



NatSSIPs 2

Materials used for packing

This list is not exhaustive and local arrangements will change use and availability

Consider:

- whether a material is absorbable
- whether a material is radiopaque
- is it in the count?
- whether a material is a pack or a dressing?
- how it will be managed safely
- procurement arrangements

Specialty	Material	Trade name	Radio-opaque	Absorbable	Not Absorbable	Included in count if to be removed later
All	Alginate	Kaltostat			x	As a dressing, NO . Inside cavity, YES
All	Carboxymethylcellulose	Aquacel			x	Yes
All	Ribbon gauze		Must be		x	Yes
All	Proflavine dressing				x	As a dressing, NO . Inside cavity, YES
All	Iodine dressings	Inadine			x	
All	Haemostatic gelatin sponge	Spongostan		x		No
All	Polyurethane foam	Lyof foam			x	
All	Bandage roll	Kerlix			x	As a dressing, NO . Inside cavity, YES
All	Silver impregnated dressing	Atrauman			x	As a dressing, NO . Inside cavity, YES
Maxfax	Dental Packs- with string hanging out		Yes		x	No but need to be accounted for in handover
ENT	Cotton wool balls		No		x	Yes
ENT	Nasal polyvinyl alcohol tampon or tamponade	Merocel, Rapd rhino			x	Yes

ENT	(DL-lactide-co-E-caprolactone) urethane	Nasopore		x		No
ENT	Bismuth Subnitrate & Iodoform paste impreg gauze	BIPP	Yes		x	Yes
ENT	Silastic splint				x	Yes
ENT	Vaseline gauze		No		x	Yes
O and G	Vaginal pack		Yes		x	Yes
O and G	Tampon- with string hanging out		No		x	Yes if inserted by surgeon or midwife
O and G	Perineal pads		No		x	Not used as a packing material