

Supporting Healing with **Affinity**®

Understanding Your Wound Care Treatment



Organogenesis
Affinity®
Fresh Amniotic Membrane

What is Affinity®?

Affinity is the only **fresh** amniotic membrane wound covering. Amniotic membranes are derived from the placental tissue that is donated after the birth of a baby and they are rich in **natural components**. Amniotic membrane products are processed under strict safety regulations and have been trusted by doctors for decades to protect wounds while they heal.

Unlike other amniotic membrane products, Affinity is preserved using a unique process that enables it to retain **living cells** and other key components of the membrane that support wound healing while remaining safe.

Why Your Doctor Chose Affinity for Your Care

Your health care professional likely selected Affinity because your wound is having trouble healing and needs additional support. Affinity, as a wound covering, is one of the most advanced products available to support an optimal environment for healing.

Affinity is intended for use as a wound covering.

While there are several amniotic membranes available for use on wounds like yours, Affinity is the only one that is never dried or frozen. Affinity is *fresh*—it contains living cells and is closest to native tissue.

In a clinical trial, Affinity was proven to support healing, reduce wound size, and improve the time it takes for wounds to close when used as a protective covering in patients with stubborn diabetic foot ulcers.

What type of wounds can be managed with Affinity?

Affinity can be used as a **protective barrier** for many different types of chronic and acute wounds. A chronic wound is any wound that has been present for a long time and is not healing as it should. Acute wounds may be the result of a recent injury or surgery.

Common wound types managed with Affinity include:

- Diabetic foot ulcers
- Trauma wounds
- Venous leg ulcers
- Surgical wounds
- Pressure ulcers

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What to Expect From Your Treatment

Wounds, just like the people who suffer from them, are all different. Your wound may take some time to close, so try to be patient during the healing process.

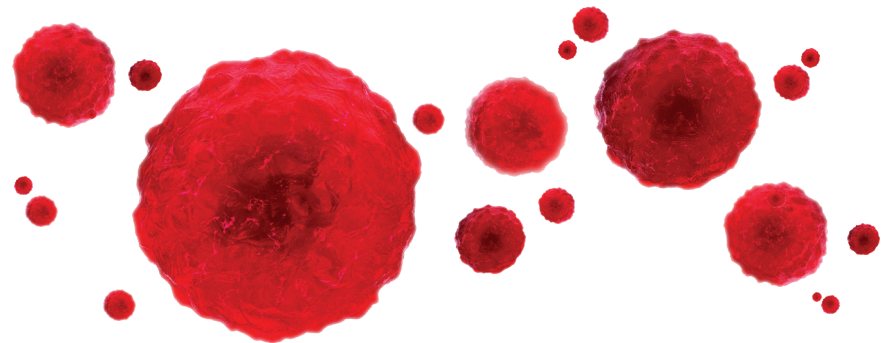
To help ensure a successful closure of your wound, be sure to do your part and follow your health care professional's instructions carefully.



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How many Affinity applications can I expect?

- More than one application of Affinity may be necessary depending on the wound type, size, and how long you have had your wound. **Follow-up appointments are very important to the healing process and should not be missed.**
- Your health care professional may apply secondary dressings (e.g., gauze, bandages, tape) on top of Affinity. These dressings typically need to be changed once a week by a doctor or nurse, depending on your wound type.
- Ask your health care professional about what you should expect during the treatment of your specific wound and any further instructions they may have. Following these instructions is essential to successful wound healing.



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Your Role in Your Care

Your health care provider oversees the course of your treatment, but what you do between visits is just as important to successful wound healing. You will receive specific directions from your doctor for your at-home care, which may include:



Do not disturb or remove any secondary dressings unless instructed by your health care provider.



Refrain from using creams or lotions near the wound and dressings.



Keep the wound dry and cover the area when bathing as instructed by your health care provider.



If you have a wound on your lower leg or foot, your doctor may instruct you to practice "offloading", which means to keep weight off the injured limb. This can be achieved through elevating the leg and/or use of devices such as crutches.



Use compression aids (e.g., wraps, boots) as directed by your health care provider.

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Monitor the visible area around your wound for tenderness, redness, pain, heat, or swelling as these may be signs of infection. Also monitor any rise in temperature/fever. **Call your doctor immediately if you see any of these signs.**

In addition to proper care of your wound, managing your overall health is key to helping your wound heal. Be sure to eat healthy foods and follow any special dietary requirements that you may have. Your health care provider will advise you how to manage any health issues that may delay your healing such as the importance of monitoring your blood sugar if you are diabetic.

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When You Should Call Your Health Care Provider

Call immediately if:

- Your wound covering becomes wet or loose—either Affinity® or secondary dressings.
- You experience increased pain at the wound site.
- You see signs of infection such as tenderness, redness, heat, swelling, or fever.

How to Contact Your Healing Team

Doctor: _____

Phone: _____

Nurse: _____

Phone: _____

Other: _____

Phone: _____

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Notes to Remember

Use this space to note any important reminders such as instructions regarding secondary dressings or your role in the healing process. You can also use this area for noting things you'd like to discuss at a follow-up appointment.

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Your Upcoming Appointments

For optimal wound healing, it is critical that you attend all follow-up appointments. Make sure to plan ahead and ask for help with transportation, if needed. If you must cancel an appointment, be sure to reschedule as soon as possible to keep your wound healing on track.

Date: _____

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