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Q&A

External Faecal Catheter

Are you experiencing any challenges when handling Furines External Faecal Catheter?

This brochure addresses the typical challenges that may arise, when handling Furines External Faecal Catheter.

1. I have experienced leakage after application of the catheter.

Was the skin intact and dry before application of the catheter?

If the skin is macerated it will tend to become moist, making it difficult for adhesive to have a proper grip to the skin.

Solution: To ensure a good grip of Furines **External Faecal Catheter** to the skin the skin ought to be dry, unbroken and intact.

Had other adhesive products (for example a faecal collection bag) been used on the skin before application of Furines External Faecal Catheter?

Many other adhesive products when taken off the skin remove some of the outer layer of skin cells. This causes the skin to become moister and makes it more difficult for adhesives to gain a good grip in the skin.

Solution: To ensure a good grip of Furines **External Faecal Catheter** to the skin other adhesives (for example a faecal collection bag) should not be applied to the skin prior to using Furines **External Faecal Catheter**.

Was the skin prepared using a Medical Sin Wipe before application of Furines External Faecal Catheter?

The skin has a natural content of oil which keeps the skin soft and flexible. Some cleansing agents and soaps which are used to wash the patients' skin also contain oil to moisten the skin.

Solution: To ensure a good grip of Furines **External Faecal Catheter** to the skin all excess oil or fat should be removed from the skin. This is best done by cleansing the skin with Furines **Medical Skin Wipe** before application of the catheter.

Was the Adhesive Barrier Film allowed time to dry before application of Furines External Faecal Catheter?

Adhesive Barrier Film contains a solvent that allows the **Adhesive Barrier Film** to remain liquid. This solvent needs to evaporate before application of the soft flange of the catheter. If the **Adhesive Barrier Film** is moist when the flange is applied the adhesive bond to the skin will be reduced.

Solution: To ensure a good grip of Furines **External Faecal Catheter** to the skin it is important to allow the Adhesive Barrier film time to dry before application of the soft flange of the catheter. This takes approximately 30-60 seconds.

Was the catheter pressed firmly to the skin in the whole circumference of the flange?

When the catheter is applied to the skin the adhesive bond is strengthened by the pressure that is applied to it when the flange first meets the **Adhesive Barrier Film**.
When pressing the flange firmly to the skin in the whole circumference of the flange using two fingers before and after removal of the blue applicator the adhesive bond to the skin is enhanced.

Solution: To ensure a good grip of Furines **External Faecal Catheter** to the skin it is important to press the whole circumference of the flange firmly to the skin.

Were other skin barriers applied to the perianal skin before application of Furines External Faecal Catheter?

If other skin barriers have been applied to the skin before application of the **Adhesive Barrier Film,** the adhesive bond of the catheter to the skin is compromised.

Solution: To ensure a good grip of Furines **External Faecal Catheter** to the skin it should always be applied directly to the patient's skin and not on any other skin barriers that are not a part of the Furine product.

Was the Adhesive Barrier Film applied in an appropriate width in order to receive the soft flange of the catheter?

The strong bond of Furines **External Faecal Catheter** happens when the soft flange of the catheter and the **Adhesive Barrier Film** meet and are pressed firmly together. If the soft flange does not meet Adhesive Barrier Film in the whole of its surface, but is placed directly on the skin, the adhesive bond in that area, is weakened.

Solution: To ensure a good grip of Furines **External Faecal Catheter** to the skin the **Adhesive Barrier Film** must be applied to the perianal skin in an appropriate width to ensure full contact with the whole surface of the soft flange.

Was the tube of the catheter twisted or kinked?

If the tube of the catheter becomes blocked while in use the flow of faeces through the tube is hindered. This can cause pressure to build up towards the perianal skin and cause the flange to loosen its grip on the skin and begin to leak.

Solution: To ensure a good grip of Furines **External Faecal Catheter** to the skin it is important after application of the catheter and when positioning the patient to make sure that the tube of the catheter is not twisted, kinked or otherwise blocked.

If the situation occurs and a leakage is found, it is at times possible to mend the leakage by applying extra **Adhesive Barrier Film** in the leakage.

2. The catheter became clogged during use.

Is the faeces liquid?

Furines External Faecal Catheter is developed to collect liquid stool for persons with a type 6 or 7 on the Bristol Stool Scale. If the faecal matter is too viscous or has become lumpy it will not flow as easily, and the catheter may become clogged.

Solution: If the tube is a little clogged the faeces can be gently pushed into the collection bag by squeezing the tube while at the same time keeping the flange of the catheter securely in place with the other hand.

If the faecal matter has become so viscous that it no longer is able to pass through the tube there is no longer indication for using the catheter and it should be removed.

3. I found it difficult to handle the catheter during application.

Did you use the blue applicator when positioning the catheter on the perianal skin?

Furines **External Faecal Catheter** is pre-positioned on an applicator to make application of the catheter easier for the care giver.
When the catheter is applied it is kept firm and stable when held in the applicator while at the same time having a grip on the two wings of the catheter with two fingers.
The applicator also makes it easier to press the catheter firmly into place in perineum and crena ani which can often be the most difficult places to get at tight seal.

Solution: To ease handling of Furines **External Faecal Catheter** the applicator is used to keep the catheter firm and stable during application.

4. I found it difficult to remove Furines External Faecal Catheter after ended use.

Did you use Furines Medical Skin Wipe to dissolve the adhesive when removing the catheter from the patient's skin?

The unique adhesive grip of Furines **External Faecal Catheter** is based on a new two-component adhesive technology. The **Adhesive Barrier Film** is applied to the skin while in liquid form and therefore seeps into all the crevices and folds of the skin enabling full contact of the catheter to the skin.
If **Medical Skin Wipes** are not used to dissolve the adhesive when removing the catheter, it can be difficult to properly remove the catheter and there is a risk of damaging the patient's skin.
When the adhesive of the catheter is dissolved with **Medical Skin Wipes** the catheter can be removed in a gentle and painless way without damaging the patient's skin.

Solution: When removing Furines **External Faecal Catheter** from the patient's skin the adhesive should be dissolved using **Medical Skin Wipes** in order to achieve a gentle and painless experience for the patient. This is best done by carefully pulling in one of the catheter's wings while at the same time wiping with 2-3 **Medical Skin Wipes**.

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If you have experienced problems or difficulties that are not described in the above, please contact us on info@furine.com and we will contact you with advice and possible solutions.