PACKING OF ESSENTIAL SURGICAL DRESSINGS

The purpose of packing the dressings in bags is to keep them clean and in orderly arrangement. At the places where the dressings are to be used they will be placed in a container for sterilization. NO PINS SHOULD BE USED IN PACKING.

A 25-1b. kraft paper bag is used in packing all of these dressings with the exception of the 2" x 2" sponges for which a 2-1b. bag is used. The packed bag may be tied securely with string or the end fastened with gummed tape. A heavy black pencil should be used to mark the bag with the name and number of the contents.

HELPFUL HINTS:

- 1. To prepare bag: All of the dressings should be packed so that the bag is 12" high when sealed, with the exception of the bag of 2" x 2" sponges which should be 6" high when sealed. It is suggested that before packing the 25-1b. bag, you measure 12" up from bottom of bag and crease. Then turn down 1" at top of bag and crease. Open bag and turn in this 1". This strengthens top of bag and makes it easier to insert the dressings.
- 2. To tie bundles: Wrap thin cord first around center of short side and then around center of long side. Tie with surgeon's knot which is made as follows: Tied like a bow knot with only one loop. The end connected with the loop is longer than the remaining end. When it is pulled out the entire string drops away from the bundle.
- 3. To tie bundles together: (This is optional. It helps the packer to keep the size of the bags standard, and thus facilitate the packing of the bags in the box.) Make slip knot in one end of heavy cord. Wrap cord once around pile of bundles and pull opposite end through loop until package is desired size.

Suggested Methods:

Code No.

Description

No. Dressings per Bag

1-A Sponge, 4" x 4" - 16 ply

Tie sponges in bundles of 10.
Bottom layer is composed of 10 bundles, eight of which are placed in bag with flat side toward narrow side of bag and two of which are put in with their flat side against one broad side of bag. Pack two more layers in similar manner.

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20382 Sponge, 2" x 2"

Tie sponges in bundles of 25. Pack 3 bundles in bag with flat side of dressing against 2" side of bag. Pack two more layers in similar manner.

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Code No.	Description	No. Dressings per Bag
3-A	Gauze Fluff, 6"	
	Tie fluffs in bundles of five with one fluff placed directly on top of another. Pack two bundles flat against bottom of bag and remaining 10 bundles on top of these, making six layers of two bundles each.	60 r - A
4-A	Gauze Roll, 3 yds. x 4-1/2"	many to the
	Pack six layers of five rolls each in bag with end of roll against broad side of bag.	30
1-B	Cotton Pad, 12" x 6"	
	Tie pads in bundles of ten. Place 5 bundles in bag with flat side of dressing against narrow side of bag.	50
2-3	Cotton Pad, 12" x 12"	
	Fold pad in half. Tie in bundles of five. Place five bundles in bag with flat side of dressing against narrow side of bag.	25