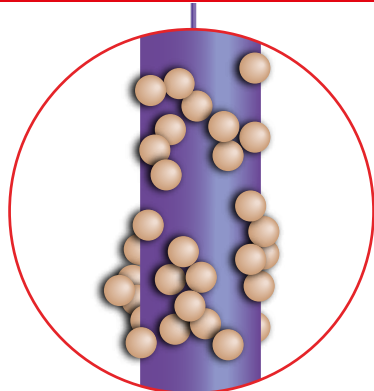
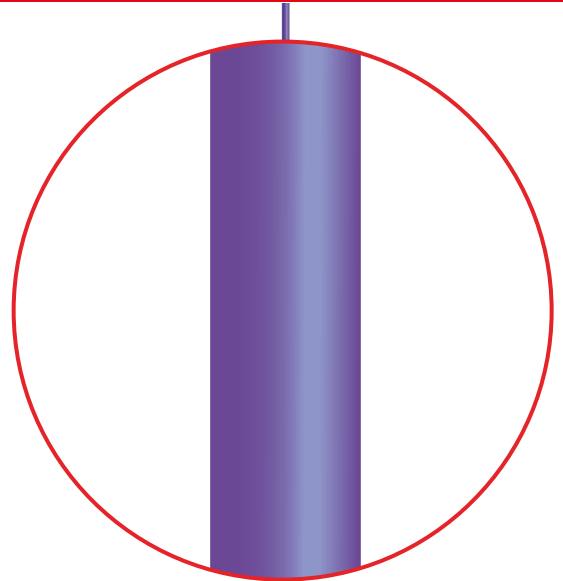


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Traditional
Suture



PLUS Antibacterial
Suture

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You can't tell the difference,
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Triclosan coated sutures have been included in SSI prevention guidelines and efficacy assessment by 6 recognised Health Authorities:**

Global Health Authorities



World Health Organization 2016 ⁴:
'The panel suggests the use of triclosan coated sutures for reducing the risk of SSI, independent of the type of surgery. (conditional recommendation, moderate quality of evidence).'



Center for Disease Control and Prevention, 2017 ⁵:
'Consider the use of triclosan-coated sutures for the prevention of SSI.'



American College of Surgeons/ Surgical Infection Society, 2016 SSI-guidelines ⁶:
'Triclosan antibacterial sutures use is recommended for wound closure in clean and clean contaminated abdominal cases.'

Local Health Authorities (UK and Germany)



NICE Guidelines Update 2019 ⁷:
'When using sutures, consider using antimicrobial triclosan-coated sutures, especially for pediatric surgery, to reduce the risk of surgical site infection (2019).'



Commission for Hospital Hygiene and Infection Prevention 2018 ⁸:
'Antiseptically coated sutures only reduce the threat of infection where there are high baseline SSI rates, contamination class III and IV surgeries, and patients with multiple morbidities (Cat.II).'

European Network

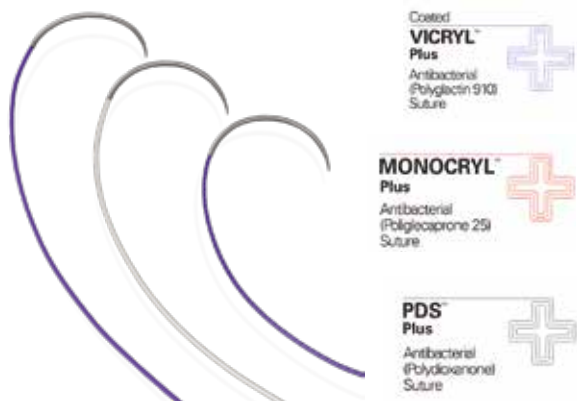


European Network for HTA 2017 ⁹:
A statistically significant benefit of triclosan-coated sutures in reducing the risk of total incisional SSI was demonstrated in our systematic review/ meta-analysis, based on moderate quality RCTs Data.

*There are no competitive triclosan coated suture that have both FDA Clearance and CE mark as of January 2017.

**The CDC, WHO, ACS/SIS, KRINKO and NICE Guidelines on reducing the risk of Surgical Site Infections are general to Triclosan-coated sutures and are not specific to any one brand. EUnetHTA REA is general to Triclosan-coated sutures and are not specific to any one brand.

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- ✓ *Staphylococcus aureus*
- ✓ *Staphylococcus epidermidis*
- ✓ Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus epidermidis* (MRSE)
- ✓ Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA)
- ✓ *Escherichia coli****
- ✓ *Klebsiella pneumoniae****

*** PDS™ Plus Suture and Monocryl™ Plus Suture only.

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