APPLICATION

Prep well beyond entire dressing site according to facility protocol to ensure dressing adherence. Allow prep to dry completely. This usually takes less than one minute. Note: If the prep doesn’t dry completely, the integrity and security of the dressing may be compromised. A skin protectant may be used according to preference or protocol. Allow skin protectant to dry completely.

Optional: For pediatric patients below full term and neonates up to 2 months of age, a skin protectant is suggested.

Note: Liner has a label attached that can be used later to record information. Remove larger liner without touching adhesive (set aside liner). Place dressing so the insertion site is viewable in window (Figure A). Adhere dressing to skin.

Remove remaining liner and guide the tubing out through notch. Either overlap or pinch the edges of the notch together to form a seal (Figure B1). Notch edges should be touching or overlapping (Figure B). From center outward, firmly smooth down entire dressing to ensure all edges are adhered well.

Without removing the liner, firmly and snugly slip closure piece under tubing and over edge of dressing (Figure C). Remove the liner one side at a time and smooth down to adhere.

Record information on label, remove from liner and position label on the edge of the dressing.

REMOVAL

Optional: A tape strip may be used to secure catheter tubing during removal (Figure D).

Locate v-notch on outer edge of closure piece (Figure D) and pull apart in opposite directions to break center perforations (Figure E).

Holding the catheter in place, gently peel back closure piece and dressing together as one. Peel back slowly, keeping dressing close to the skin, following catheter toward insertion site (Figure F).

Optional: Use an alcohol prep pad underneath dressing while peeling back to help deactivate the adhesive.