All-Out Opener Helps Older Adults Get a Grip

The pain and discomfort caused by arthritis and other hand limitations can often make opening basic everyday food packages and containers difficult, if not impossible.

Maddak Inc.’s All-Out Opener, part of its Ableware® Aids for Daily Living catalog, is an ergonomically designed multifunctional device that provides the added leverage needed to open most prepackaged food items. The hand rest resembles a computer mouse and distributes the forces and pressure on the hand to minimize cramping and pain, while the T-shaped handle on top allows a person to use the opener with little or no gripping strength.

The All-Out Opener can be used to open various types of packaged foods and bottles. It features a blunt V-shaped prong to open box tops with glue-sealed flaps like those commonly used for cereal and pasta; a hook on the back to lift pull-tabs on cans and to poke through cellophane-covered food trays; a twist-cap bottle opener; and a church key/slotted opener for non-twist-off (crimped) caps.

A Pinch of Powder Stops Bleeding

WoundSeal, a topical powder that stops bleeding instantly, is now available over the counter, helping patients stay adherent to their life-saving blood-thinning medications by reducing one of the most significant side effects, external bleeding. Created by older adults for older adults, WoundSeal was invented by accident when the product’s innovator, Dr. James Patterson, was testing potassium iron oxycitrate salt for water purification technology. Dr. Patterson cut his hand and noticed that when the powder mixed with his blood, it formed an instant scab that stopped the bleeding.

WoundSeal combines a hydrophilic polymer and potassium ferrate to create an instant scab (or seal) when combined with the wound’s own blood. The instant scab seals the wound, which stops the bleeding, and helps prevent infection by creating a microbial barrier over and around the wound. WoundSeal is unique in that it works independently of the body’s blood clotting cascade and the scab that’s created remains in place until the wound is healed and falls off naturally.

The topical powder has passed all required safety tests from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration and has been the subject of numerous clinical studies, all of which concluded that the powder effectively stopped bleeding.

WoundSeal is available nationally in the first aid section at Walgreens and CVS stores, or online at http://WoundSeal.com. The manufacturer’s suggested retail price is $6.99.