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FASTLAK

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Absorbable Surgical Sutures

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FASTLAK**Instruction for Use**

Surgical Poly(glycolide)(90%)-co-lactide(10%)
Rapid Absorbable PGLA Suture
Synthetic, Multifilament, Braided, Undyed

DESCRIPTION

FASTLAK suture is synthetic absorbable sterile surgical suture which is flexible strand composed of a copolymer synthesized from 90% glycolide and 10 % L-lactide (derived from glycolic and lactic acids). The empirical formula of the copolymer is $(C_4H_9O)_m(C_3H_6O)_n$ where m:n=3:7. When FASTLAK suture is introduced into a living organism it is absorbed by that organism cause no undue tissue irritation. Copolymer and the coating with calcium stearate have been found to be nonantigenic, nonpyrogenic and elicit only a mild tissue reaction during absorption.

FASTLAK suture has been presented in USP 8/0 to 2 (metric sizes 0.4 and 0.5) gauge sizes and lengths of 12, 18, 24, 30, 36, 42 cm attached to stainless steel needles of varying types and sizes. The suture is available in the undyed (natural, beige) form.

FASTLAK sutures meet United States Pharmacopeia (U.S.P.) requirements as described in the U.S.P. "Monograph for Absorbable Surgical Sutures" and European Pharmacopoeia (E.P.) requirements as described in the E.P. "Monograph of Sutures, Sterile Synthetic Absorbable, Braided; 01/2008:0667" with the exception of an occasional slight oversize in some gauges and the exception of knot tensile strength. The knot tensile strength of FASTLAK meets USP requirements for collagen sutures as well as the requirements of the European Pharmacopoeia for "Chorda Resorbilis Sutures".

INDICATIONS

FASTLAK suture is indicated for use in general soft tissue approximation and/or ligation, including use in ophthalmic procedures but not for use in cardiovascular and neurological tissues.

ACTIONS

FASTLAK suture elicits a minimal acute inflammatory reaction in tissue and ingrowth of fibrous connective tissue. Progressive loss of tensile strength and eventual absorption of suture occurs by hydrolysis and degrades the strength in the body. After hydrolysis it is excreted from the body as carbon dioxide and water. Absorption begins as a loss of tensile strength followed by a loss of mass. Animal and in-vitro hydrolysis studies indicate that FASTLAK suture provides 50% tissue supporting during at least one week post implantation. All of the original tensile strength (Break Strength Relenton-BSR) is lost between 10-14 days post implantation and suture absorption is essentially complete 42 days.

Contraindications

This suture, being absorbable, should not be used where extended approximation of tissue is required.

WARNINGS

Users should be familiar with surgical procedures and techniques involving absorbable sutures before employing for wound closure, as risk of wound dehiscence may vary with the site of application and the suture material used. Physicians should consider the in vivo performance (under ACTIVATION section) when selecting a suture for use in patients.

The use of this suture may be inappropriate in elderly malnourished or debilitated patients, or in patients suffering from conditions which may delay wound healing.

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

As FASTLAK is an absorbable suture, the use of supplemental non-absorbable sutures should be considered by the surgeon in the event of tissue sites which may undergo expansion, stretching, or distension, or which may require additional support. Do not re-sterilize. Discard open packages and unused sutures.

Acceptable surgical practice should be followed for the management of contaminated or infected wounds.

PRECAUTIONS

Skin sutures which must remain in place longer than 7 days may cause localized irritation and should be snipped off or removed. Under some circumstances, notably orthopedic procedures, immobilization of joints by external support may be employed at the discretion of the surgeon.

Consideration should be taken in the use of absorbable sutures in tissues with poor blood supply, as suture erosion and delayed absorption may occur.

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

To avoid damaging needle point and swage areas, grasp the needle in an area one-third (1/3) to one-half (1/2) the distance from the swaged end to the point. Reshaping needles should cause them to lose strength and be less resistant to bending and breaking. Users should exercise caution when handling surgical needles to avoid inadvertent needle sticks.

FASTLAK sutures, which are treated to enhance handling characteristics requires the accepted surgical technique of flat and square lies with additional throws as warranted by surgical circumstances and experiences of the surgeon.

Avoid prolonged exposure to elevated temperatures.

Discard of contaminated and unused products are in accordance with local and facility requirements. Discard used needles in "sharps" containers.

ADVERSE REACTIONS

Adverse reactions associates with the use of FASTLAK sutures include transitory local irritation at the wound site, acute inflammatory tissue reaction, erythema and induration during the absorption process of subcuticular sutures. Like all foreign bodies FASTLAK may potentiate an existing infection.

HOW SUPPLIED

FASTLAK suture is available sterile, as braided undyed (natural) strands in sizes 8/0 to 2 (metric sizes 0.4-0.5), in a variety of lengths, as non-needed or attached to stainless steel needles of varying types and sizes.

Subsidiary is available in one, two and three dozen boxes. FASTLAK suture is for single use only.

STORAGE

Store below 25°C and keep away from sunlight. Protect from humidity. Do not use after expiry date.

SYMBOLS USED ON LABELLING

	Do not reuse!	REF Catalogue Number	
	Do not resterilize		Store below 25C
	Do not use if package is damaged		Keep away from sunlight
	Manufacturer		Protect from humidity
YYYY	Date of Manufacture, Year		Recyclable pack
YYYY-MM	Expiry Date, Year- Month		Attention, See instruction for use
STERILE / R	Sterile / R: Irradiation		CE 2292
LOT	Batch Number		
	Undyed/Absorbable, Braided, Coated		

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