

How Larval Debridement Therapy can help with wound care challenges





Rapid debridement

By removing dead and devitalised tissue from the wound bed rapidly¹, larvae can assist in progressing wounds towards healing². This can benefit diagnosis, reduce nursing hours and have a positive impact on patient quality of life.





Debridement of a dehisced surgical wound following one application of bagged larvae.

Selective debridement

The secretions excreted by larvae only impact on dead tissue leaving any healthy tissue underneath undamaged. This ensures that there will be no trauma to the wound bed and makes larvae ideal for use around microstructures^{2,3}.



Selective debridement of a leg ulcer following one application of bagged larvae.

Can be used in all treatment settings

Larvae are suitable to be used in both community and hospital settings.





Debridement of a pressure ulcer following one application of bagged larvae which was applied by the podiatry outpatient clinic and managed daily by the district nursing team.

Suitable for fragile patients

Larvae are suitable to be used on a wide range of patients, including those considered too fragile for surgery.



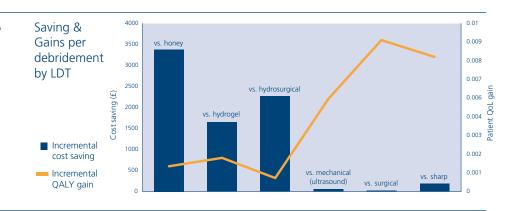
Debridement of a burn on a patient who was deemed unsutable for surgery. Two applications of bagged larvae were required.

Clinically cost effective

The work by the Swansea Centre for Health Economics into the Clinical Efficacy and Cost-effectiveness of Larval Therapy in Wound Debridement has demonstrated that based on the available evidence LDT is shown to be less costly and more effective than the other debridement methods tested¹⁰.



Larval therapy dressings come in a range of sizes and packs and are very simple to apply; they are also supplied with step-bystep pictorial instructions. This ensures that specialist clinicians are not required to be present during application and removal.



Exudate freely passes to outer absorbent dressings

Finely woven net pouch allows free passage of larval secretions

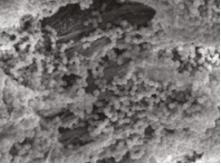
The pores of the bag allow contact to the wound bed by the larvae

The heat sealed bag keeps the larvae contained for the duration of the treatment

Spacer piece allows free movement of the larvae within the bag

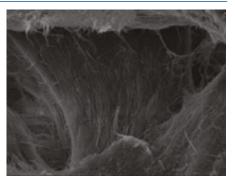
Antimicrobial and biofilm disrupting properties in vitro

A high bacterial burden and the presence of biofilms can have a detrimental effect on wound healing and patient quality of life. By reducing levels of bacteria^{4,5,6} and disrupting biofilms^{7,8,9} it is likely that a wound will progress quicker, odour levels will reduce, exudate levels are likely to be normalised and less tissue will become devitalised.



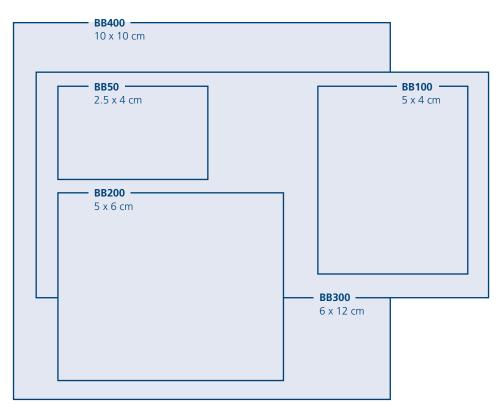
Staph. aureus biofilm grown for 3 days on pig skin explant.

The larvae will grow from around 3mm up to 10-12mm during treatment



After 24 hours of treatment with larvae.

Size Guide



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