

SUTURE

Description: Braided For easy handling and secure knot tying.

Coated For smooth passage through tissue and easy

knot tie down.

Synthetic For minimal tissue reaction.

Absorbable By hydrolysis. Essentially complete in

56-70 days.

Tensile strength: Post implantation Approximate % of original strength remaining

 14 days
 75%

 21 days
 50%

 28 days
 25%

Color: Violet or undyed.

Range: 5-0 to 2 (USP). Supplied as needled sutures and ligatures.

Indications: VICRYL* Plus sutures are intended for use in soft tissue

approximation and/or ligation, including use in microsurgery for vessels less than 2 mm in diameter. The safety and effectiveness of VICRYL* Plus sutures in cardiovascular tissue, ophthalmic surgery and neurological tissue have not been established. Typical areas of use include:

• Fascia closure - due to the 28-day claim

Subcutaneous fatJoint capsule

Uterus

Protection against bacterial colonization

In vitro studies demonstrate, that VICRYL* Plus suture has a zone of inhibition that is effective against the pathogens that most frequently cause surgical site infection, including *Staphylococcus aureus*, methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* (MRSA), *Staphylococcus epidermidis* and methicillin resistant *Staphylococcus epidermidis* (MRSE).

