spilled hot grease. We applied two large Water-Jel Burn Dressings and the patient stated that it felt very good “like heaven”. The patient was transferred to the Washington Hospital Center Burn Unit.

In both of these cases (and several others) we found the Water-Jel dressings and blankets easy to use and very effective in relieving pain and stopping the burning process. The products come with the gel already in the pouch and they are very soothing. We also find that the gel rinses off easily – it’s not greasy at all.

In the past, we used saline soaked dressings which provide much less pain relief and are more difficult to manage.

We plan on continuing to have Water-Jel burn care products available in our Emergency Department - they provide a much better solution to effectively handling serious burn injuries.

Sincerely,

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