



# POSTOPERATIVE COLLAGEN DRESSING PROGRAM

## CERVICAL/LUMBAR SPINE



Your physician has chosen a collagen dressing to maximize your wound healing after surgery. Post-operatively, collagen dressings are used to promote healing by protecting surgical wounds, supporting tissue regeneration, providing an infection barrier, and improving cosmetic scar appearance.



**Spine Application  
Video**

## HOW TO USE THE DRESSINGS

*FOLLOW YOUR PHYSICIAN'S POST-OPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS ON WHEN TO START COLLAGEN DRESSINGS. SOME PROCEDURES MAY REQUIRE COLLAGEN APPLICATION ON MULTIPLE INCISIONS.*

### APPLY THE COLLAGEN DRESSING:

1. Wash your hands and apply gloves, if available.
2. Utilizing clean scissors, cut the provided collagen sheet to size to cover the incision.
3. Remove prior dressing/wound vac entirely. Keep any steri-strip dressings attached to the incision.
4. Pat the wound to remove excess fluids/water. Inspect for infection.
5. Lightly mist incision with wound cleanser. Do NOT over saturate the incision.
6. Lay the cut piece of collagen directly on the incision. Either side of the collagen can be used.

### APPLY THE SECONDARY DRESSING:

1. Make sure the skin is dry around the collagen dressing.
2. Cover and seal the collagen dressing with the secondary dressing; making sure to press the edges down to secure the construct. There should not be any gapping or wrinkles.
3. Repeat this process daily for 15 days or until supply is depleted.
4. If utilizing collagen on the day of a post-op appointment, do not change your dressing that day, but bring your supplies with you to the appointment. New dressing will be applied during this appointment.
5. If dressing becomes saturated or you have concern about your incision, contact OAW Nursing Triage at **(262) 303-5055 EXT. 3003**.

## INSURANCE & PATIENT RESPONSIBILITY

Use of collagen dressings requires authorization from your insurance. Our team at OAW will run benefits prior to surgery. You will receive a call approximately 3 weeks prior to surgery to discuss your coverage and cost. These are alternative dressings and are not mandatory. If you wish to proceed with the collagen dressings, a package will be delivered to your house following your surgery.

Questions: Call our Bracing & Medical Equipment Department at (262) 303-5052