



Polysorb™

Braided, Synthetic Absorbable Suture



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positive results for life™

[STRENGTH AND SECURITY
WHEN IT'S NEEDED MOST]

We're all part of the same community. A community entrusted with enhancing and saving the lives of patients. At Covidien, we actively help you and all of our partners in the healthcare community. Every day.



Together, We Can
Provide Your Patients
With Optimal Care
And Quality Of Life.
Today, Tomorrow
And Beyond.

Polysorb™ Suture.

Strength and Security,
When It's Needed Most.

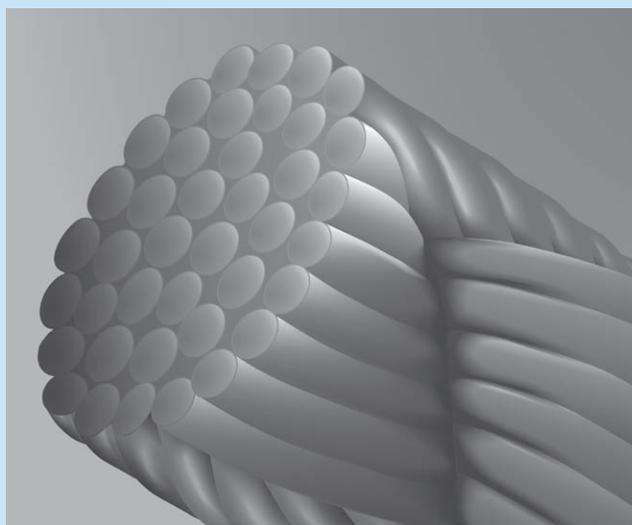
**You Want the Best for
Your Patients.**

That's where Covidien comes in.
You can rely on our Polysorb™ sutures
to deliver the treatment your patients
need to heal successfully.

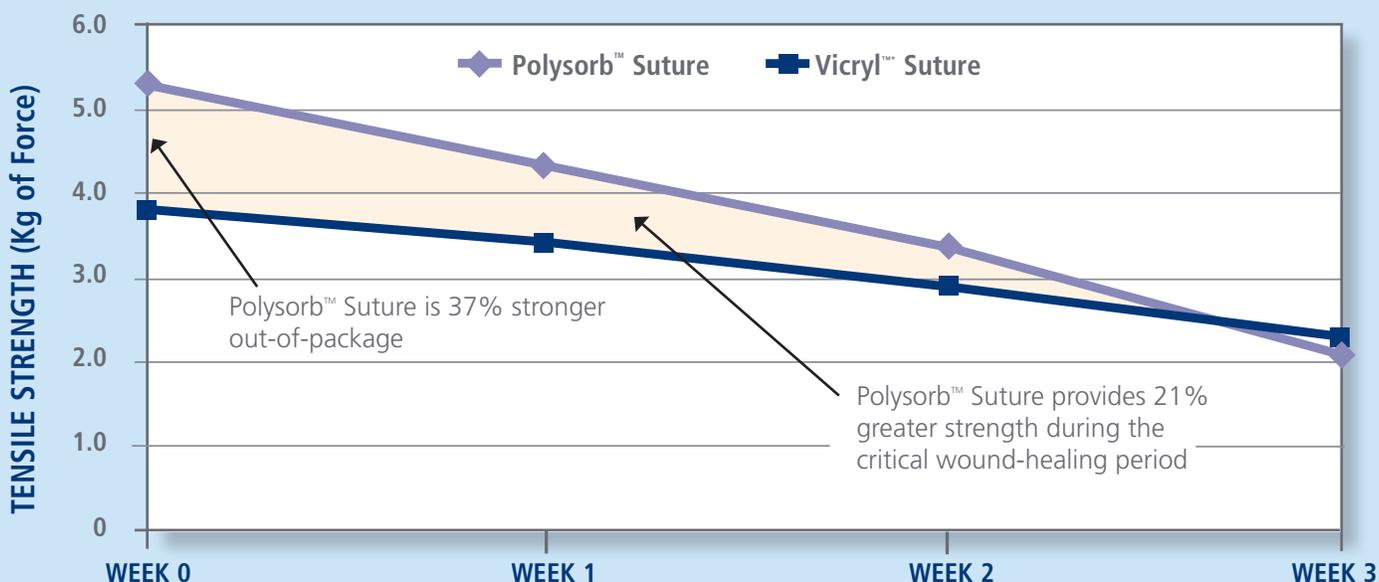
Polysorb™ suture is 21% stronger than Vicryl™ suture during the critical wound healing period with a similar absorption profile.¹

Polysorb™ suture's sheath and core design has a greater number of finer fibers giving it a superior tensile strength compared to Vicryl™ suture.

Our robust manufacturing and quality testing processes ensure that the products we put in your hands are reliable and effective.



2/0 BRAIDED SYNTHETIC ABSORBABLE SUTURE



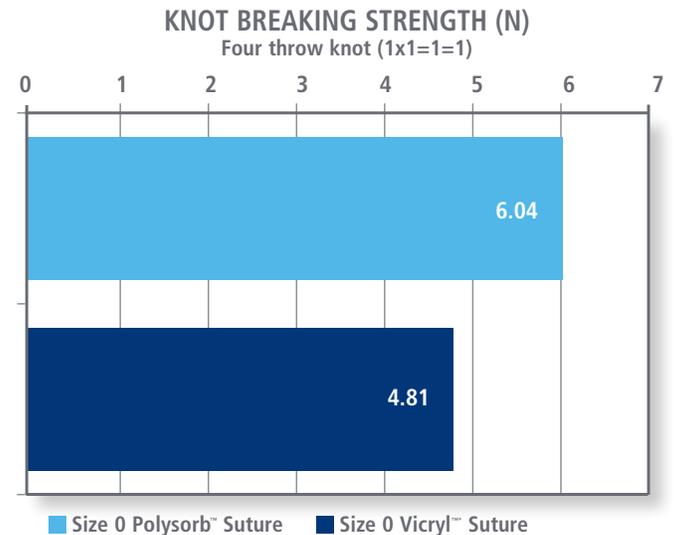
Dedication To Product Improvement

Your patients' well being can never be compromised, which is why we have been upholding and advancing the standards of effectiveness for sutures throughout our history.

Why Use Polysorb™ Suture?

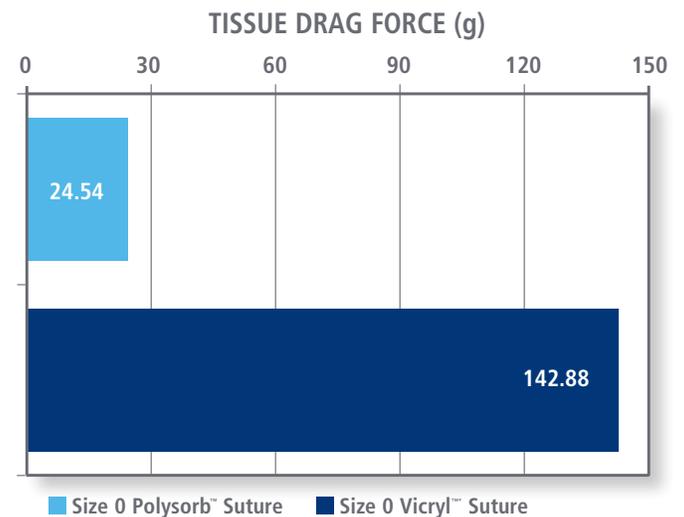
STRENGTH

- Stronger out-of-the-package than Vicryl™ suture, as well as after it is knotted, which provides greater strength during surgery.¹
- 21% stronger than Vicryl™ suture during the critical wound-healing period, when strength is most important.¹



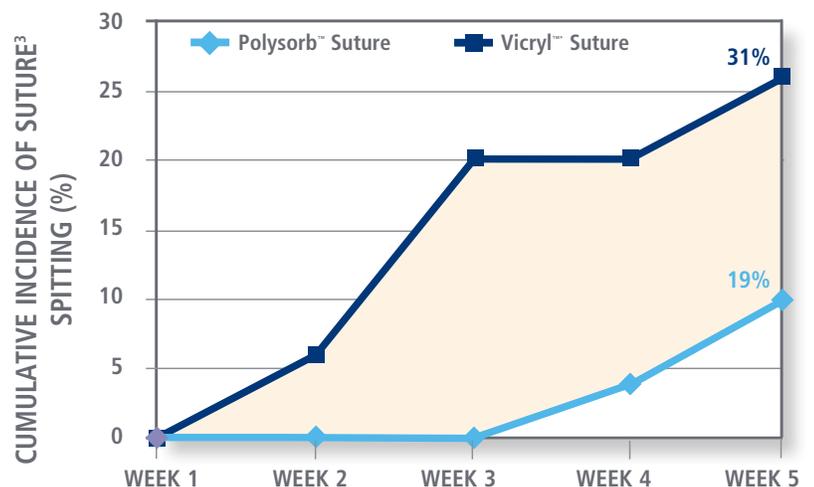
PERFORMANCE

- Significantly stronger knot security than Vicryl™ suture.²
- Significantly less drag force than Vicryl™ suture.²



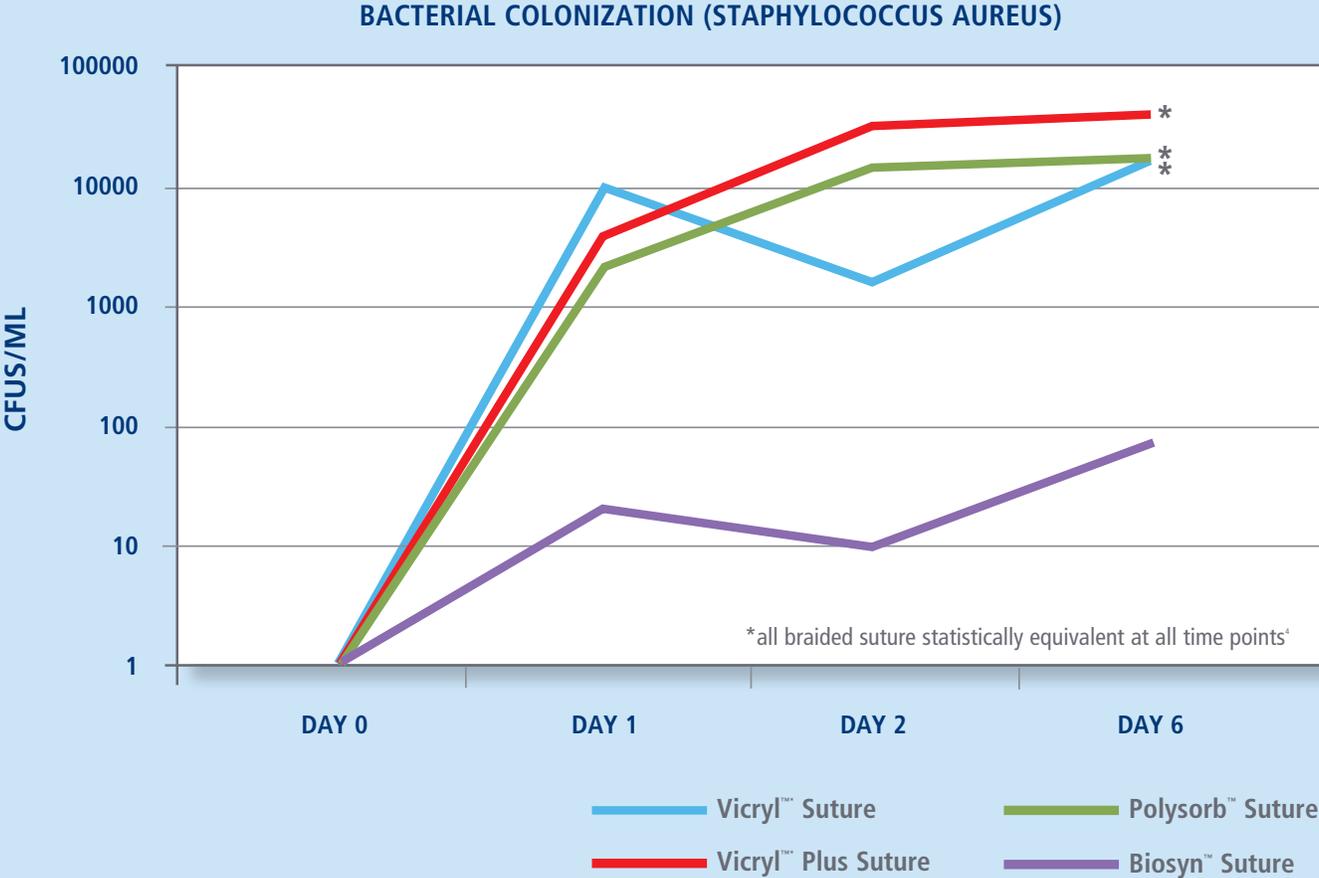
PEACE OF MIND

- Significantly lower mean cumulative incidence of suture spitting





Polysorb™ suture provides statistically equivalent levels of bacterial colonization as compared to both Vicryl™ Plus suture and Vicryl™ suture.⁴



SPECIFICATIONS

COMPOSITION: Lactomer Glycolide/Lactide Copolymer coated with Caprolactone and Calcium Stearoyl Lactylate

SUTURE SIZE OPTIONS: Available in all sizes 2 through 8/0

SUTURE LENGTH OPTIONS: Available in 7, 8, 12, 18, 30, 36, 48, 60 inch, as well as reels and pre-cut lengths

NEEDLE OPTIONS:

- Conventional Cutting
- Reverse Cutting
- Premium Reverse Cutting
- Spatula
- Premium Spatula
- Dermax™ Diamond Point
- Taper Point
- Taper Cutting
- Blunt Point
- Blunt Taper

REFERENCES

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³ Drake, et al, University of Virginia Health Sciences Center, Experimental Studies in Swine for Measurement of Suture Extrusion, 2004.

⁴ Covidien Internal R&D. *In Vitro* Evaluation of *Staphylococcus aureus* of commercial Braided Synthetic Absorbable (BSA) suture materials (some containing Triclosan) and Monofilament Synthetic Absorbable (MSA) sutures.

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