# NEW MATERIAL FOR COVERING CHRONIC WOUNDS

### **TECHNOLOGY:**

The production technology is based on staple microfibers of sodium hyaluronate and oxidized starch, containing a physiologically acceptable acid. The result is a mechanically strong and flexible self-supporting sheet. Possibility of incorporating iodine as a disinfectant in the form of a stable complex with oxidized starch and a shelf life of over 3 years.

# **OPPORTUNITY:**

Non-healing wounds are a worlwide problem, especially in diabetics. Wounds are usually infected with microorganisms that form a very resitant so-called biofilm and have an alkaline pH. Thus, wound protection should simultaneously "acidify" and disinfect the wound enviroment.

### **DEVELOPMENT PHASE:**

Material for covering wounds has been tested for mechanical strenght and flexibility sufficient for use in medicine for covering wounds. In addition, antimicrobial tests were performed on gram-positive and gram-negative bacteria and yeasts. Bacteriostatic and bactericidal effects have been confirmed (Klebsiella pneumoniae, Pseudomonas aeruginosa, Escherichia coli, Candida albicans, Staphylococcus aureus).



Different forms of material for covering wounds



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# WHAT TECHNOLOGY SOLVS:

There are wound covers or various gels for chronic wounds avaible on the market. Wound covers are often based on a silver disinfectant, newly in nano-form. The basic problem is that silver is physiologically non-degradable. The are also gels that contain soldum hyaluronate and iodine. The disadvantage is their instability over time. The offered technology brings a solution in the form of a "spinnable" stable complex of iodine with starch containing a physiologically acceptable acidifying component.

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