ABSTRACT

STERILE GEL COMPOSITIONS FOR WOUND TREATMENT

The invention provides aqueous gel compositions for use as wound dressings and comprising from 2% to 10% w/v of alginate and from 25% to 40% w/v of polyhydric alcohol, said compositions being substantially sterile. The alginate is preferably sodium alginate and/or potassium alginate. the polyhydric alcohol is preferably propylene glycol or hexylene glycol. Also provided is a process of making such gel compositions comprising the steps of: providing an aqueous gel having the above composition and sterilising the aqueous gel. Preferably, the aqueous gel is sterilised by heating.