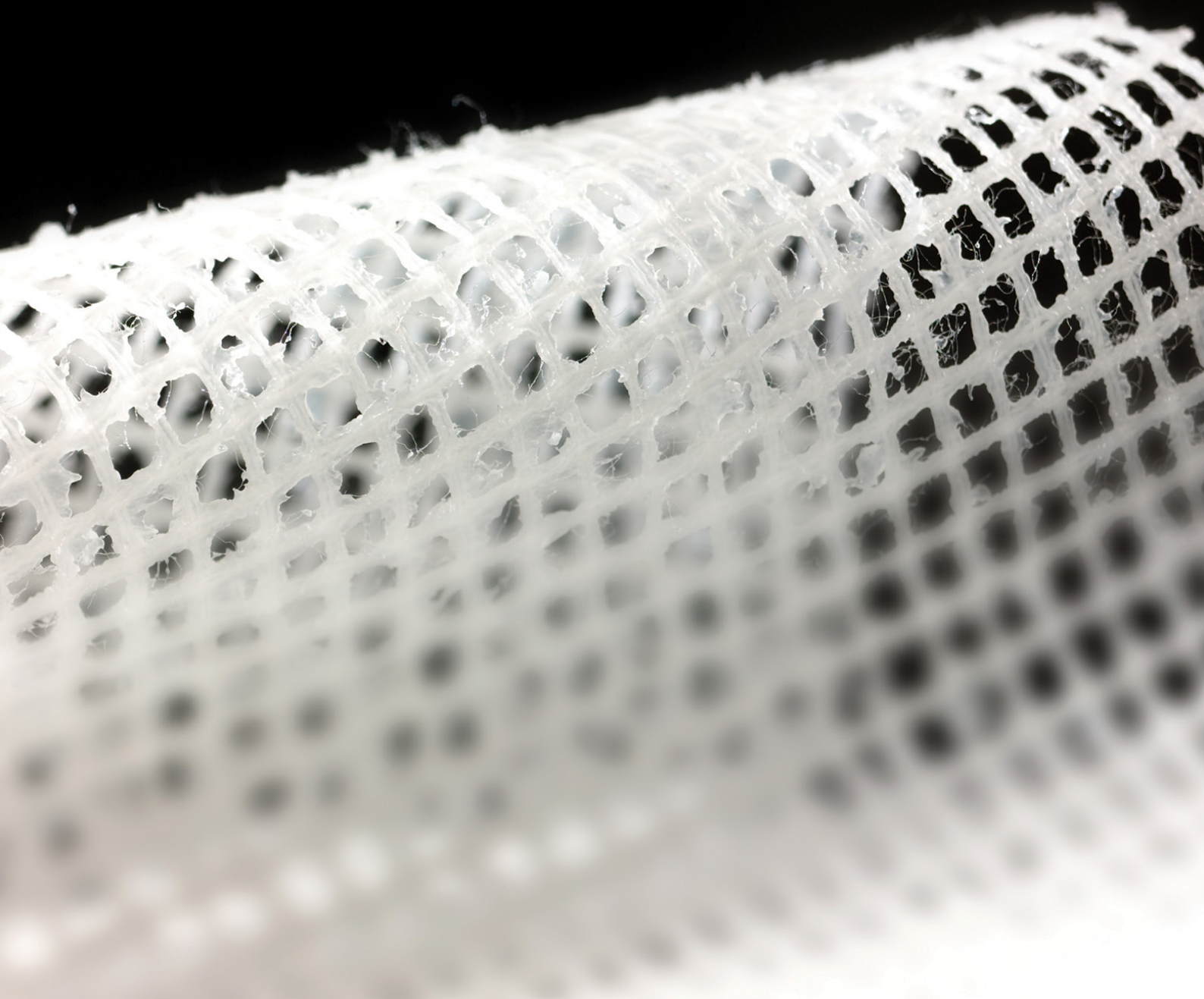


# Low cost and effective against MRSA in-vitro<sup>1</sup>



# BACTIGRAS<sup>◊</sup> Low cost and effective against MRSA in-vitro<sup>1</sup>

BACTIGRAS is made from an open weave gauze impregnated with soft paraffin containing 0.5% chlorhexidine acetate BP.

BACTIGRAS is presented sterile and interleaved for easy aseptic application. Chlorhexidine is a proven antiseptic active against a wide range of Gram-positive and some Gram-negative organisms, including MRSA<sup>2</sup>. No cross resistance has been demonstrated with the dressing<sup>3</sup> in use and sensitisation is extremely rare.

BACTIGRAS is indicated for use as a low adherent wound contact layer on wounds which are, or may become, infected. For already infected wounds, BACTIGRAS can be used in conjunction with systemic antibacterial agents.

Dressings are available in a wide range of convenient sizes which can be easily cut to shape with the interleave in place.

BACTIGRAS is a low-adherent dressing that allows easy drainage of the wound.

## Indications

BACTIGRAS can be used on wounds with an area of up to 10% of the body surface. The range of wounds on which BACTIGRAS may be used include:

- Minor burns and scalds
- Lacerations, abrasions and other skin loss wounds
- Donor and recipient graft sites
- Leg ulcers

## Contra-indications

BACTIGRAS dressings should not be used in known cases of sensitivity or allergy to chlorhexidine.

## Presentation

Each BACTIGRAS dressing (including the roll) is wrapped in an individual foil pouch, sterilised by gamma radiation.

## Precautions

BACTIGRAS should not be used on more than 10% of the body area.

Dermatitis, contact sensitivity or photosensitivity may rarely occur.

Anaphylactic reaction to chlorhexidine has been reported<sup>4</sup>, but this is rare.

Avoid contact with eyes, the middle ear, meninges and brain.

BACTIGRAS is incompatible with soaps, other anionic materials, as well as potassium iodide.

The use of BACTIGRAS with oxidising wound cleaning agents should be avoided

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## Ordering information

Code	Product description	Items per unit
7456	5cm x 5cm	Box/50
66003650	10cm x 10cm	Box/50*
7457	10cm x 10cm	Box/10
7461	15cm x 20cm	Box/10*
66003661	10cm x 40cm	Box/10*
66007505	15cm x 1m	Roll/1

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Please consult product labels and inserts for any indications, contraindications, hazards, warnings, cautions and instructions for use.

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