

Your surgical staff is utilizing a revolutionary new skin closure modality for primary surgical incisions - INSORB® Absorbable Skin Staples. INSORB Staples are placed entirely underneath the skin in a rapid manner and offer many clinical advantages. Clinical evidence suggests that INSORB Absorbable Staples are low maintenance wounds and may result in fewer wound complications, including Surgical Site Infections.



An absorbable subcuticular skin staple

*Rapid subcuticular closure...
better for your patients
and you!*

What You Need to Know About **Absorbable Skin Staples**



Absorbable Staples are placed entirely underneath the skin to close surgical incisions!

“Our patients love the cosmesis and comfort of the c-section wounds closed with absorbable staples.”

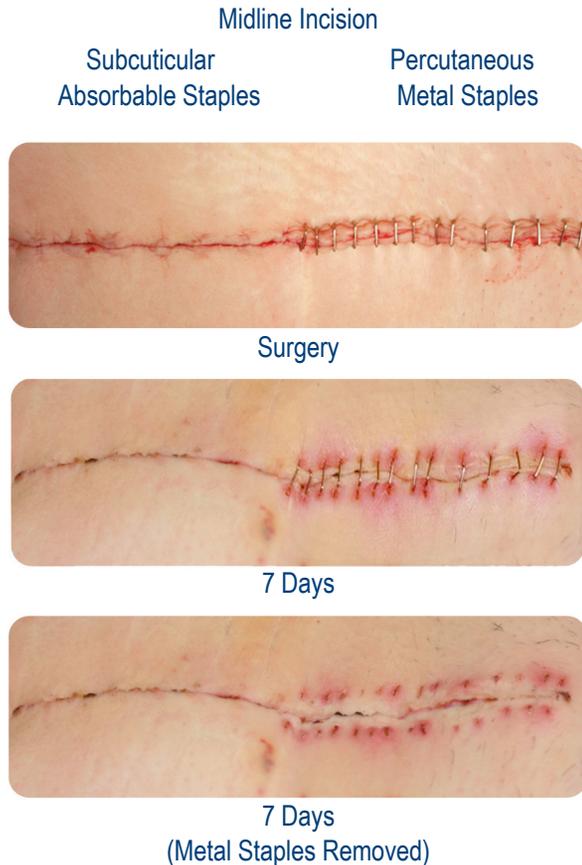
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Over 1,200,000 patients worldwide!

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What are Absorbable Skin Staples Made Of?

Absorbable Skin Staples are comprised of a co-polymer of polylactide and polyglycolide (PLA/PGA), a co-polymer similar to absorbable suture. Histologic studies have shown that Absorbable Skin Staples cause less tissue inflammation than is experienced with absorbable suture and percutaneous metal skin staples.



Which rapid skin closure modality would you choose?

What Are the Advantages of Absorbable Skin Staples?

The INSORB Absorbable Stapler provides a fast, subcuticular interrupted closure. The INSORB Stapler eliminates the discomfort and poor cosmesis resulting from the percutaneous insult caused by metal skin staples. INSORB Staples are essentially absorbed within 90 to 120 days, eliminating the cost, inconvenience, anxiety and discomfort of staple removal.

The interrupted nature of the INSORB closure provides two benefits. First, it allows the surgeons to create 'eversion', i.e., a raised incision line. Eversion keeps tension away from the wound edges to result in a flat, minimal scar. Plastic surgeons use this technique to achieve cosmetic wound closure, but it is very slow and tedious when done with suture. The raised incision line will flatten in the first few weeks after surgery. Secondly, an interrupted closure allows the wound to naturally drain in the immediate post-operative period. Many clinicians believe an interrupted closure results in lower maintenance wounds, fewer SSI's and other wound complications, including hematoma and seroma formation. (Literature is available upon request.)

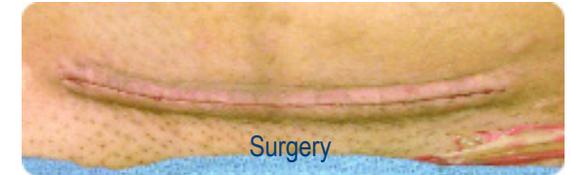
In addition, the use of the INSORB Stapler eliminates the risk of sharps injuries from suture needles or metal staples in the operating suite and on the floor.



What Do I Need To Know Regarding Care of Patients Closed With Absorbable Staples?

It is normal to observe a raised incision line post-operatively. This desirable wound eversion will gradually flatten in a few weeks as the wound heals.

Casearean Section Subcuticular Absorbable Staples



Note: Wound Eversion At Surgery



(Different Patients)

It is normal to observe dressings that may be 'wetter' or 'heavier' at the first post-operative dressing change. The interrupted nature of the INSORB Closure allows more beneficial wound drainage in the early post-operative period.

And, remember, the INSORB Staple is a **subcuticular absorbable** staple, so there is no need to remove them.

If you have any additional questions or concerns, please contact your surgeon. For more information regarding the INSORB Skin Stapler, please contact Incisive Surgical at 1-877-2INSORB or customerservice@insorb.com, or visit the INSORB web-site at www.insorb.com.

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