

# Collagenase SANTYL<sup>®</sup> Ointment 250 units/g Clinical Competency for Long-Term Care Providers

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## Introduction

This clinical competency booklet has been developed for long-term care providers who use or prescribe Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment. The target audience for this Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment competency includes:

- Licensed Nurses (RNs, LPNs)
- Physical Therapists
- Physician's Assistants
- Nurse Practitioners
- Physicians

## Objectives

- Distinguish the indications for Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment in debridement
- Explain the mechanism of action of Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment
- Review the appropriate amount of Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment per application
- Demonstrate proper application for Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment
- Demonstrate proper clinical practice when administering Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment

## Note to Trainer: Using the Skills Checklist(s)


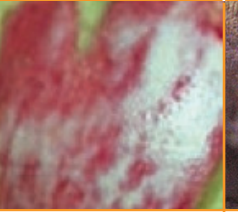
This competency packet is provided to assist in the training of your staff on the proper utilization of Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment within the Standard Practice Application of topical medications. You will find several tools to help implement the competency in your facility. Please note that there are two versions of the Skills Checklist provided. Choose the checklist that reflects your institutional protocols, or create your own Skills Checklist to support your facility's institutional protocols.

- SKILLS Checklist: Application Process for Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment, Version 1
  - This version is appropriate if your facility verifies competency based ONLY on the topical medication application of Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment.
- SKILLS Checklist: Standard Practice Application for Topical Medications (Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment), Version 2
  - This version is appropriate if your facility verifies competency by observing all steps for Standard Practice Application of Topical Medications.
- If your facility's Standard Practice Application varies from what is provided in Version 2, please defer to your institutional protocols and replace the Skills Checklist(s) provided here, with a Skills Checklist that reflects your institutional protocols.
- In both versions of the Skills Checklist provided, steps that are highlighted orange are specific to the application of Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment and taken from the FDA approved package insert.

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# Enzymatic Debridement with Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment

Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment is the only FDA-approved enzymatic debrider. SANTYL® Ointment is indicated for debriding chronic dermal ulcers and severely burned areas.

	Pressure Ulcer Stage 4-Knee	Pressure Ulcer Unstageable-Hip	Diabetic Foot Ulcer	Burn	Non-progressing Venous Leg Ulcer
					
<b>Description</b>	Partial to full thickness wound with slough/fibrin	Wound with eschar/dried necrosis	Full thickness wound with slough; signs of surgical removal of callus on margins	Deep, partial thickness burn with white eschar	Non-progressing wound
<b>Drainage</b>	Minimal to heavy	None	Low to moderate	Minimal to heavy	None to heavy
<b>Clinical Action</b>	Active, selective debridement	Active, selective debridement	Active, selective debridement	Active, selective debridement	Active, selective debridement
<b>Treatment Goal</b>	Clean, granulating wound bed	Clean, granulating wound bed	Clean, granulating wound bed	Clean burn without necrotic tissue	Progression

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Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment is indicated for debriding chronic dermal ulcers and severely burned areas.

Occasional slight transient erythema has been noted in surrounding tissue when applied outside the wound. One case of systemic hypersensitivity has been reported after 1 year of treatment with collagenase and cortisone. Use of Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment should be terminated when debridement is complete and granulation tissue is well established.

Debilitated patients should be closely monitored for systemic bacterial infections because of the theoretical possibility that debriding enzymes may increase the risk of bacteremia.

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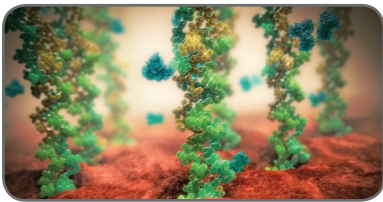
## What is Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment?

### Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment 250 units/g clears the way for healthy tissue



SANTYL® Ointment is a licensed biologic and the only FDA-approved enzymatic debrider.

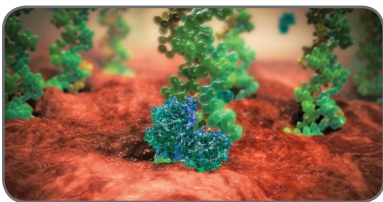
### Actively and selectively remove necrotic tissue without harming granulation tissue



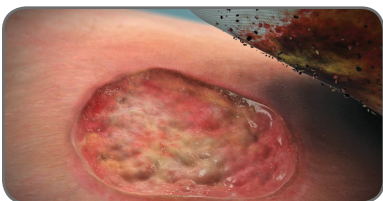
In an untreated wound, strands of collagen anchor necrotic tissue to the wound bed.



SANTYL® Ointment penetrates the wound surface by migrating through the edges of the wound and between pockets of slough, eschar, and dead tissue.



SANTYL® Ointment selectively attacks this collagen and cleaves the fiber at its attachment point. This detaches the fiber from the wound bed and frees the wound of necrotic debris.



After SANTYL® Ointment cleaves and degrades the fiber, the necrotic debris can be successfully removed through subsequent cleansing and dressing changes.

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# Application Process for Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment

## 1 CLEANSE

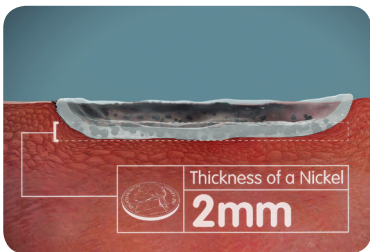


- Remove as much loose debris from the wound as possible
- Gently cleanse the wound bed with sterile saline or an appropriate wound cleanser (optimal pH 6-8) followed by saline, each time a dressing is changed
- When necessary, have a **properly licensed clinician** crosshatch thick eschar with a #10 blade to ensure optimal surface contact

## 2 APPLY



- Apply directly to the wound or to a sterile gauze pad, which is then applied to the wound and properly secured
- Apply SANTYL® Ointment at 2 mm thickness (approximately nickel thickness)
- Apply SANTYL® Ointment within the area of the wound
- Apply once daily (or more frequently if the dressing becomes soiled, as from incontinence)



### Use the appropriate amount of ointment

- Three clinical trials found Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment to be efficacious when applied at nickel thickness (2 mm)<sup>1-3</sup>

## 3 COVER



- Wounds with sufficient exudate will naturally activate the collagenase enzyme, but a dry wound bed may require additional moisture
- Do not use dressings containing silver (Ag) or iodine (I<sub>2</sub>) with SANTYL® Ointment, as these ions inactivate collagenase, the active enzyme in SANTYL® Ointment

### Considerations in case an infection develops:

- You may apply a topical antibiotic powder before applying SANTYL® Ointment
- If infection persists, discontinue use of SANTYL® Ointment until the infection is resolved

# Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment Estimated Amount Per Application

## 30-g tube: Length (cm) of SANTYL® Ointment line per application based on wound dimensions

cm x cm	1 cm	2 cm	3 cm	4 cm	5 cm	6 cm	7 cm	8 cm
1 cm	0.5 cm	1.0 cm	1.6 cm	2.1 cm	2.6 cm	3.1 cm	3.6 cm	4.1 cm
2 cm	1.0 cm	2.1 cm	3.1 cm	4.1 cm	5.2 cm	6.2 cm	7.2 cm	8.3 cm
3 cm	1.6 cm	3.1 cm	4.7 cm	6.2 cm	7.8 cm	9.3 cm	10.9 cm	12.4 cm
4 cm	2.1 cm	4.1 cm	6.2 cm	8.3 cm	10.3 cm	12.4 cm	14.5 cm	16.5 cm
5 cm	2.6 cm	5.2 cm	7.8 cm	10.3 cm	12.9 cm	15.5 cm	18.1 cm	20.7 cm
6 cm	3.1 cm	6.2 cm	9.3 cm	12.4 cm	15.5 cm	18.6 cm	21.7 cm	24.8 cm
7 cm	3.6 cm	7.2 cm	10.9 cm	14.5 cm	18.1 cm	21.7 cm	25.3 cm	28.9 cm
8 cm	4.1 cm	8.3 cm	12.4 cm	16.5 cm	20.7 cm	24.8 cm	28.9 cm	33.1 cm

### 30-g tube:

3.04 cm (1.20 in) = approximately 1 g



**Formula:** Estimated length of SANTYL® Ointment ("SO") needed from 30-g tube  
 = Wound area x nickel depth x SO density x approx. length of 1 g of SO  
 = (X cm<sup>2</sup>) x (0.2 cm) x (0.85 g/cm<sup>3</sup>) x (3.04 cm/g)

## 90-g tube: Length (cm) of SANTYL® Ointment line per application based on wound dimensions

cm x cm	1 cm	2 cm	3 cm	4 cm	5 cm	6 cm	7 cm	8 cm
1 cm	0.3 cm	0.6 cm	0.9 cm	1.2 cm	1.5 cm	1.8 cm	2.1 cm	2.4 cm
2 cm	0.6 cm	1.2 cm	1.8 cm	2.4 cm	3.0 cm	3.6 cm	4.2 cm	4.8 cm
3 cm	0.9 cm	1.8 cm	2.7 cm	3.6 cm	4.5 cm	5.4 cm	6.4 cm	7.3 cm
4 cm	1.2 cm	2.4 cm	3.6 cm	4.8 cm	6.1 cm	7.3 cm	8.5 cm	9.7 cm
5 cm	1.5 cm	3.0 cm	4.5 cm	6.1 cm	7.6 cm	9.1 cm	10.6 cm	12.1 cm
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8 cm	2.4 cm	4.8 cm	7.3 cm	9.7 cm	12.1 cm	14.5 cm	16.9 cm	19.4 cm

### 90-g tube:

1.78 cm (0.70 in) = approximately 1 g



**Formula:** Estimated length of SANTYL® Ointment ("SO") needed from 90-g tube  
 = Wound area x nickel depth x SO density x approx. length of 1 g of SO  
 = (X cm<sup>2</sup>) x (0.2 cm) x (0.85 g/cm<sup>3</sup>) x (1.78 cm/g)

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# Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment Estimated Amount Per Application (Example using application guideline for a 6 x 6 cm wound)

## 30-g tube: Length (cm) of SANTYL® Ointment line per application based on wound dimensions

cm x cm	1 cm	2 cm	3 cm	4 cm	5 cm	6 cm	7 cm	8 cm
1 cm	0.5 cm	1.0 cm	1.6 cm	2.1 cm	2.6 cm	3.1 cm	3.6 cm	4.1 cm
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# Standard Practice Application\* for Topical Medications: Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment

1. Verify physician order
2. Assemble supplies
3. Knock on resident/patient door for permission to enter
4. Provide privacy for patient
5. Identify resident/patient per policy
6. Ask resident/patient if they are experiencing any pain. Report per policy.
7. Explain procedure to the resident/patient
8. Cleanse hands
9. Don/apply gloves
10. Remove soiled dressing. Dispose of in appropriate container
11. Measure wound and assess wound for appropriate documentation when treatment is completed
12. Remove gloves
13. Wash hands and don/apply gloves
14. Remove as much loose debris from the wound as possible
15. Gently cleanse the wound bed with sterile saline or an appropriate wound cleanser (optimal pH 6–8) followed by saline, each time a dressing is changed
16. If necessary, have a **properly licensed clinician** crosshatch thick eschar with a #10 blade to ensure optimal surface contact
17. Apply directly to the wound or to a sterile gauze pad, which is then applied to the wound and properly secured
18. Apply SANTYL® Ointment at 2 mm thickness (approximately nickel thickness)
19. Apply SANTYL® Ointment within the area of the wound
20. Apply once daily (or more frequently if the dressing becomes soiled, as from incontinence). Wounds with sufficient exudate will naturally activate the collagenase enzyme, but a dry wound bed may require additional moisture
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22. Do not use dressings containing silver (Ag) or iodine (I<sub>2</sub>) with SANTYL® Ointment, as these ions inactivate collagenase, the active enzyme in SANTYL® Ointment
23. Gather dirty supplies and bag. Dispose soiled bag in designated area
24. Remove gloves
25. Cleanse hands
26. Assure resident/patient is safe and comfortable
27. Document wound measurements, assessment of the wound, patient tolerance and pain level at the completion of the treatment
28. Document with initial on the Medication Administration Record (MAR/TAR as appropriate) that the treatment was completed per physician order

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# SKILLS CHECKLIST: Application Process for Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment, Version 1

Employee: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator: \_\_\_\_\_

Steps for Applying Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment		
Performance Criteria	Met	Not Met
<b>Cleanse</b>		
1. Remove as much loose debris from the wound as possible		
2. Gently cleanse the wound bed with sterile saline or an appropriate wound cleanser (optimal pH 6–8) followed by saline, each time a dressing is changed		
3. If necessary, have a <i>properly licensed clinician</i> crosshatch thick eschar with a #10 blade to ensure optimal surface contact		
<b>Apply</b>		
4. Apply directly to the wound or to a sterile gauze pad, which is then applied to the wound and properly secured		
5. Apply SANTYL® Ointment at 2 mm thickness (approximately nickel thickness)		
6. Apply SANTYL® Ointment within the area of the wound		
7. Apply once daily (or more frequently if the dressing becomes soiled, as from incontinence)		
<b>Cover</b>		
8. Wounds with sufficient exudate will naturally activate the collagenase enzyme, but a dry wound bed may require additional moisture		
9. Do not use dressings containing silver (Ag) or iodine (I <sub>2</sub> ) with SANTYL® Ointment, as these ions inactivate collagenase, the active enzyme in SANTYL® Ointment		
<b>Considerations in case an infection develops:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You may apply a topical antibiotic powder before applying SANTYL® Ointment</li> <li>If infection persists, discontinue use of SANTYL® Ointment until the infection is resolved</li> </ul>		

Comments (Re: Not Met): \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Employee

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature of Evaluator

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# SKILLS CHECKLIST: Standard Practice Application\* for Topical Medications (Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment), Version 2

Employee: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Evaluator: \_\_\_\_\_

Standard Practice Application for Topical Medication (page 1 of 2)		
Performance Criteria	Met	Not Met
1. Verify physician order		
2. Assemble supplies		
3. Knock on resident/patient door for permission to enter		
4. Provide privacy for patient		
5. Identify resident/patient per policy		
6. Ask resident/patient if they are experiencing any pain. Report per policy.		
7. Explain procedure to the resident/patient		
8. Cleanse hands		
9. Don/apply gloves		
10. Remove soiled dressing. Dispose of in appropriate container		
11. Measure wound and assess wound for appropriate documentation when treatment is completed		
12. Remove gloves		
13. Wash hands and don/apply gloves		
<b>Cleanse</b>		
14. Remove as much loose debris from the wound as possible		
15. Gently cleanse the wound bed with sterile saline or an appropriate wound cleanser (optimal pH 6–8) followed by saline, each time a dressing is changed		
16. If necessary, have a <b>properly licensed clinician</b> crosshatch thick eschar with a #10 blade to ensure optimal surface contact		
<b>Apply</b>		
17. Apply directly to the wound or to a sterile gauze pad, which is then applied to the wound and properly secured		
18. Apply SANTYL® Ointment at 2 mm thickness (approximately nickel thickness)		
19. Apply SANTYL® Ointment within the area of the wound		
20. Apply once daily (or more frequently if the dressing becomes soiled, as from incontinence)		

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## Standard Practice Application for Topical Medication, Continued (page 2 of 2)

Performance Criteria	Met	Not Met
<b>Cover</b>		
<b>21.</b> Wounds with sufficient exudate will naturally activate the collagenase enzyme, but a dry wound bed may require additional moisture		
<b>22.</b> Do not use dressings containing silver (Ag) or iodine (I <sub>2</sub> ) with SANTYL® Ointment, as these ions inactivate collagenase, the active enzyme in SANTYL® Ointment		
<b>Considerations in case an infection develops:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• You may apply a topical antibiotic powder before applying SANTYL® Ointment</li> <li>• If infection persists, discontinue use of SANTYL® Ointment until the infection is resolved</li> </ul>		
<b>23.</b> Gather dirty supplies and bag. Dispose soiled bag in designated area		
<b>24.</b> Remove gloves		
<b>25.</b> Cleanse hands		
<b>26.</b> Assure resident/patient is safe and comfortable		
<b>27.</b> Document wound measurements, assessment of the wound, patient tolerance and pain level at the completion of the treatment		
<b>28.</b> Document with initial on the Medication Administration Record (MAR/TAR as appropriate) that the treatment was completed per physician order		

Comments (Re: Not Met): \_\_\_\_\_

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Signature of Employee

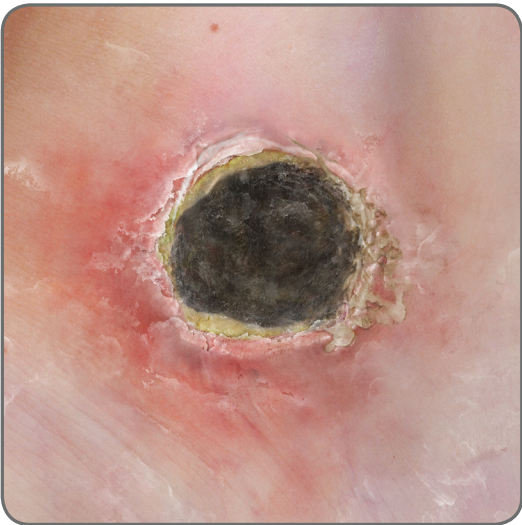
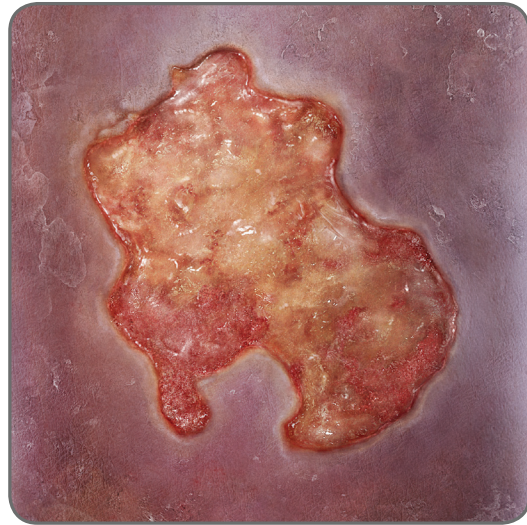
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# Demonstration of Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment Application

## Applying Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment to a Wound

Directions: Select a wound, gather supplies and apply demonstration ointment to learn how to apply Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment per package insert.



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Use the quiz on the following page  
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# Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment Quiz

Circle the correct answer to the questions listed below:

- Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment is indicated for debriding chronic dermal ulcers and severely burned areas.
  - True
  - False
- Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment is the only FDA approved enzymatic debriding agent.
  - True
  - False
- A package insert provides information about a prescription drug including: what it is, how it should be used, how it works, and any safety concerns and precautions to take.
  - True
  - False
- The Package Insert for Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment states that the ointment should be applied once daily (or more frequently if the dressing becomes soiled, as from incontinence).
  - True
  - False
- Cross-hatching is not recommended when using Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment on wounds with thick eschar.
  - True
  - False
- Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment should be applied to the wound
  - In a thick film
  - 2 mm thickness
  - Nickle thick with the wound area
  - Answer B and C
- Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment is a prescription medication for debridement of necrotic wounds. Prior to applying SANTYL® you should:
  - Verify the physician's order and prepare supplies
  - Knock on patient's door and ask permission to enter room
  - Identify resident/patient per policy
  - All of the above
- Do not use the following with Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment as it will deactivate collagenase, the active ingredient in Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment:
  - Foam Dressings
  - Dressing containing calcium alginate
  - Absorptive gauze dressings
  - Dressings containing silver (Ag) or iodine (I<sub>2</sub>)
  - None of the above

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# Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment Quiz and Answer Key

Circle the correct answer to the questions listed below:

- Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment is indicated for debriding chronic dermal ulcers and severely burned areas.
  - True
  - False
- Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment is the only FDA approved enzymatic debriding agent.
  - True
  - False
- A package insert provides information about a prescription drug including: what it is, how it should be used, how it works, and any safety concerns and precautions to take.
  - True
  - False
- The Package Insert for Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment states that the ointment should be applied once daily (or more frequently if the dressing becomes soiled, as from incontinence).
  - True
  - False
- Cross-hatching is not recommended when using Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment on wounds with thick eschar.
  - True
  - False
- Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment should be applied to the wound
  - In a thick film
  - 2 mm thickness
  - Nickle thick with the wound area
  - Answer B and C
- Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment is a prescription medication for debridement of necrotic wounds. Prior to applying SANTYL® you should:
  - Verify the physician's order and prepare supplies
  - Knock on patient's door and ask permission to enter room
  - Identify resident/patient per policy
  - All of the above
- Do not use the following with Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment as it will deactivate collagenase, the active ingredient in Collagenase SANTYL® Ointment:
  - Foam Dressings
  - Dressing containing calcium alginate
  - Absorptive gauze dressings
  - Dressings containing silver (Ag) or iodine (I<sub>2</sub>)
  - None of the above

Answer Key: 1. A, 2. A, 3. A, 4. A, 5. B, 6. D, 7. D, 8. D

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# CERTIFICATE OF COMPLETION

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SANTYL® OINTMENT COMPETENCY FOR LONG-TERM CARE PROGRAM

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**DESCRIPTION:** Collagenase SANTYL<sup>®</sup> Ointment is a sterile enzymatic debriding ointment which contains 250 collagenase units per gram of white petrolatum USP. The enzyme collagenase is derived from the fermentation by *Clostridium histolyticum*. It possesses the unique ability to digest collagen in necrotic tissue.

**CLINICAL PHARMACOLOGY:** Since collagen accounts for 75% of the dry weight of skin tissue, the ability of collagenase to digest collagen in the physiological pH and temperature range makes it particularly effective in the removal of detritus.<sup>1</sup> Collagenase thus contributes towards the formation of granulation tissue and subsequent epithelization of dermal ulcers and severely burned areas.<sup>2, 3, 4, 5, 6</sup> Collagen in healthy tissue or in newly formed granulation tissue is not attacked.<sup>2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8</sup> There is no information available on collagenase absorption through skin or its concentration in body fluids associated with therapeutic and/or toxic effects, degree of binding to plasma proteins, degree of uptake by a particular organ or in the fetus, and passage across the blood brain barrier.

**INDICATIONS AND USAGE:** Collagenase SANTYL<sup>®</sup> Ointment is indicated for debriding chronic dermal ulcers<sup>2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18</sup> and severely burned areas.<sup>3, 4, 5, 7, 16, 19, 20, 21</sup>

**CONTRAINDICATIONS:** Collagenase SANTYL<sup>®</sup> Ointment is contraindicated in patients who have shown local or systemic hypersensitivity to collagenase.

**PRECAUTIONS:** The optimal pH range of collagenase is 6 to 8. Higher or lower pH conditions will decrease the enzyme's activity and appropriate precautions should be taken. The enzymatic activity is also adversely affected by certain detergents, and heavy metal ions such as mercury and silver which are used in some antiseptics. When it is suspected such materials have been used, the site should be carefully cleansed by repeated washings with normal saline before Collagenase SANTYL<sup>®</sup> Ointment is applied. Soaks containing metal ions or acidic solutions should be avoided because of the metal ion and low pH. Cleansing materials such as Dakin's solution and normal saline are compatible with Collagenase SANTYL<sup>®</sup> Ointment.

Debilitated patients should be closely monitored for systemic bacterial infections because of the theoretical possibility that debriding enzymes may increase the risk of bacteremia.

A slight transient erythema has been noted occasionally in the surrounding tissue, particularly when Collagenase SANTYL<sup>®</sup> Ointment was not confined to the wound. Therefore, the ointment should be applied carefully within the area of the wound. Safety and effectiveness in pediatric patients have not been established.

**ADVERSE REACTIONS:** No allergic sensitivity or toxic reactions have been noted in clinical use when used as directed. However, one case of systemic manifestations of hypersensitivity to collagenase in a patient treated for more than one year with a combination of collagenase and cortisone has been reported.

**OVERDOSAGE:** No systemic or local reaction attributed to overdose has been observed in clinical investigations and clinical use. If deemed necessary the enzyme may be inactivated by washing the area with povidone iodine.

**DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION:** Collagenase SANTYL<sup>®</sup> Ointment should be applied once daily (or more frequently if the dressing becomes soiled, as from incontinence). When clinically indicated, crosshatching thick eschar with a #10 blade allows Collagenase SANTYL<sup>®</sup> Ointment more surface contact with necrotic debris. It is also desirable to remove, with forceps and scissors, as much loosened detritus as can be done readily. Use Collagenase SANTYL<sup>®</sup> Ointment in the following manner:

1 – Prior to application the wound should be cleansed of debris and digested material by gently rubbing with a gauze pad saturated with normal saline solution, or with the desired cleansing agent compatible with Collagenase SANTYL<sup>®</sup> Ointment (See **PRECAUTIONS**), followed by a normal saline solution rinse.

2 – Whenever infection is present, it is desirable to use an appropriate topical antibiotic powder. The antibiotic should be applied to the wound prior to the application of Collagenase SANTYL<sup>®</sup> Ointment. Should the infection not respond, therapy with Collagenase SANTYL<sup>®</sup> Ointment should be discontinued until remission of the infection.

3 – Collagenase SANTYL<sup>®</sup> Ointment may be applied directly to the wound or to a sterile gauze pad which is then applied to the wound and properly secured.

4 – Use of Collagenase SANTYL<sup>®</sup> Ointment should be terminated when debridement of necrotic tissue is complete and granulation tissue is well established.

**HOW SUPPLIED:** Collagenase SANTYL<sup>®</sup> Ointment contains 250 units of collagenase enzyme per gram of white petrolatum USP.

Do not store above 25°C (77°F). Sterility guaranteed until tube is opened.

Collagenase SANTYL<sup>®</sup> Ointment is available in 15 gram, 30 gram, and 90 gram tubes.

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