POLYPROPYLENE
NONABSORBABLE SURGICAL SUTURES, U.S.P.

DESCRIPTION
Polypropylene is a monofilament, nonabsorbable, sterile surgical suture composed of a strand of polypropylene, a synthetic linear Polyolefin. Polypropylene sutures are undyed or dyed blue (Phthalocyaninato [2-] Copper).

Polypropylene sutures meet all the requirements established by the United States Pharmacopeia (U.S.P.) for nonabsorbable surgical sutures.

INDICATIONS
Polypropylene is indicated for use in general soft tissue approximation/ligation.

ACTIONS
Polypropylene sutures elicit a minimal inflammation reaction in tissues, followed by gradual encapsulation of the suture by fibrous connective tissue. Polypropylene suture is not absorbed, nor is any significant change in tensile strength retention known to occur in vivo.

CONTRAINDICATIONS
The use of this suture is contraindicated in patients with known sensitivities or allergies to its components.

WARNINGS
Users should be familiar with surgical procedures and techniques involving nonabsorbable sutures before employing polypropylene suture for wound closure, as a risk of wound dehiscence may vary with the site of application and the suture material used.

Do not use if package is open or damaged or if the expiration date has been exceeded. Discard open unused suture. Do not resterilize; resterilization may alter the physical properties of this suture, which will result in an adverse patient reaction.

Users should exercise caution when handling surgical needles to avoid inadvertent needle sticks. Discard used needles in a "sharps" container.

PRECAUTIONS
In handling this or any other surgical suture material, care should be taken to avoid damage from handling. Avoid crushing or crimping damage due to application of surgical instruments such as forceps or needle holders.

Adequate knot security requires the accepted surgical technique of flat, squared ties with additional throws as warranted by surgical circumstance and experience of the surgeon. The use of additional throws may be particularly appropriate when tying monofilaments.

ADVERSE REACTIONS
Adverse effects associated with the use of this device include: wound dehiscence, calculus formation in urinary and biliary tracts, infection, and transient local irritation. Discuss the potential for allergic reaction in patients that are known to be sensitive to polypropylene suture.

HOW SUPPLIED
Polypropylene sutures are available in various USP sizes.

DISPENSING (racetrack cartridge only):
For best results, pull the suture from the racetrack cartridge using a slow, steady pull. If binding occurs, the suture can be removed from the card by removing the press-fit label and opening the plastic hinges.

CAUTION
Federal (USA) law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician or licensed practitioner.