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PATIENT GUIDE

General information on Kerecis and guidelines for recipients of a Kerecis fish skin treatment



“The biggest thing for me is knowing that I am going to have a life back on stage again.”



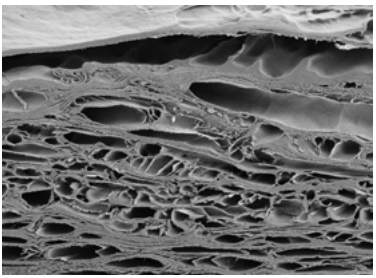
Frank Torres,
Stand-up Comedian
from Texas

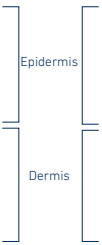
SHELTER FOR YOUR HEALING CELLS

When grafted onto a slightly bleeding wound, the human cells migrate into the Kerecis fish skin pores, start the formation of fibroblasts (the connective tissue), and facilitate the creation of blood vessels; Initiating the healing process.[1,2]

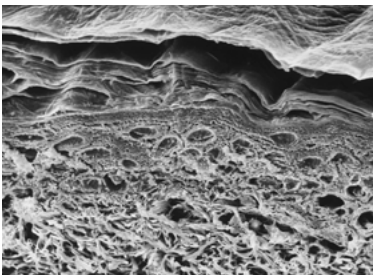
Oddly enough, Atlantic cod skin is comparable to human skin in two important aspects: a) a similar structure with distinct layers, and b) the porosity of the two types of skin.

Fish skin





Human Skin*



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2. Alam, K. & Jeffery, S. L. A. Acellular Fish Skin Grafts for Management of Split Thickness Donor Sites and Partial Thickness Burns: A Case Series. Mil. Med. 184, 16–20 (2019)

WHAT DO YOU DO AFTER THE GRAFT IS APPLIED?

For best results it is important to keep the wound dressing dry and clean. In the weeks following the procedure, Kerecis will slowly be incorporated into your wound.

MANAGE THE DRESSING

In the weeks following the procedure, Kerecis fish skin will slowly be incorporated into your wound. Consult your provider should secondary dressing become wet or loose.

STICK TO YOUR APPOINTMENTS

For the best results, Kerecis fish skin may be applied more than once, based on your providers wound management plan. Missing appointments can delay healing.

KEEP WEIGHT OFF THE WOUND

Healing skin is fragile. Do not step on the wound or sit or lie in a position that puts pressure on the wound.

WEAR PROTECTIVE SUPPORT AS INSTRUCTED

Your provider may prescribe offloading shoes and/ or compression wraps, which will help manage any underlying conditions. Consult your provider if you have problems using your protective device.

DOWNLOAD THE KERECIS KERS PATIENT APP

The app provides a recovery plan to get you back to your best self after treatment. These include everyday practices you can do yourself to help improve your healing time.

Download Kerecis Kers from the App Store & Google Play

THE HEALING POWER OF NATURE

Kerecis fish skin grafts are made of intact cod fish skin. The gentle processing of the fish skin means that it retains its natural elements which support the healing process.

DO KERECIS INTACT FISH SKIN GRAFTS HAVE ANY SIDE EFFECTS?

People with known fish allergies should not use the product. Shellfish allergies are not included.

CAN I APPLY THE PRODUCT MYSELF?

No, effective wound preparation prior to fish skin application is crucial for a successful healing process. Therefore, Kerecis fish skin grafts are only applied by medically trained physicians and are not available as over-the-counter products.

IS KERECIS INTACT FISH SKIN COVERED BY YOUR INSURANCE?

Kerecis is approved by Medicare and covered by most private insurance providers. Your care center can verify coverage with a call to the Kerecis Hotline +1 844-KERECIS (+1 844-537-3247).

If you have any questions about your treatment, please contact your health care provider.

All information in this brochure is designed to serve only as a general guideline. This information does not replace instructions received from your healthcare provider. Always follow your health care provider's directions.

WHAT IS KERECIS INTACT FISH SKIN?

Kerecis fish skin is used to treat complex acute and chronic wounds including diabetic wounds, venous ulcers, trauma, burns and surgical wounds.

Thousands of patients benefit from treatment with Kerecis fish skin grafts every year by helping prevent amputations, improving patients' quality of life, and potentially increasing their life expectancy.

Kerecis fish skins are the only intact fish skin medical devices cleared for human tissue repair by any regulatory authority globally, including the FDA.

"I don't know what I would have done or where I would be without Kerecis."

Alana Smith, from Palo Alto, California



See the full story and other success stories on our website **www.kerecis.com/patient-stories/**

THE GRAFTS ARE MADE FROM SUSTAINABLY SOURCED COD FROM THE ARCTIC WATERS AROUND ICELAND



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HOW CAN I FIND OUT MORE ABOUT KERECIS FISH SKIN?

Please visit the company's website at www.kerecis.com/patients for more information about the product, scientific publications and patient testimonials.

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To extend life by supporting the body's own ability to regenerate

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