

Nurse Q&A

COFLEX TLC ZINC & CALAMINE

Q: What type of patient would benefit from using CoFlex TLC Zinc?

A: Zinc oxide is a natural antiseptic and antibacterial agent, known for soothing and protecting skin from irritants as well as healing epidermal wounds.^{1,3} Patients with edema and multiple wounds or skin irritations (such as damaged skin from leaking exudate, eczema, cellulitis, dermatitis, etc.) would benefit from this product.

Q: What type of patient would benefit from using CoFlex TLC Calamine?

A: Calamine is known for its additional itch relieving properties. Calamine also contains zinc oxide, so provides the natural antiseptic and antibacterial agent, known for soothing and protecting skin from irritants as well as healing epidermal skin conditions.² Patients with itchy legs associated edema and multiple skin irritations (such as damaged skin from leaking exudate, eczema, cellulitis, dermatitis, etc.) would benefit from this product.

Q: Why use CoFlex TLC Zinc/Calamine versus a dry compression system?

A: In trial, Andover's CoFlex TLC Zinc has proven to⁵⁻¹⁰:

- Reduce patient pain and discomfort
- Reduce skin irritation and improve skin condition

Q: Why use CoFlex TLC Zinc/Calamine versus a traditional Unna's Boot?

A: Andover's CoFlex TLC Zinc/Calamine¹:

- Is less messy to apply
- The two layer kit provides consistent therapeutic compression
- Layer 1 absorbs 20 times its dry weight compared to the competition
- Layer 1 contains 50% more active ingredients per roll than the competition

Q: How often is the product applied?

A: The product is applied according to physician's orders per patient assessment.

Q: How long can the product remain in place?

A: Both products can be left on the patient for up to 7 days.

Q: Should I use a Lite or Standard compression?

A: Lite Compression is intended for patients with ABI ≥ 0.5 .
Standard Compression is intended for patients with ABI ≥ 0.8 .

Q: How do I know I've applied the intended compression level?

A: Layer 2 has visual indicators printed on the bandage. These indicators will reach intended therapeutic levels of compression stated on each box when stretched from an oval to a circle.

REPORTED BENEFITS FROM CLINICAL USE⁵⁻¹⁰:

Staff Reported	Patients Reported
Easy application	Reduced pain and discomfort
Increased patient compliance	Able to wear normal footwear
Decreased odor	Improved quality of life
Reduced edema & ulceration	Increased mobility
Reduced nursing time at bandage change	Comfortable, lightweight system that doesn't slip

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