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1. The Benefits of Using Customised Procedure Packs to Increase Day Surgery Unit Efficiency. A time and motion study. Emma Duffy and Annie Smith, Day Surgery Unit, Kingston Hospital NHS Trust, Surrey, October 2005.





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Vernacare has more than forty years history in the manufacture and distribution of gauze and non-woven swabs. With patient safety and risk management in mind, all gauze and swabs are manufactured to Vernacare specifications, BP, and meet European Standard EN 14079.

Vernacare brings you a comprehensive range of Gauze and Swabs to cover all your needs.

The Pro-Gauze range is synonymous with quality, together with our specialist ranges, including pledgets in swab safe holders to encourage best practice, throat packs, gauze packing rolls and dressing swabs.



When preparing the theatre for any type of operation, patient safety is paramount. Any complication or delay on surgery could result in patient safety being compromised.

In the majority of invasive procedures x-ray detectable gauze will be used. This best practice guide provides you with information to allow you and your fellow practitioners to maintain patient safety in the theatre.

The **Detex™** x-ray detectable gauze range from Vernacare has been in the market place for over forty years and has been developed in line with hospital needs.



All **Detex™** Gauze undergoes metal detection.



Detex™ gauze tied 5's are weighed to ensure exactly 5 Gauzes, no more, no less.



Securely stitched tapes are positioned on the outside of the larger **DetexTM** gauze.



All theatre products are double wrapped as standard, in compact user-friendly packs for ease of storage.

Do not



Detex[™] gauze should not be opened out to expose frayed edges, as linting could occur and expose the XRD line



Detex[™] gauze should not be cut or altered in any way and should only be used for their intended purpose

Note: MHRA recommendations state that x-ray detectable gauze (sterile and non sterile) are not intended to be repeatedly unfolded and opened to single ply gauze, as this will cause the x-ray detectable line to be exposed on the surface of the gauze.

Outer Pack

(sterile product only)

To be opened by the circulating (non-scrubbed) nurse/practitioner.



Check outer pack integrity and expiry date prior to use





Three traceability labels are provided in an easy peel format on the outer pack (and can now be placed in patient records)



The outer pack should be peeled open, where indicated on the top edge



The outer pack should be discarded in the appropriate clinical waste receptacle

Inner Pack

(sterile product only)

The inner pack should be opened by the scrub practitioner.



The inner wrap should simply be unfolded to present the gauze



The red tie cord should be removed from each bundle of 5 when appropriate, for the counting procedure



The gauze should be individually checked, counted and recorded as per professional guidelines* or according to hospital policy for pre, intra and post operative checks



Following the post surgery count, used gauze should be disposed of (after following the counting procedure) in the appropriate clinical waste receptacle, as per hospital policy









As one of the leading suppliers of X-Ray detectable gauze, the Detex product range has been developed in line with customer needs to allow practitioners to ensure patient safety in theatre:

- Double wrapped in line with aseptic opening practice to minimise contamination
- Removable 3-part traceability labels on outer wrap maximises patient safety
- Assured consistent quality of thread construction, absorbency and weight
- All gauze quality controlled for weight and metal detection to minimise risk and ensure patient safety
- The extensive range of sizes and plys will satisfy ordering through one supplier
- All taped gauze folded with tapes visible for ease and speed of counting
- Large gauze stitched
- Large gauze taped or non taped
- White & green gauze
- Vast range of sizes with a choice of ply's

Other ranges of specialist X-Ray detectable theatre products include the following:

- Throat packs
- Available in paediatric and adult sizes
- Fast Edge Ribbon Gauze (FERG)
 - A wide variety of sizes available for use in packing deep wounds
- Tampons
- Suitable for maternity and surgical use
- Pledaets
- Available in three sizes and in swab-safe holders to encourage best practice







Size - cm (Length x Width)	Ply	Colour	Туре	Case Qty	Case Breakdown	Tied 5s per case	Product Code
5 x 5	32	White	Std	480	4 cartons of 24 packs	96	22482
5 x 5	32	White	Std	300	30 packs of 10 swabs	60 (2 tied 5s per pack	22424
7.5 x 7.5	12	White	Std	750	6 cartons of 25 packs	150	28133
10 x 7.5	32	White	Std	600	8 bags of 15 packs	120	28940
10 x 10	12	Green	Std	800	8 bags of 20 packs	160	28941
10 x 10	16	White	Std	600	8 bags of 15 packs	120	28942
10 x 10	32	White	Std	400	8 bags of 10 packs	80	28943
10 x 10	32	White	Std	420	6 cartons of 7 packs	84 (2 tied 5s per pack)	28106
15 x 2.5	16	White	St	480	2 cartons of 48 packs	96	21951
15 x 10	24	White	Std	360	6 bags of 12 packs	72	28944
22.5 x 22.5	12	White	St, Ta	180	3 bags of 12 packs	36	28946
22.5 x 22.5	12	White	St	240	4 bags of 12 packs	48	28945
30 x 30	12	White	St, Ta	120	3 bags of 8 packs	24	28948
30 x 30	18	White	St, Ta	100	2 bags of 10 packs	20	28949
30 x 30	24	White	St, Ta	80	2 bags of 8 packs	16	28950
30 x 30	12	White	St	120	3 bags of 8 packs	24	28947
36 x 11	16	White	Std	160	4 bags of 8 packs	32	28951
45 x 3.5	12	White	Std	240	6 cartons of 8 packs	48	22453
45 x 45	12	White	St, Ta	60	2 bags of 6 packs	12	28952
45 x 45	12	White	St	60	2 bags of 6 packs	12	28107
76 x 7.5	12	White	Std	160	Individual	32	28129

RAY DETECTABLE FA	RAY DETECTABLE FAST EDGE RIBBON GAUZE (FERG) (Double Wrapped)								
Size - cm Width (cm) x Length (m)	Colour	Туре	Case Qty	Case Breakdown	Product Code				
1.25 x 2	White	Rib	48	Individual	21312				
1.25 x 5	White	Rib	60	Individual	21338				
2.5 x 2	White	Rib	30	Individual	21313				
2.5 x 5	White	Rib	80	4 cartons of 20 packs	21339				
5 x 2	White	Rib	24	Individual	21314				
5 x 5	White	Rib	15	Individual	21321				
7.5 x 5	White	Rib	80	4 cartons of 20 packs	21307				
10 x 5	White	Rib	15	Individual	21416				



(-RAY DETEC	TABLE SPECIALITY IT	ΓEMS	STERILE					
Description	Size - cm (Length x Width)	Wrap	Ply	Colour	Туре	Case Qty	Case Breakdown	Product Code
Throat Pack	180 x 10 (~30cm tape)	DWr	4 Ply Roll	Green	St, Ta	72	6 cartons of 12 packs	28110
Throat Pack	120 x 10 (~30cm tape)	DWr	4 Ply Roll	Green	St, Ta	30	Individual	21328
Throat Pack	120 x 7.5 (~30cm tape)	DWr	4 Ply Roll	Green	St, Ta	48	Individual	21327
Gauze Roll	182 x 11	DWr	Roll	White	St, Ta	60	6 cartons of 10 packs	28103
Gauze Roll	500 x 22.5 (90cm unfolded)	DWr	Roll	White	Four Fold	20	Individual	21282
Pledgets (pack of 5 in plastic holder)	1.25 x 0.95	DWr	Neurosurgical pattie	White	St	280	2 cartons of 28 packs of 5	28121
Pledgets (pack of 5 in plastic holder)	1.25 x 0.95	DWr	Neurosurgical pattie	White	Rolled	280	2 cartons of 28 packs of 5	28123
Pledgets (pack of 5 in plastic holder)	2.5 x 1.65	DWr	Neurosurgical pattie	White	St	280	2 cartons of 28 packs of 5	28122
Tupfers	7 x 7	DWr	Gauze Balls	White	Silicone Ring	600	6 cartons of 20 packs of 5	21471
Nose Drip Swab	10 x 3.5 (two 40cm tapes)	DWr	Rectangular	White	St	70	7 bags of 10 packs	21206
Tampon	7.5 x 2.8	DWr	Cylindrical	White	Std	30	Individual	21329







Size - cm						Tied 5s	
Length x Width)	Ply	Colour	Туре	Case Qty	Case Breakdown	per case	Product Code
5 x 5	32	White	Std	5000	50 packs of 100 swabs	1000 x T5s	48735
7.5 x 7.5	8	Green	Std	5000	50 packs of 100 swabs	1000 x T5s	48845
7.5 x 7.5	12	White	Std	5000	50 packs of 100 swabs	1000 x T5s	48935
10 x 7.5	32	White	Std	2500	50 packs of 50 swabs	500 x T5s	49735
10 x 10	12	Green	Std	5000	50 packs of 100 swabs	1000 x T5s	49245
10 x 10	16	White	Std	3200	32 packs of 100 swabs	640 x T5s	49335
10 x 10	32	White	Std	2000	40 packs of 50 swabs	400 x T5s	49535
15 x 2.5	16	White	St	100	1 pack of 20 swabs	20 x T5s	03598
15 x 13	8	White	St	1800	18 packs of 100 swabs	360 x T5s	03992
15 x 10	24	White	Std	1500	30 packs of 50 swabs	300 x T5s	03650
22.5 x 22.5	12	White	St, Ta	900	18 packs of 50 swabs	180 x T5s	03702
22.5 x 22.5	12	White	St	900	18 packs of 50 swabs	180 x T5s	03705
30 x 30	12	White	St, Ta	400	4 packs of 100 swabs	80 x T5s	03703
30 x 30	18	White	St, Ta	200	4 packs of 50 swabs	40 x T5s	03708
30 x 30	24	White	St, Ta	200	4 packs of 50 swabs	40 x T5s	03709
30 x 30	12	White	St	400	4 packs of 100 swabs	80 x T5s	03706
36 x 11	16	White	Std	600	6 packs of 100 swabs	120 x T5s	03679
45 x 45	12	White	St, Ta	200	4 packs of 50 swabs	40 x T5s	03704
45 x 45	12	White	St	200	4 packs of 50 swabs	40 x T5s	03707
76 x 7.5	12	White	Std	1000	20 packs of 50 swabs	200 x T5s	03666
10 x 7.5	32	Green	Std	2500	50 packs of 50 swabs	500 x T5s	49745
15 x 2.5	8	White	Std	100	1 pack of 20 swabs	20 x T5s	03686
22.5 x 15	12	White	Std	1600	16 packs of 100 swabs	320 x T5s	03672
25 x 2.5	16	White	Black Tail	200	1 pack of 40 swabs	40 x T5s	03566
10 x 10	12	White	Std	5000	50 packs of 100 swabs	1000 x T5s	49235
7.5 x 7.5	8	White	Std	5000	50 packs of 100 swabs	1000 x T5s	48835



X-RAY DET	ECTABLE SPE	CIALITY I	TEMS	(Single Wrapped)			
Description	Size - cm (Length x Width)	Ply	Colour	Туре	Case Qty	Case Breakdown	Product Code
Throat Pack	6.3 x 6.3	Square	White	Viscose knitted cover with cotton wool inner	600	12 cartons of 50	28178
Throat Pack	60 x 7.5	4 ply Roll	Green	St, Ta	360	30 Bags of 12	03602
Throat Pack	60 x 10	4 ply Roll	Green	St, Ta	288	24 Bags of 12	03606
Throat Pack	120 x 7.5	4 ply Roll	Green	St, Ta	288	24 Bags of 12	03603
Throat Pack	120 x 10	4 ply Roll	Green	St, Ta	216	18 Bags of 12	03607
Throat Pack	180 x 10	4 ply Roll	Green	St, Ta	144	12 Bags of 12	03608
Gauze Roll	121 x 5.5	16 ply Roll	White	St, Ta	288	24 Bags of 12	03695
Gauze Roll	182 x 11	8 ply Roll	White	St, Ta	144	12 Bags of 12	03696
Gauze Roll	(5m) 500 x 22.5	4 ply Roll	White	22.5cm (Four Fold)	144	24 Bags of 6	03687
Gauze Roll	(100m) 10000 x 22.5	4 ply Roll	White	22.5cm (Four Fold)	12	Individual	03690
Pledgets	1.25 x 0.95	Gauze Patty	White	5 per pin (St)	500	100 pins of 5 pledgets	03403
Pledgets	2.5 x 1.65	Gauze Patty	White	5 per pin (St)	200	40 pins of 5 pledgets	03404
Pledgets	3.75 x 2.5	Gauze Patty	White	Bulk cartoned (St)	80	Individual	03417
Tupfers	7 x 7 (diameter)	Gauze Balls	White	Bulk cartoned (silicone ring)	1000	10 Bags of 100	70611
Nose Drip Swab	10cm x 3.5cm (plus two 40cm tapes)	Rectangular	White	St, DTa	400	4 cartons of 100	03810
Tampon	7.5 x 2.8	Cylindrical	White	Std	288	24 Packs of 12	03636

RAY DETECTABLE FA	AST EDGE RIE	BON GAUZ	ZE (FERG)		
Size - cm Width (cm) x Length (m)	Colour	Туре	Case Qty	Case Breakdown	Product Code
1.25 x 5	White	Rib	108	Individual	03845
2.5 x 5	White	Rib	72	Individual	03846
5 x 5	White	Rib	36	Individual	03847
5 x 5	Green	Rib	36	Individual	03842
7.5 x 5	White	Rib	24	Individual	03848
10 x 5	White	Rib	12	Individual	03860





Elementa Plain Gauze is made from 100% cotton and is ideal for use in skin cleansing, wound debridement and as a component in dressing packs.

- Available as single or double wrapped
- Non Sterile bulk packed
- Variety of sterile pack sizes 2, 5,10, 25
- White, green & blue gauze
- Choice of sizes
- Choice of ply's





. Sterile

Size - cm (Length x Width)	Ply	Colour	Wrap	Туре	Case Qty	Case Breakdown	Swabs Per pack	Product Code
5cm x 5cm	8	White	SWr	Std	1500	6 cartons of 50 packs	5	21481
5cm x 5cm	12	White	SWr	Std	1800	6 cartons of 60 packs	5	28790
7.5cm x 7.5cm	8	White	SWr	Std	2000	8 cartons of 50 packs	5	28789
7.5cm x 7.5cm	12	White	SWr	Std	1200	6 cartons of 40 packs	5	21480
10cm x 10cm	8	White	SWr	Std	900	6 cartons of 30 packs	5	28385
10cm x 10cm	8	White	SWr	Std	1200	4 cartons of 12 packs	25	21966
10cm x 10cm	12	Blue	DWr	Std	750	6 cartons of 25 packs	5	28919
10cm x 10cm	32	Blue	DWr	Std	360	6 cartons of 12 packs	5	28918
10cm x 10cm	12	Green	DWr	Std	1440	6 cartons of 20 packs	5	28365
10cm x 10cm	32	Blue	DWr	Std	450	45 packs of 10 swabs	5	21999
10cm x 10cm	12	White	SWr	Std	750	6 cartons of 25 packs	5	28386
20cm x 10cm	12	Blue	DWr	Std	250	50 packs of 5 swabs	5	21217
10cm x 10cm	16	White	SWr	Std	750	6 cartons of 25 packs	5	28102
10cm x 10cm	32	White	DWr	Std	420	6 cartons of 14 packs	5	28773
10cm x 10cm	12	White	DWr	Std	600	6 cartons of 20 packs	5	28116
15cm x 10cm	24	White	DWr	Std	300	60 packs of 5 swabs	5	22103
10cm x 10cm	12	White	SWr	Std	600	6 cartons of 50 packs	2	28384
10cm x 10cm	16	White	DWr	Std	450	6 cartons of 15 packs	5	21504
22.5cm x 10cm	16	White	DWr	Std	240	6 cartons of 20 packs	2	28114

PLAIN FAST EDG	E RIBBON GAL	JZE (FERG)			
Size - cm (Length x Width)	Colour	Туре	Case Quantity	Case Breakdown	Product Code
1.25cm x 1m	White	Rib	140 DWr	Individual	21346
1.25cm x 5m	White	Rib	60 DWr	Individual	21322
1.25cm x 2m	White	Rib	60 DWr	Individual	21323
2.5cm x 2m	White	Rib	30 DWr	Individual	21331
2.5cm x 1m	White	Rib	140 DWr	Individual	21343
2.5cm x 5m	White	Rib	120 DWr	6 cartons of 20	21501
5cm x 2m	White	Rib	36 SWr	Individual	21559
5cm x 5m	White	Rib	96 DWr	6 cartons of 16	21500
7.5 x 1m	White	Rib	90 DWr	Individual	21340

PLAIN WOVEN C	SAUZE (Single \	Wrapped)				
Description	Size - cm (Length x Width)	Colour	Туре	Case Qty	Case Breakdown (Inner packaging)	Product Code
Gauze Piece	22.5cm x 1m	White	4-Fold	72	Individual	21279
Absorbent Gauze	22.5cm x 5m	White	4-Fold	48	Individual	03050
Burns Dressing	90cm x 135cm	White	4-Fold	50	Individual	21292
Burns Dressing	50cm x 12m	White	8-Fold	40	Individual	20604
Burns Dressing	90cm x 135cm	White	4-Fold	20	Individual	20998

Non-Sterile

PLAIN WOVE	N GAUZ	ZE (Single Wra	apped)			
Size - cm (Length x Width)	Ply	Colour	Туре	Case Qty (Individual Swabs)	Case Breakdown (Inner packaging)	Product Code
5cm x 5cm	8	White	Std	5000	50 packs of 100	40100
5cm x 5cm	12	White	Std	5000	50 packs of 100	40200
7.5cm x 7.5cm	12	Green	Std	5000	50 packs of 100	40710
7.5cm x 7.5cm	8	White	Std	5000	50 packs of 100	40600
7.5cm x 7.5cm	12	White	Std	5000	50 packs of 100	40700
7.5cm x 7.5cm	8	Green	Std	5000	50 packs of 100	40610
10cm x 10cm	8	Green	Std	5000	50 packs of 100	48310
10cm x 10cm	32	White	Std	2500	50 packs of 50	41600
10cm x 10cm	16	White	Std	5000	50 packs of 100	41400
10cm x 10cm	32	Blue	Std	2500	50 packs of 50	41620
10cm x 10cm	12	Green	Std	5000	50 packs of 100	41310
10cm x 10cm	12	Blue	Std	5000	50 packs of 100	41320
10cm x 10cm	12	White	Std	2000	20 packs of 100	44300
10cm x 10cm	16	Green	Std	5000	50 packs of 100	41410
10cm x 10cm	8	Green	Std	5000	50 packs of 100	41210
10cm x 10cm	8	White	Std	3000	30 packs of 100	44200
10cm x 10cm	8	Blue	Std	5000	50 packs of 100	41220
10cm x 10cm	32	Green	Std	2500	50 packs of 50	41610
10cm x 10cm	8	White	Fil	5000	50 packs of 100	48300
10cm x 10cm	8	Green	Fil	5000	50 packs of 100	48310
22.5cm x 10cm	16	White	Std	1728	24 packs of 72	03797
22.5cm x 15cm	12	White	USt	1500	15 packs of 100	03798

Size - cm (Length x Width)	Colour	Туре	No. of Singles	Case Breakdown (Inner packaging)	Product Code
1.25cm x 5m	White	Std	144	1 carton of 144	03820
2.5cm x 5m	White	Std	72	1 carton of 72	03821
5cm x 5m	White	Std	36	1 carton of 36	03822
7.5cm x 5m	White	Std	12	1 carton of 12	03823
10cm x 5m	White	Std	12	1 carton of 12	03824

PLAIN WOVEN GAUZE (Single Wrapped)									
Description	Size - cm (Length x Width)	Colour	Туре	Case Qty (Individual Swabs)	Case Breakdown (Inner packaging)	Product Code			
Nasal Bolster	10 x 3.5 (two 40cm tapes)	White	Rectangular	2000	20 packs of 100	03811			





Sofsorb is non – woven viscose/polyester for debriding and cleansing of surface wounds. Virtually lint free, this swab provides excellent conformability and thermal insulation making it the ideal solution for wound dressings and as a component for wound dressing packs.

- Single wrapped
- Non Sterile bulk packed
- Variety of sterile pack sizes 2, 5,10
- All 4 ply
- Banded swabs available for kit packers





Sterile

NON WOVEN GAUZE (Single Wrapped)							
Size - cm (Length x Width)	Ply	Colour	Туре	Case Qty (Individual Swabs)	Case Breakdown (Inner packaging)	Swabs per pack	Product Code
5cm x 5cm	4ply	White	Std	2400	8 cartons of 60 packs	5	28020
7.5cm x 7.5cm	4ply	White	Std	1600	8 cartons of 40 packs	5	28112
10cm x 10cm	4ply	White	Std	750	6 cartons of 25 packs	5	28118
10cm x 10cm	4ply	White	Std	600	6 cartons of 50 packs	2	28100
10cm x 10cm	4ply	White	Std	1200	6 cartons of 20 packs	10	28884



Non-Sterile

NON WOVEN GAUZE (Single Wrapped)							
Size - cm (Length x Width)	Ply	Colour	Туре	Case Qty (Individual Swabs)	Case Breakdown (Inner packaging)	Swabs per pack	Product Code
7.5cm x 7.5cm	4ply	White	Std	4000	20 packs of 200	200	89951
10cm x 10cm	4ply	White	Std	4000	20 packs of 200	200	89952
5cm x 5cm	4ply	White	Std	4000	20 packs of 200	200	89950
7.5cm x 7.5cm	4ply	White	Bd	5000	50 packs of 100	100	89980





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We have supplied sterile and non sterile consumables with the objective of improved patient experience for more than 40 years. We offer a wide choice of packs to cover a range of standard procedures including wound dressing, IV cannulation, suture, delivery and catheterisation.

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PROCEDURE STERILE SERVICE



PACKS







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We understand that providing operating theatres with sterile surgical instruments relies on knowledge and expertise. Our sterilisation consumables range provides you with, wrap, packaging, consumables and disinfectant solutions. The AZOWRAP™ sterilisation single-use range includes crepe, non-woven and SMS fabrics in single sheet, interleaved and bonded formats. Our range of bags, reels and pouches offer the full solution to your sterilisation packaging requirements. This extensive range provides a combination of appropriate materials and sizes, alongside our advanced and scientifically proven instrument pre-clean gel, AZOGEL.





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Glossary

UZE TER	MINOLOGY
Term	Definition
Banded	Plain white paper band around the gauze (usually in either, 2 4's or 5)
Detex	A Vernacare brand name for gauze used in operating theatres. Made from 100% woven cotton with a barium sulphate X-ray detectable filament inside. Available in Tied 5s, green or white in colour and includes a speciality range of gauze products - see pages 4 and 5. Main uses include: Skin Prepping - Pre & Post Op, Absorb Body Fluids, Intra Operative Packing, Blunt Dissection & anaesthetics (green gauze). Banded swabs available for kit packers.
ouble rapped	Crepe paper is usually used and items are double wrapped to maximize and maintain asepsis. Usually items that are double wrapped will be going into a theatre environment and where sterility needs to be maintained.
lementa	A Vernacare brand name for plain Gauze; made from 100% cotton, it is ideal for use in skin cleansing, wound debridement and as a component in dressing packs. Available as single or double wrapped, Non-Sterile bulk packed, Variety of sterile pack sizes, 2, 5, 10, 25, White, green and blue gauze, choice of sizes, choice of ply's. Elementa is for ward and clinic use. Banded swabs available for kit packers.
FERG	Fast Edge Ribbon Gauze (May be Elementa or Detex)
Gauze Rolls	Used for holding other wound dressings in place, gauze rolls can be wrapped around the body and secured with medical tape. They are also used to pad an injured area to increase comfort and protect tender wound sites. Most gauze rolls are not very absorbent which is why they are generally a secondary dressing, padding for comfort, and protection of tender wound sites. Gauze rolls can be cotton, elastic, or a nylon and latex mix, the pattern tends to be fluff dried with crinkle-weave.
MHRA	Medicines & Healthcare products Regulatory Agency
on-Sterile	Non sterile wound dressings or medical gauze should not be used on open wounds. They can be used for cushioning bruises or other types of closed wounds.
Non- Woven Gauze	Non woven gauze is made from non-woven viscose/polyester material fibres that resemble a weave but they are not woven, they are pressed together and condensed. This tight pattern helps non-woven gauze absorb more wound fluid, which really means that it increases the over-all absorbency. Non woven gauze has less loose lint than traditional woven gauze which means fewer bits and pieces of gauze left behind in the wound. Those small pieces of fluff and lint can cause problems because any type of debris in your wound can delay healing. This gauze tends to be more durable and more comfortable than woven gauze pads. Non woven gauze can be used as a primary dressing.

Term	Definition
Ply	Gauze pads are folded into a square, the layers are then referred to as "ply". The ply level is how many layers the folded gauze creates, such as 8 ply or 12 ply. The higher the ply, the thicker the gauze square because it will have more layers.
Sofsorb	A Vernacare brand name for non-woven gauze made from viscose/polyester material for debriding and cleansing of surface of wounds. Virtually lint free, this swab provides excellent conformability and thermal insulation making it the ideal solution for wound dressings and as a component for wound dressing packs. Single wrapped, Non-sterile bulk packed, Variety of sterile pack sizes, All 4 ply, Banded swabs available for kit packers.
Sterile	Vernacare uses Ethylene Oxide sterilisation for all sterile gauze products. The product is individually packaged and is free from dirt, bacteria, or other living microorganisms. It is a totally clean product that can be used in the treatment of open wounds.
T5's (Tied 5s)	Detex only. Pieces of gauzes are held together by a red tie (to aid swab counting process prior to surgery)
Taped	A flat piece of cotton tape mainly used as an identification that a gauze is temporarily left in the surgical site
Traceability labels	Enable recording of swabs used in hospital/patient records and to assist procedural costing
Unstitched Gauze	Layers are unstitched, which means that gauze can be opened up (note that the opening of the gauze is not recommended to expose gauze raw edges)
Woven Gauze	Woven gauze has a loose open weave. The loose nature of the weave allows the fluid from the wound to be absorbed into the fibres. The open weave helps the wound fluid to pass through the gauze and be absorbed by other more absorbent dressings such as a gauze pads or sponges. Woven gauze cannot be cut, the cotton material, because it is woven, will start to unravel. The debris or lint can get lost in the wound which will delay healing. Woven gauze is a general gauze that is used as in surgical procedures or as a secondary dressing. It should not be used directly against a wound because it can dry the wound out which will make dressing removal painful and it would damage any newly healed tissues.