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Mölnlycke Health Care Introduces Athletic Trainer Wound Care Guide

Free guide enables athletic trainers to determine appropriate care for common athletic wounds quickly and at the point-of-care

PHILADELPHIA – (June 22, 2010) – Mölnlycke Health Care (MHC) introduces today from the National Athletic Trainers' Association (NATA) annual meeting an *Athletic Trainer Wound Dressing Selection Guide* that enables athletic trainers to quickly determine appropriate care options for common athletic injuries such as abrasions, blisters, infected wounds and post-operative suture-sites at the point-of-care.

The free, one-page guide includes photos, descriptions, suggested wound care dressings and treatment objectives based on the injury. It also notates wound dressing wear times and drainage level options, while delineating which products are waterproof, provide a bacterial barrier, are antimicrobial or protect fragile or sensitive skin.

“From a minor blister to swelling and inflammation, it is a fact that athletes are at risk for injuries that can take them out of competition and linger throughout the season,” said Jack Doornbos, executive director, MHC. By providing athletic trainers – who provide athletes with immediate care and attention – guidance in best choices for each injury via a selection guide, we hope to provide the best choices to keep athletes on the field.”

Along with the variety of wounds featured on the guide, aquatherapy, fixation and compression/inflammation issues are also covered. The categories of wound care dressing types include foam dressings, bordered foam dressings, cover dressings and composites, transparent films, fixation, dressing retention/soft casting, tissue support/compression and skin cleansing to help with infection prevention.

MHC's wound dressing product line includes Mepilex®, Mepitel®, Mepore®, Mefix®, Tubigrip®, Tubifast® and Tubipad®. MHC also manufactures and distributes Hibiclens®, an antiseptic antimicrobial skin cleanser that contains 4 percent chlorhexidine gluconate (CHG) that bonds to the skin and actively kills germs for up to six hours without leaving a residue, and Hibistat®, an individually-wrapped wipe that contains 0.5 percent CHG and 70 percent isopropyl alcohol and is intended to be used without water.

To download a free copy of the *Athletic Trainer Wound Dressing Selection Guide*, visit MHC's booth No. 1311 at the NATA meeting or visit www.mhcwoundcare.com/AthleticWDSG.pdf. MHC also provides free educational materials about Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA) for athletic trainers, parents, athletes and school nurses at <http://www.hibiclens.com>. For more information about Mölnlycke Health Care's products including where they can be purchased, call 1-800-805-0585, ext. 7940.

About Mölnlycke Health Care US, LLC

Mölnlycke Health Care US, LLC, consists of two divisions – Surgical and Wound Care. Focusing on prevention of surgically-related infections for both patients and healthcare workers, the Surgical Division (formerly Regent Medical Americas, LLC) encompasses the world's leading manufacturer and supplier of powder-free surgical gloves (Biogel® surgical gloves); the number one supplier (by value) of skin cleanser (Hibiclens® and Hibistat® antiseptics); and BARRIER® protective clothing. A leader in trauma and pain management, the Wound Care Division's market dynamics are driven by an aging population, higher incidence of pressure ulcers and increased home treatment.

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