# GREEN POLYPROPYLENE NONABSORBABLE SURGICAL SUTURES, U.S.P.

#### DESCRIPTION

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Polypropylene is a monofilament, nonabsorbable, sterile surgical suture composed of a strand of polypropylene, a synthetic linear Polyolefin. Polypropylene sutures are dyed fluorescent green.

Polypropylene sutures meet all the requirements established by the United States Pharmacopeia (U.S.P.) for nonabsorbable surgical sutures.

# INDICATIONS

Polypropylene is indicated for use in animals only in general soft tissue approximation and/or ligation, including use in cardiovascular, ophthalmic, and neurological procedures.

## CONTRAINDICATIONS

The use of this suture is contraindicated on patients with known sensitivities or allergies to its components. For use in animals only, not for use in humans.

#### WARNINGS

Users should be familiar with surgical procedures and techniques involving nonabsorbable sutures before employing Polypropylene for wound closure as the risk of wound dehiscence may vary with the site of application and the suture material used.

Polypropylene sutures elicit a minimal inflammation reaction in tissues, followed by gradual encapsulation of the suture by fibrous connective tissue. Polypropylene suture is not absorbed, nor is any significant change in tensile strength retention known to occur in vivo.

Do not resterilize; resterilization may after the physical properties of this suture. Do not use if package is open or damaged or if the expiration date has been exceeded. Discard, open unused suture. Avoid storing product at elevated temperatures.

Users should exercise caution when handling surgical needles to avoid inadvertent needle sticks. Discard used needles in a "sharps" container.

As with any foreign body, prolonged contact of this or any other suture with salt solutions, such as those found in the urinary or biliary tracts, may result in calculus formation.

Acceptable surgical practice must be followed with respect to drainage and closure of infected or contaminated wounds.

#### PRECAUTIONS

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In handling this or any other surgical suture material, care should be taken to avoid damage from handling. Avoid crushing or crimping damage due to application of surgical instruments such as forceps or needle holders.

Adequate knot security requires the accepted surgical technique of flat, squared ties with additional throws as warranted by surgical circumstance and experience of the surgeon. The use of additional throws may be particularly appropriate when tying monofilaments.

#### ADVERSE REACTIONS

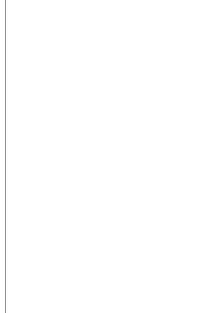
Adverse effects associated with the use of this device include wound dehiscence, calculus formation in urinary and biliary tracts when prolonged contact with salt solutions such as urine and bile occurs, infected wounds, minimal acute inflammatory tissue reaction, and transitory local irritation.

#### HOW SUPPLIED

Polypropylene sutures are available in various USP sizes. Polypropylene sutures are supplied in a wide range of lengths affixed to a diverse assortment of needle types.

## CAUTION

Federal (USA) law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a veterinarian.



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# SYMBOL DEFINITIONS



See Instructions For Use

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