

PRODUCT UPDATE

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New Oral Gel Relieves Oral Lesions



Oral lesions caused by many different sources may result in oral pain. Gelclair™ (Sinclair Pharmaceuticals, Godalming,

UK) can provide pain relief by creating a barrier that shields exposed nerve endings from overstimulation during eating, drinking, speaking, or even at rest. Gelclair contains polyvinylpyrrolidone and sodium hyaluronate that form a thin adhesive barrier over the mucosal surface.

Oral lesions can be caused by medications (particularly chemotherapy), disease, radiation therapy, surgery, aging, and trauma, secondary to braces and ill-fitting dentures. The pain and discomfort associated with oral lesions can result in decreased ability to eat and drink. Gelclair has been shown to reduce pain and allows patients to eat and drink more easily.

Gelclair is available only by prescription. Contraindications to Gelclair include a history of hypersensitivity to any of the ingredients. Directions for use are

- Mix one Gelclair packet with 40 ml or four tablespoons of water.
- Rinse around the mouth for at least one minute.
- Gargle and spit out.
- Do not eat or drink for one hour after applying.
- Use three times per day as needed.

No adverse effects are anticipated if Gelclair is accidentally swallowed.

For product information, call 866-GELCLAIR. Celgene is selling Gelclair in the United States and Cell Pathways, Inc., is marketing Gelclair. To contact a representative, call 888-4-CELGENE.

NEW PRODUCTS

Many Accessories Available for Patient Charts



Carstens (Chicago, IL) is North America's leading provider of patient-charting systems. More than 2,000

products are available for the healthcare industry. Examples include ring-binder charts and accessories, identification cards and labels, preprinted and custom dividers, chart storage systems, and wall-mounted workstations.

Carstens now offers Post-It® Flag Alerts (3M, St. Paul, MN) for medical charting. The flags are available in a range of colors and can be blank or preprinted. In response to concerns about patient privacy, Carstens offers "Condition Alert Sheets" for side- and top-opening ring-binder charts. These cards and pockets allow staff ready access to the chart, but they keep the information inside the chart and not on the cover. Stat-Chek® Alerts are designed to flag medical charts that need immediate attention.



The devices adhere to smooth, flat, clean surfaces and allow alert colors to be exposed by simply sliding the alert cover.

For more information on Carstens products, call 800-782-1524 or visit www.carstens.com.

Pad Makes Mammography More Comfortable

The Woman's Touch® MammoPad® (BioLucent, Aliso Viejo, CA) breast cushion was designed by a female breast surgeon to make mammography more comfortable. MammoPad is an adhesive-backed, single-use cushion that is applied easily to any standard mammography machine and does not impair image quality. Clinical studies prove that MammoPad reduces the discomfort many women feel during mammography by providing a soft, warm cushion for the breast. Seventy percent of women reported that it reduced their discomfort by half. Some facilities have found that the increased comfort leads to better imaging. The average cost is about \$5 per pad.

For more information, e-mail BioLucent Customer Care at customer-care@biolucent.com or call BioLucent at 866-460-4141.

New Option Available in Mastectomy Camisoles



Maizy Grace (Traverse City, MI) is offering a new mastectomy camisole that is supportive and can be worn alone. The camisole, which holds silicone breast prostheses or any other forms, is made of a soft cotton and lycra fabric and offers adjustable shoulder straps, a soft underwire, formed breast cups, and bilateral prostheses pouches. The camisole is available in black or white and sizes from 32–40 inches.

For more information, call 866-BEMAIZY or visit www.maizygrace.com.

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