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# Coast to Coast – Clinicians Choose Blue



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### Why Choose Blue?

Hydrofera Blue antibacterial dressings are very versatile and address all 4 factors of local wound care: Debridement, moisture management, infection and edge effect.

Hydrofera Blue has two types of foams: Polyvinyl alcohol (PVA) and Polyurethane (PU). The CLASSC PVA dressings have a very high tensile strength and can be used for packing deep cavity wounds, sinuses and undermining, and ideal for use with negative pressure wound therapy (NPWT). The

READY, Transfer and Border PU dressings are ideal for shallow wounds. Transfer is great for between toes, under compression and total contact casting (TCC). The Border dressing provides secure hold and yet gentle removal. No silicone over the foam allows for intimate contact with the wound bed and uninterrupted exudate management.

**Natural autolytic debridement** and disruption of biofilm. The CLASSIC PVA dressing removes slough and devitalized tissue and biofilm at dressing change.

**Natural Negative Pressure.** CLASSIC PVA powerfully wicks bacteria-laden exudate away from the wound surface and into the dressing where bacteria and yeast are effectively killed.

The safe, non-cytotoxic choice. All Hydrofera Blue dressings can be used longer term, and throughout the continuum of care. Ideal for clinicians looking for an alternative to silver dressings. Hydrofera Blue is compatible for use with HBOT and with growth factors and enzymatic debriders.

**Flatten rolled wound edges** simply by cutting the CLASSIC dressing about ½" bigger than the wound, covering the edges.



High tensile strength and wicking capacity. Hydrofera Blue CLASSIC PVA and tunneling dressings exert a natural negative pressure through capillary flow. This unique feature allows the dressing to absorb and wick away large amounts of exudate while maintaining a moist wound healing environment. Due to its high tensile strength, it can be used to pack deep cavities, sinuses and undermining without worries of fraying or leaving remnants behind. Easy one-piece removal.

The versatile READY-Transfer PU dressing. TCC remains one of the mainstays for the treatment of diabetic foot ulcers. Hydrofera Blue READY-Transfer has been used successfully in conjunction with TCC. No film backing allows for exudate to transfer through the dressing, away from the wound and into a secondary absorbent dressing, killing bacteria as it passes through. The dressing manages exudate and bioburden while the cast works to offload the high-pressured areas. Transfer is also ideal under compression, between toes and areas with yeast and venous leg ulcers.









All Hydrofera Blue dressings have a bioburden indicator. When the bacteria and yeast are absorbed into the dressing, they are effectively killed. When this occurs, the dressing may turn white. This indicates that it is time to change the dressing. We often say "If it turns white, it's lost if fight. If it stays blue change in 72 (hours)."



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**Debridement.** The removal of slough, debris and bacterial components is essential for wound healing and prepares wounds for adjunctive treatments such as NPWT.

Hydrofera Blue CLASSIC PVA dressings facilitate autolytic wound debridement safely and effectively. Ideal for clinicians who do not sharp debride.



### Hydrofera Blue and NPWT

Traditional NPWT and disposable negative pressure wound therapy (dNPWT) are common adjunctive therapies. NPWT typically requires a white PVA or black PU foam in contact with the wound. Many clinicians have found added benefits and great outcomes by substituting these foams with **Hydrofera Blue Heavy Drainage PVA** foam which:

- Can be used over bone and tendon, tunnels and undermining
- Provides antibacterial protection and added wicking
- Saves time: no need to cut HFB to exact wound size "picture frame" like you need to with black foam
- Saves \$\$ by allowing faster transition from canister to disposable NPWT







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