Domeboro® Compresses

Domeboro® (aluminum acetate) compresses are used to treat areas of draining or "weeping" skin. Putting compresses on the skin will help dry the moist areas, so that the skin can heal more quickly and easily. These compresses also decrease skin itching and discomfort.

How to use:

1. Place 1 packet of Domeboro® powder in 1 pint of warm (not hot) water. Mix well.
2. Moisten a soft cloth (a man’s handkerchief, a thin diaper, a strip of bed sheeting, or a small towel) with the solution. Wring out the cloth until damp (not dripping wet).
3. Place the damp cloth over the entire area of skin that is draining.
4. Leave the compress in place for 10-15 minutes.
5. Do this procedure 2-3 times each day, or as directed.
6. You should begin to see improvement in your child’s skin in about _____________. You may then stop using the compresses when your child’s skin is no longer draining.
7. If your child complains of lots of burning or pain during the compresses, you may dilute the solution to 1/2 strength (1 packet of Domeboro® powder in 2 pints of warm water).

Call your child's health care provider or the Children’s Mercy Hospital Information Line at (816) 234-3188 if you have questions or concerns about:

- The compresses
- Your child's response to the compresses