

Frequently Asked Questions relating to Barrier Products (March 2019)

What guidance is recommended in east Kent on these products?

- Moisture Associated Skin Damage (MASD) pathway
- Incontinence Associated Dermatitis (IAD) pathway

What is the evidence base for the step-down approach with Cavilon?

- The MASD & IAD Pathway provide the rationale for use. This has been developed by Kent community health foundation trust (KCHFT) Tissue viability Nursing (TVN) service to ensure prevention and management strategies are put in place, consistency in care delivery and optimal patient outcomes but also to ensure appropriate usage of ALL products.

Where can I find copies of the MASD and IAD?

They are available on the following links on the CCGs web site

- [www.canterburycoastalccg.nhs.uk > About us > Prescribing recommendations > 17. Dressings and Appliances > Moisture Associated Skin Damage \(MASD\) Pathway A, Dec 2018](http://www.canterburycoastalccg.nhs.uk > About us > Prescribing recommendations > 17. Dressings and Appliances > Moisture Associated Skin Damage (MASD) Pathway A, Dec 2018)
- www.canterburycoastalccg.nhs.uk > About us > Prescribing recommendations > 17. Dressings and Appliances > Incontinence skin care pathway B, Dec 2018
- They are also available on KCHFTs password protected site

What are the recommended products when a barrier preparation is required?

Cavilon Durable Barrier Cream	28g
Cavilon Durable Barrier Cream	92g
Cavilon No-Sting Barrier Film pump Spray	28ml
Cavilon No-Sting Barrier Film Foam Applicators	5x1ml
Proshield Plus skin protective	115g
Proshield Foam & Spray skin cleanser	235ml

Who can initiate and continue products on the above pathways

- For the initiation and use of Cavilon products, community and practice nurses would be expected to have suitable competency depending on training and experience
- For the initiation and continued/repeated use of Proshield products, specialist wound care competency would be expected i.e. a tissue viability nurse, a wound care centre nurse or a practice nurse with TVN experience. If the wound had not healed sufficiently to step-down after use of either of the Proshield products for two weeks, there may be an underlying issue that needs addressing.

Can the products recommended in the MASD and IAD pathways be used for friction and/or pressure sores?

- Neither Proshield or Cavilon are indicated for friction and/or pressure sores

Can Proshield Foam & Spray skin cleanser be used on all forms of IAD?

- Always refer to the Kent Community Health IAD and MASD pathways and ensure products are used according to the recommendations for each type of clinical presentation. For example, Proshield Foam and Spray Cleanser is only recommended when patients are experiencing diarrhoea or loose stools.

What be used to cleanse the skin if Proshield Foam & Spray skin cleanser is not used

- As per the recommendation in the pathway, use a pH balanced soap which has been purchased or a soap substitute such as ZeroAQS emollient cream as available

If we need more of either Proshield product how can it be obtained if it is not on repeat?

- In the rare occasion that one of the Proshield products is needed for longer than 2 weeks, then the patient needs to be discussed with either TVN or District Nurses and assessed on an individual basis according to the patient's condition
- Following TVN approval, Proshield can be supplied by KCHFT staff through the ONPOS route. If ONPOS is not available (e.g. for care home nursing staff) it must be requested on the form below with rationale for use

How should we store these products recommended in the MASD and IAD pathways?

- At normal room temperature

What expiry date should be used for the products recommended in the MASD and IAD pathways last when used in **care homes or patient own home**?

- All products can be used up to expiry date.

What expiry date should be used for the products recommended in the MASD and IAD pathways last when used **in KCHFT community hospitals or clinics**?

- Expiry dates for products used in community hospitals or clinics will vary from those in patient's own home/care homes
- Up to date information can be found on the Medicines Policy link on KCHFT Staff Intranet (restricted access) **APPENDIX 2 GUIDANCE ON 'IN-USE EXPIRY DATES' OF PHARMACEUTICALS** <http://flo/Interact/Pages/Content/Document.aspx?id=1134>

Do any of the products recommended in the MASD and IAD pathways contain alcohol?

- No

Are any of the products recommended in the MASD and IAD pathways flammable?

- Cavilon No Sting Barrier Film is flammable until dried.
- Neither of the Proshield products are flammable

Currently Sorbaderm Barrier Cream and Sorbaderm No-Sting Barrier Film Spray are advised for use on peri stomal areas in the east Kent STOMA ACCESSORY PRODUCT FORMULARY but MASD pathway states Cavilon No Sting Barrier Film. Which product should be used?

- You should be referring to the most recent pathway which recommends Cavilon No Sting Barrier Film for peri-stomal use
- The discrepancy here is due to pathways being updated at different times. The stoma pathway will be updated shortly to reflect the IAD and MASD pathways.
- The stoma accessory product formulary is available on the following link www.canterburycoastalccg.nhs.uk > About us > Prescribing recommendations > Stoma > Stoma Accessories Formulary East Kent, May 2018

Can you use products recommended in the MASD and IAD pathways for pressure ulcer treatment?

- No, however you might use the products in conjunction with pressure ulcer treatment. You cannot use a dressing with Proshield Plus skin protective. You may use Cavilon No Sting Barrier Film around a wound edge to protect the wound edges from exudate, or on the skin under a dressing to prevent skin damage from adhesive injury.

Can I apply a dressing over these products?

- A dressing cannot be used with Proshield Plus skin protective
- A dressing can be used with Cavilon Durable barrier cream and Cavilon No Sting Barrier Film

Why was Cavilon stopped before but now back on?

- The decision was made by the tissue viability service

Will Proshield Spray Cleanser remove Cavilon Cream?

- Proshield spray cleanser will not remove Cavilon Durable Barrier Cream. Cavilon Durable Barrier Cream is easily absorbed into the skin and its unique formulation resists wash off requiring only twice a day application. (It does not need to be reapplied after every incontinence episode or pad change)

Why should I use Cavilon Durable Barrier Cream before any breakdown has occurred when the technology in the Inco pads will protect the patient's skin?

- Prevention is key. Prevention of IAD should be aimed at all incontinent patients (i.e. the risk of urine and faeces getting to the skin) with the aim of promoting positive outcomes and avoidance of patient injury or harm. Best practice recommendations are to implement a structured skin care regime (e.g. the Kent IAD pathway) to protect the skin exposed to urine and/ or faeces and help restore an effective skin barrier function

What is happening to Sorbaderm products?

- The following Sorbaderm products are no longer on formulary. Please use up any remaining Sorbaderm stock, and then adhere to the formulary and pathways
 - Sorbaderm Barrier Cream
 - Sorbaderm No-Sting Barrier Film Spray
 - Sorbaderm No-Sting Barrier Film Foam Applicators (Sterile)