

Aquacel AG

Call your child's regular doctor or PAWS (314.454.7297) if your child has:

- Redness or a rash around the wound.
- Warmth around the wound.
- A temperature of 104° F (40.0°C) at any age.
- A temperature of 100.3° F (38.0°C) and your child is less than 3 months old.

Aquacel AG is a dressing that is put on burns and other wounds to help them heal. This dressing has silver in it which helps fight infection. Aquacel AG looks like cotton and starts to work when it is wet by wound drainage. The Aquacel AG is put directly on or into the wound. It is then covered by a dry dressing. Aquacel AG will turn the color of the wound drainage. This is **not** a sign of infection.

The Aquacel AG may be ordered to stay on until the burn or wound is completely healed. It will begin to peel off the wound when the skin underneath is healed. It will eventually fall off completely.

Your doctor may want the Aquacel AG to be changed every several days. If you are told to change the Aquacel AG dressing at home, you will follow the steps listed below.

How to Change the Aquacel AG Dressing:

1. Wash your hands with soap and water.
2. Take off the old dressing. The Aquacel AG will look like slime when it comes out.
3. Clean the wound with water. You may pour water over the wound or your child may shower or bathe with the dressing off.
4. Place a new piece of Aquacel AG into the wound using a sterile Q-tip.
5. Cover the wound with a dry bandage.
6. Wash your hands again with soap and water.

For General Health Information and Resources:

Call or visit the [Family Resource Center](#), a health information library on the 3rd floor of the hospital. Call 314.454.2350, email at frc@bjc.org, or check out the FREE [St. Louis Children's Hospital Kid Care App](#).

