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Catrix Powder for Dressings
Plastic Surgery
Patient Information Leaflet
What is Catrix and how does it work?

Catrix enhances wound healing in secondary wounds like pressure sores and chronic ulcers. It is a specially processed bovine tracheal cartilage available in powder and ointment form. The mechanism by which it accelerates wound healing is not completely understood. Catrix contains mucopolysaccharides, collagen and growth factors. It enhances the skin’s own healing process by promoting its growth. Catrix is recommended for treatment of pressure sores, venous ulcers, diabetic ulcers, second degree burns, post radiation dermatitis and wounds that have not responded to conventional treatments.

How will the Catrix be applied and how often?

Catrix powder will be sprinkled onto the cleansed wound and the area covered with a non-adherent absorbent dressing. Depending on the pain and discomfort during cleansing, sedation or anaesthetic may be required. It can be applied daily depending on the condition of the wound. Usually it varies from two to three times per week.

How long will the treatment continue?

Treatment will be offered until the wound is healed provided there is an response within two weeks. However if there is no discernable response within two weeks, the wound will be re-evaluated to assess the possible reason for non-response and if there is no improvement after six weeks, the treatment will be stopped.

What about other treatments?

No other treatments need to be withheld.

Are there any side effects?

There are no known side effects in the short term but there is a small risk of allergic reaction to bovine protein. Long term side effects are unknown.

Exclusion criteria

Patients with a known history of allergy to bovine protein will be excluded.

Patient choice. For further information please contact: 01384 244545.