ZPad™ Hydrocolloid Adhesive

ZPad is now available with hydrocolloid adhesive on BOTH pediatric and adult versions. Hydrocolloid (like, DuoDerm™ in pediatrics) is a moisture absorbing skin adhesive that adheres as well or better than traditional acrylic adhesives, and yet comes off easy. It can be used on all kinds of skin after a simple alcohol preparation, though use of skin prep is even better. Diaphoretic patients (sweaty patients) often find that hydrocolloid sticks where traditional adhesives do not. In terms of removal, hydrocolloid helps prevent MARSI (medical adhesive-related skin injury): simply roll it off gently.

Why doesn’t everyone use hydrocolloid?

First, it is expensive. Second, the ZPad hydrocolloid is a proprietary adhesive with just the right amount of stickiness for IV catheter securement. Most hydrocolloids in common use today are for wound healing.

In sum, ZPad now offers:
1. Catheter cushion to prevent pressure injuries
2. Catheter securement
3. Skin-safe hydrocolloid adhesive in large and small sizes