

# IVALON

Surgical Products

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## Ear Wick



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## Ear Wick

(For use in the treatment of otitis externa)

### INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

#### Step 1. BEFORE INSERTION

IVALON® ear packings may be trimmed with scissors if required.

#### Step 2. INSERTION

Grasp the ear wick with forceps and gently insert the ear wick into the external ear canal.



#### Step 3. AFTER INSERTION

Hydrate the wick with an otic medication.

#### When Using Glycol-based Otic Medications:

*Glycol-based otic medications are absorbed into the wick, but the fluid normally does not fully expand the wick. For this reason, the wick should be placed in the ear canal and expanded with a few drops of saline or water prior to adding the otic medication.*



#### When Using Aqueous-based Otic Medications:

*IVALON® Ear Wicks rapidly absorb aqueous-based otic suspensions. Because of the aqueous base, the wick will normally fully expand to fill the ear canal making pre-hydration unnecessary.*



#### Step 4. REMOVAL

Use forceps to grasp the packing and gently withdraw.



#### CAUTION

Sterile. Single use only. Re-use can result in microbial contamination causing subsequent health deterioration of patient. FABCO will not be responsible for any product that has been re-sterilized and/or re-used.

Do not allow exudate to become hardened as this may interfere with the flow of drainage

Do not cut sponges in close proximity to the surgical procedure. Fragments may enter the patient's wound site. Failure to remove sponge fragments from the patient may result in foreign body reaction.

Use of device must be conducted by a physician.

Do not leave wick in place longer than four (4) days. Leaving packing in place too long may result in necrosis, ingrowth of tissue, contamination, or increased risk for toxic shock (see below).

Do not use if packet is opened, damaged or beyond expiration date to prevent risk of contamination and loss of sterility. Use proper aseptic techniques in all phases of handling.

Used packings should be considered as bio waste and be disposed of in accordance with local regulations.

#### Toxic Shock

In rare instances, the physicochemical conditions associated with otic surgery, both with and without ear packings, may present a risk of toxic shock syndrome (TSS). Warning signs of TSS include: sudden fever (usually 102° or more), vomiting, diarrhea, dizziness, fainting (or near fainting when standing up), and/or a rash that looks like a sunburn. If these or other signs of TSS appear, remove the packing at once and seek medical attention immediately. IVALON® ear packings exhibit no antimicrobial properties, they are not bacteriostatic towards pre-existing infections, nor do they prevent the occurrence of new infections. In the case of pre-existing infections, it is recommended that appropriate treatment be instituted.

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