

IMMEDIATE POST-OPERATIVE DRESSING OF THE GENITO-URINARY CASE

Bladder - Enough 4" x 8" gauze dressings to form a thickness of 1/2" to 3/4" folded lengthwise to form 2" x 8" pad. One such pad placed on either side of wound and strapped on with adhesive. Four strips cross-wise to hold on gauze, 4th strip to hold in Freyer tube if latter is used.

A muslin binder is then applied

Kidney - 4" x 8" dressings are applied along wound and covered with adhesive 4" wide and about 24" long. Several narrower strips may be used if the above is not available. A very convenient form of gauze instead of the 4" x 8" pads is the frequently supplied 5 yard folded gauze which comes in a 4" width in either a smaller or larger roll. Pieces of proper size may then be cut from the sterile roll right at the operating table. This is the preferred gauze if it is available.

A 4 x 4 inch pad is prepared; cut down middle as above (not completely in half). This is slipped over drains to give support here. The 4" roll is then taken and rolled back and forth to make a thick, 1 inch dressing which covers and extends about 2 inches beyond each end of the wound. viz.

If combination pads are available these can be laid over the dressing and the whole covered with a muslin binder.