



Animal health newsletter

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Essity Animal Health team have a **new member!**



Cheyenne is a Registered Veterinary Nurse with clinical Interests in emergency and critical care, wound management, and nurse clinics. She has a Bachelor of Arts in International Relations, Chinese and Spanish, also being trilingual in these languages. Originally from Washington D.C., she has spent a large amount of time travelling and studying around the world, before settling down in the UK. She has experience in marketing, business development and strategic partnerships, with a keen interest in conferences, sponsorship sales and team building.

In her personal time, she has volunteered as a Community Firefighter, a Vet Nurse at Animals in Need Charity, and built homes in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina for Habitat for Humanity. Her interests outside of work include travelling, gardening, puzzles, baking bread and making a classic NY style pizza!

Cheyenne is our Inside Sales Specialist and will be on hand to deliver education and provide support on the Leukomed and Cutimed advanced wound care ranges available at Essity.

Roadshow Success:

Face-to-face advanced wound care workshops

Emily Ashdown, Registered Veterinary Nurse at **Pioneer** and Amanda Curtis, Registered Veterinary Nurse here at **Essity** just completed a series of five face-to-face advanced wound care practical workshops.

Feedback from our workshops

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The wound workshop was extremely informative and engaging...My favourite part of the course was the practical on tie over dressings...I would definitely recommend this course to anyone who is interested!

Molly, Referral Theatre Nurse

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The team at Essity were extremely knowledgeable and provided an insightful, interesting and up to date CPD day..allowed us to mould the day and take away new skills applicable to the varied role of the veterinary nurse. Specifically...being able to tie over dressings and learn about when and how best to use them is a skill I've already been able to apply to a patient...

Tara, Hospital Nursing Manager

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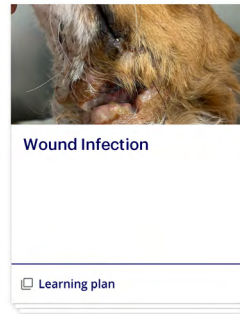
For upcoming courses, webinars and educational support please contact:
animalhealthcare@essity.com

New Webcasts available now!



Wound Bed Preparation for Small Animals

Bitesize learning session. Provides an understanding in the importance of wound bed preparation and how the TIMES framework can be used to assist assessments.



Wound Infection

Bitesize learning session. Explore the preventative and treatment options for wound infection.

Product Focus - Leukomed® Control:

Leukomed® Control is a sterile dressing for dry and low-exuding acute wounds including surgical wounds, skin donor sites, lacerations and abrasions. Ideal for post-operative care



Transparent for easy inspection

Being fully transparent for easy wound monitoring, making it well suited for post-operative care



Highly flexible

This wound dressing is highly flexible and conforms well to contoured body parts and joints; while providing reliable adhesion during movement and wear



Up to 14 day wear time

Can be worn for up to 14 days depending on the wound condition



Bacteria and virus proof

Leukomed® Control protects the wound against bacteria and viruses to help reduce the risk of wound complications

Explore more **'Animal Healthcare'** learning plans such as **'Understanding biofilm/wound infection'**, **'Exudate Management'** and **'Post-operative wound management'** on our [PATH education platform](#).



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for Healthcare Professionals

Case study report - Leukomed® Control:

Effectiveness of Leukomed® Control used post-operatively following cruciate repair

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Introduction

Two female dogs aged five and seven, both neutered, underwent a cruciate repair right hind. The dressing was applied to cover the incision wound for protection.

Methods

The dressing was not applied until approximately 30 minutes after the operation was completed and the patient was back in recovery in each case. Due to previous issues with dressings not sticking to the skin and covering the wound we did not apply until the skin was completely dry, so there was a lag period of approximately 30 minutes before dressing the operative site.

The dogs had very fine hair that once clipped left almost bare skin. The skin was surgically prepped as normal for orthopaedic surgery, and cleansed post-operatively with Prontosan™ and Hartmanns™ solution then padded dry with sterile towels.

Results:

When Leukomed® Control was applied it stuck easily to the skin, felt soft and instantly conformed to the operation site. It was easy to apply and to remove the backing film cover to release it onto the skin.

The dressing covered the wound fully and stayed semi clear so observation of the wound was possible without removing the dressing. In previous applications of non-woven post-operative dressings, they would start to lift and peel away, not staying in place. Leukomed® Control stayed in place securely for four days and the wound was observed through the dressing at day one post-operatively. At this point, the assessment indicated that the dressing could be left in place until day four.

The dressing was removed easily with limited 'skin pull'. The skin was slightly red where the adhesive had been in contact with the skin, but once the dressing was off the redness was short lived and faded to normal inside 15 minutes post dressing removal.

The dogs showed no sign of discomfort on dressing removal, although Leukomed® Control was moistened with water at any sensitive areas, to aid removal and reduce discomfort. This worked very well. Post-operative dressings used in the past has been difficult to remove causing pain for the patient. Leukomed® Control was removed with ease and little discomfort for the patients.

The dressing conformed over the cruciate site well covering the entire wound and surrounding skin. It appeared to allow movement freely and the dogs were comfortable at all times. You can see the wound progress through the dressing, without removing the dressing, keeping the wound protected, minimising any pain caused by routine dressing changes, and preventing external contaminants entering the wound.

The dressing was in situ for four days, no odour or leakage was observed. The wound appeared to be healing in a timely manner with no signs of infection or complications evident.

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Conclusion

In this case Leukomed® Control outperformed expectations. "I liked the fact the dressing had antibacterial / viral properties to protect the wound over a longer period. It conformed very well and gently mimicked the skins action without causing redness or soreness from the adhesive edge."

"I would recommend the dressing for post-operative cruciate surgery having found it easy and effective to use. It locked away any exudate and maintained a moist wound healing environment giving the wound protection throughout the initial, vulnerable period of healing."



Day 0 - Post-op



Day 4 - Post-op check



Day 4 - Dressing removed



Blankets and beyond

We're proud to support Blankets for Baby Rhinos, a conservation group supporting wildlife orphanages and anti-poaching units. Find out more about them at:

www.blanketsforbabyrhinos.org

