

# AMNIOEXCEL<sup>®</sup>

## Care Instructions

**Giving New Life to  
Complex Wounds**

- **DO NOT REMOVE the outer DRESSING** unless instructed to do so by your healthcare provider.
- Return to the clinic weekly or as instructed by your healthcare provider for dressing changes.
- Keep your dressing dry; if it gets wet, please notify your healthcare provider's office immediately.

### **If your wound is on the bottom of your foot:**

Follow all instructions for off-loading\* or removing weight from your foot (preferably a Total Contact Cast)

### **If your wound is on your leg:**

- Wear a compression bandage as recommended by your healthcare provider
- Elevate as much as possible

***Always follow the instructions of your healthcare provider and contact them immediately if you have any concerns.***

### **Additional Clinician Notes:**

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\*For questions on off-loading you can go to [www.healyourulcer.com](http://www.healyourulcer.com) for more information



**Ask your doctor how  
AMNIOEXCEL<sup>®</sup>  
can help you.**



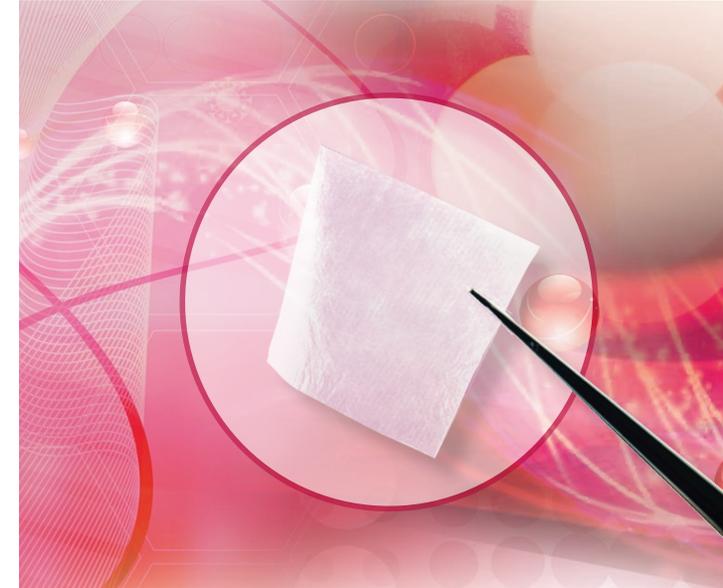
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**PATIENT INFORMATION GUIDE**





## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT AMNIOEXCEL®

### **What is AMNIOEXCEL®?**

AMNIOEXCEL® is an allograft, which is tissue that is transplanted from one person to another. Physicians use allografts in many ways and they have been used for decades to improve the lives of millions of patients. AMNIOEXCEL® is composed of tissue that is retrieved from the amniotic sac of women who have chosen to donate this tissue after childbirth, which might otherwise have been discarded.

### **What is human amniotic membrane?**

The amniotic membrane is the innermost layer of the placenta. It lines the amniotic cavity which provides a protective environment for a developing embryo. It is a rich source of essential elements that can contribute to the natural reparative process of the human body.

### **Why has my doctor recommended it?**

Human amniotic membrane allografts have been used for many decades in surgical procedures and more recently in the management of complex wounds. Because of its natural properties, amniotic membranes are used to cover wounds and help provide an environment to repair and replace wound tissue.

### **Is it safe?**

**Yes.** Over the years, processes have been developed that allow allograft tissues to be sterilized without significantly altering the natural properties that make them so beneficial. AMNIOEXCEL® is processed through a patent-pending technology called DRYFlex®, which maintains its structure and properties but sterilizes the tissue to a level similar to any other sterile products used in the operating room.

### **How often will it be applied?**

AMNIOEXCEL® is typically applied every week or two, at the discretion of your physician. At each dressing change, your physician will evaluate how well your wound is progressing and may decide to apply another piece of AMNIOEXCEL®. Your physician will decide when you can stop using AMNIOEXCEL®.

### **What happens when it is applied?**

The AMNIOEXCEL® membrane quickly integrates into the wound bed. It helps form a protective covering that enables the wound to close. A wound dressing should be applied over the AMNIOEXCEL® membrane and this dressing should not be removed, unless indicated by your clinician (see other side for care instructions).