Mepilex Ag dressing is used on burn wounds to help with healing and prevent infection. This dressing will be in place for about 7 to 10 days.

**Caring for your Mepilex Ag dressing**

- The Mepilex Ag (gray sponge) should be left in place until it is removed by your health care provider in 7 to 10 days.
- The outer gauze dressing and ace wrap may be changed daily if desired.
- Do not get your Mepilex Ag wet. If it becomes too wet, it may not stick and will need to be replaced.
- You may shower if you can cover your dressing(s) with plastic bags or plastic wrap. Securely close with tape to keep your dressings dry.
- Your Mepilex Ag may get darker in color and become hard as it soaks up drainage from your wound. This is normal.
- Your Mepilex Ag may begin to have an odor, especially towards the end of the 7 to 10 day period. This is expected. If there is a large amount of drainage or odor, or the Mepilex Ag is not sticking, please call the Burn Clinic.

Please call the Burn Clinic at 614-293-BURN (2876) if you have any questions or concerns.

**Stop using Mepilex Ag if**

- Your wounds have healed. Moisturizing cream or other lotion should be used on the healed skin.
- You have a known sensitivity to silver.

**Precautions**

- Mepilex Ag may discolor the skin around the area to look gray for a time.
- If you need to have an MRI (magnetic resonance imaging) or an x-ray, be sure to remove the Mepilex Ag dressing from your wound before the test.