Take Greater Control
of a key risk factor related to Surgical Site Infections (SSIs)

Suture selection provides an important opportunity to address a known risk factor for infection — bacterial colonization of the suture.

SSIs are common & costly for patients and hospitals. Additional cost of an SSI can be €2000 to €4000.

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World Health Organization (WHO) Global Guidelines for the Prevention of Surgical Site Infection

“The panel suggests the use of triclosan-coated sutures for the purpose of reducing the risk of SSI, independent of the type of surgery.”

American College of Surgeons & Surgical Infection Society (ACS & SIS) Surgical Site Infection Guidelines

“Triclosan antibacterial suture use is recommended for wound closure in clean and clean-contaminated abdominal cases when available.”

Ethicon Plus Antibacterial Suture facts

Triclosan used in Plus Sutures — IRGACARE® MP™ — Medical grade Triclosan.

Shown in vitro to inhibit bacterial colonization of the suture for 7 days or more.

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