Take Greater Control
of key risk factors 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

Annual cost due to SSIs

$3.5-10 billion.1

The CDC has revised its Guideline for the Prevention of SSI* to now include a recommendation for the use of antimicrobial sutures: “Consider the use of triclosan-coated sutures for the prevention of SSI.”2

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.3

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.4

*The CDC, WHO, ACS & SIS guidelines on reducing the risk of surgical site infections are general to triclosan-coated sutures and are not specific to any one brand.

Ethicon Plus Antibacterial Suture facts
Triclosan used in Plus Sutures —IRGACARE® MP—is the purest form available.5

Shown in vitro to inhibit bacterial colonization of the suture for 7 days or more.5-8

Ethicon has a full portfolio offering of triclosan-coated sutures

For complete indications, contraindications, warnings, precautions, and adverse reactions, please reference full package insert.

References

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