

**PINK POLYPROPYLENE  
NONABSORBABLE SURGICAL SUTURES, U.S.P.**

**DESCRIPTION**

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

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**

Do not resterilize; resterilization may alter 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.

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.

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.

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.

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

**PRECAUTIONS**

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 suture is available in (USP) sizes 10-0 through 5 (metric size 0.2-7). Polypropylene sutures are dyed pink fluorescent. The sutures are supplied sterile in precut lengths on ligating reels, both non-needled and affixed to various needle types including removable needles, in one, two, or three dozen boxes.

**CAUTION**

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

**SYMBOL DEFINITIONS**

	Lot Number		Expiration Date
	Do Not Reuse		Do Not Resterilize
	See Instructions For Use		Manufacturer
	Sterilized By Ethylene Oxide		

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