DESCRIPTION:
The Bard® GuardIVa® Antimicrobial Hemostatic IV Dressing is a hydrophilic polyurethane absorbptive foam impregnated with chlorhexidine gluconate (CHG) and microdispersed oxidized cellulose (m•doc™).

INDICATIONS:
The Bard® GuardIVa® Antimicrobial Hemostatic IV Dressing is intended for use as a hydrophilic hemostatic agent, cellulose and vascular access sites.

The Bard® GuardIVa® Antimicrobial Hemostatic IV Dressing also contains a patented hemostatic agent, called m•doc™, which controls surface bleeding from puncture wounds, catheters, and percutaneous devices. It is also intended for use in mastectomy wounds, traumatic wounds, and other acute wounds where healing is the priority. It is an adjunct to infection control measures by providing sustained IV site protection.

The dressing's foam material can absorb up to eleven times its own weight in fluid and has a vapor permeable, non-stick backing. GuardIVa® Antimicrobial Hemostatic IV Dressing is an absorbent antimicrobial agent with broad spectrum antimicrobial and antifungal activity. In-vitro laboratory tests demonstrate that GuardIVa® Antimicrobial Hemostatic IV Dressing is effective against the microorganisms below and the log reduction data proves the level of antimicrobial effectiveness. The clinical utility of these results is unknown.

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE:
1. Prepare the skin surrounding the percutaneous device according to hospital protocol.
2. Remove the GuardIVa® dressing from the sterile package using aseptic technique.
3. Place the GuardIVa® dressing around the catheter with the printed side facing up.
4. Position the GuardIVa® dressing around the catheter/pin site, so the catheter rests on the slit portion of the GuardIVa® dressing. The slit edges should come in contact with one another to assure best efficacy.
5. Secure the catheter and GuardIVa® dressing to the skin with a transparent dressing. Assure complete contact between the skin and GuardIVa® dressing.
6. Change the dressing as necessary, according to facility protocol; dressing can be left in place for up to 7 days. More frequent changes may be needed with highly exuding wounds.
7. To remove GuardIVa® dressing, hold the catheter and pick up the corner of the transparent dressing. In a slow and low motion pull the dressing away from the catheter. The GuardIVa® dressing will lift off with the transparent dressing.

STORAGE:
Store at Controlled Room Temperature.
Note: Over time GuardIVa® Dressings may darken in color. This coloration does not reduce the antimicrobial or hemostatic efficacy of the dressing.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:
• The antimicrobial agent (chlorhexidine gluconate) protects the dressing from bacterial colonization.
• The dressing is not clinically tested for its activity to reduce local infections, catheter related blood stream infections (CRBSI), and skin colonization of microorganisms commonly related to CRBSI.
• GuardIVa® dressings are formulated to contain 22-24mg of Chlorhexidine Gluconate per dressing.

PRECAUTIONS:
• Bard® GuardIVa® Antimicrobial Hemostatic IV Dressing is not intended to treat infection.

WARNING:
• Do not use the GuardIVa® dressing on patients with a known sensitivity to chlorhexidine gluconate. The use of chlorhexidine gluconate containing products has been reported to cause irritation, sensitization, and generalized allergic reactions. If any such reactions occur, discontinue use of the dressing immediately, and if severe, contact a physician.
• For external use only. Do not allow this product to contact ears, eyes, mouth or mucous membranes.
• Intended for single use. DO NOT REUSE. Reuse and/or repackaging may create a risk of patient or user infection, compromise the structural integrity and/or essential material and design characteristics of the device, which may lead to device failure, and/or lead to injury, illness or death of the patient.
• See outer label to determine status and method of sterilization.

CAUTION:
Federal (U.S.A.) law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician.

Do not reuse
Do not resterilize
Do not use if package is damaged
Keep dry. Do not use if contents are wet.

This product and packaging do not contain natural rubber latex.