

**Call your child's regular doctor or PAWS at 314-454-7297 if:**

- There is redness or a rash around the wound.
- There is warmth around the wound.
- Your child is under 3 months with a temperature over 100.3°F (38.0°C).
- Your child has a temperature over 104°F (40°C) at any age.

**Mepilex 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. Mepilex AG is a gray foam dressing with three layers: a waterproof top layer, absorbing middle layer, and a silicone bottom layer that helps heal wounds. The silicone bottom layer adheres to the burn/wound, but does not stick when trying to remove it.

Mepilex AG should be placed directly on the burn or wound. It is held in place by either medical tape or an ace wrap bandage. Mepilex AG may stay on the burn or wound for several days.

Your doctor will decide how often the dressing needs to be changed. If you are instructed to change the Mepilex AG dressing at home, you will follow the steps listed below.

## **How to Change the Mepilex AG Dressing:**

1. Wash your hands with soap and water.
2. Take off the old dressing.
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. Pat the wound dry with a clean towel.
5. Remove the plastic backing of the new dressing.
6. Place a new piece of Mepilex AG onto the wound. The sticky side should be to the wound. It is important to have about 1 to 2 inches of the dressing on the non-burned skin surrounding the wound. This allows the dressing to stay in place better.
7. Apply tape or an ace wrap bandage over the dressing to keep it in place.
8. Wash your hands again with soap and water.