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PROCEDURE COMPENDIUM



This piece demonstrates the use of a surgical device and offers possible suture options. However, surgeons apply different surgical techniques depending on preference, experience, and patient needs. Before using any medical device, review all relevant information and instructions for use included in the packaging insert.



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ORTHOPEDIC SURGERY

Orthopedic surgeons specialize in musculoskeletal and joint issues. They are commonly performing arthroplasty (repair or replacement of a joint), addressing sports injuries and treating disorders of the spine.

Types of Orthopedic Procedures:

- 1| Total Knee Replacement/Arthroplasty (TKR/A)
- 2| Total Hip Replacement/Arthroplasty (THR/A)
- 3| Spine Procedure - Scoliosis





Total Knee Replacement/Arthroplasty

A surgical procedure in which damaged parts of the knee joint are replaced with artificial parts.

CAPSULE

Material	Item Code	USP	Length (cm)	Colour	Needle						
PDO	RA-1065Q	2	36 x 36	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	48 mm	CTX	Bi-directional		
PDO	RA-2065Q	2	45 x 45	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	48 mm	CTX	Bi-directional		
PDO	RX-1066Q	2	36 x 36	Violet	½ Circle	Reverse Cutting	40 mm	CP	Bi-directional		
PDO	RX-2066Q	2	45 x 45	Violet	½ Circle	Reverse Cutting	40 mm	CP	Bi-directional		
PDO	VLP-2010	2	70	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	48 mm	CTX	Uni-directional		

SUBCUTANEOUS

Material	Item Code	USP	Length (cm)	Colour	Needle						
PDO	VLP-2012	0	70	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-1	Uni-directional		
PDO	RA-1067Q	0	36 x 36	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-1	Bi-directional		
PDO	RA-2065Q	2	45 x 45	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	48 mm	CTX	Bi-directional		
PDO	RX-2069Q	0	36 x 36	Violet	½ Circle	Reverse Cutting	36 mm	CP-1	Bi-directional		
PDO	RX-2068Q	0	45 x 45	Violet	½ Circle	Reverse Cutting	36 mm	CP-1	Bi-directional		
Monoderm™	YA-2036Q	0	36 x 36	Undyed	½ Circle	Reverse Cutting	36 mm	CP-1	Bi-directional		
Monoderm™	YA-2035Q	0	45 x 45	Undyed	½ Circle	Reverse Cutting	36 mm	CP-1	Bi-directional		
Monoderm™	YA-1029Q	0	36 x 36	Undyed	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-1	Bi-directional		

SUBCUTICULAR

Material	Item Code	USP	Length (cm)	Colour	Needle						
Monoderm™	VLM-2012	2-0	45	Undyed	¾ Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	24 mm	PS-1	Uni-directional		
Monoderm™	YA-2024Q	2-0	30 x 30	Undyed	¾ Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	24 mm	PS-1	Bi-directional		
Monoderm™	YA-2023Q	3-0	30 x 30	Undyed	¾ Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	24 mm	PS-1	Bi-directional		
Monoderm™	YA-2022Q	2-0	30 x 30	Undyed	¾ Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	19 mm	PS-2	Bi-directional		
Monoderm™	YA-2021Q	3-0	30 x 30	Undyed	¾ Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	19 mm	PS-2	Bi-directional		



Procedure: Total Knee Arthroplasty



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STEPS

- 1** ▶ Incision made on the front of knee, cutting through the tissue surrounding the muscles and bone.
- 2** ▶ The patella is rotated to the outside of the knee to help in visualization.
- 3** ▶ Prepare the femur by cutting it into a shape that matches the corresponding surface of the metal femoral component.
- 4** ▶ Implant the femoral component on the end of the femur.
- 5** ▶ The tibia (shin bone) is prepared with a flat cut on the top; the exposed end of the bone is sized to fit the metal and plastic tibial components.
- 6** ▶ The metal tibial component is inserted into the bone.
- 7** ▶ If needed, the patella is also cut flat and fitted with a plastic patellar component.
- 8** ▶ Surgeon tests components for patient balance and motion.
- 9** ▶ Quill® barbed suture is used in all three layers of wound closure - capsule, subcutaneous, and subcuticular layers.





▶ Total Hip Replacement/Arthroplasty

Surgical reconstruction of the hip in which the ball-and-socket joint is replaced with a prosthesis.

CAPSULE

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PDO	RA-1065Q	2	36 x 36	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	48 mm	CTX	Bi-directional	
PDO	RX-1066Q	2	36 x 36	Violet	½ Circle	Reverse Cutting	40 mm	CP	Bi-directional	
PDO	RX-1062Q	2	36 x 36	Violet	½ Circle	Reverse Cutting	36 mm	CT-1	Bi-directional	
PDO	RA-2065Q	2	45 x 45	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	48 mm	CTX	Bi-directional	
PDO	VLP-2010	2	70	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	48 mm	CTX	Uni-directional	

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PDO	RX-2069Q	0	36 x 36	Violet	½ Circle	Reverse Cutting	36 mm	CP-1	Bi-directional	
PDO	RX-2068Q	0	45 x 45	Violet	½ Circle	Reverse Cutting	36 mm	CP-1	Bi-directional	
Monoderm™	YA-2036Q	0	36 x 36	Undyed	½ Circle	Reverse Cutting	36 mm	CP-1	Bi-directional	
Monoderm™	YA-2035Q	0	45 x 45	Undyed	½ Circle	Reverse Cutting	36 mm	CP-1	Bi-directional	
Monoderm™	YA-1029Q	0	36 x 36	Undyed	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-1	Bi-directional	

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Procedure: Total Hip Arthroplasty



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STEPS

- 1 ▶ Incision made on hip.
- 2 ▶ Damaged cartilage and bone is removed.
- 3 ▶ The bone is cut to remove the damaged femoral head.
- 4 ▶ The acetabulum is repaired with a reamer used to scrape away the damaged cartilage and bone.
- 5 ▶ The implant is inserted:
 - The socket of the pelvis is called the acetabulum, and the part of the hip replacement inserted into the socket is called the acetabular component (also known as the cup).
- 6 ▶ The femoral stem implant is inserted down the hollow center of the femur and held in the bone with or without cement.
- 7 ▶ The ball of the ball-and-socket hip joint can be inserted on top of the femoral stem; a metal ball is tightly fitted onto the top of the stem.
- 8 ▶ The hip replacement can be placed in final position
 - Quill® barbed suture is used in all three layers of wound closure - capsule, subcutaneous, and subcuticular layers.





Spine Procedure - Scoliosis

Scoliosis is a correction of a disorder of the spine. It requires lengthy incisions and long closure times.

DEEP LAYER

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PDO	VLP-2010	2	70	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	48 mm	CTX	Uni-directional		⊙
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PDO	RX-1066Q	2	36 x 36	Violet	½ Circle	Reverse Cutting	40 mm	CP	Bi-directional		▽
PDO	RX-1062Q	2	36 x 36	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-1	Bi-directional		⊙
PDO	RX-2066Q	2	45 x 45	Violet	½ Circle	Reverse Cutting	40 mm	CP	Bi-directional		▽
PDO	RA-1065Q	2	36 x 36	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	48 mm	CTX	Bi-directional		⊙

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PDO	RX-2068Q	0	45 x 45	Violet	½ Circle	Reverse Cutting	36 mm	CP-1	Bi-directional		▽
PDO	RX-2069Q	0	36 x 36	Violet	½ Circle	Reverse Cutting	36 mm	CP-1	Bi-directional		▽
Monoderm™	YA-2036Q	0	36 x 36	Undyed	½ Circle	Reverse Cutting	36 mm	CP-1	Bi-directional		▽
Monoderm™	YA-2035Q	0	45 x 45	Undyed	½ Circle	Reverse Cutting	36 mm	CP-1	Bi-directional		▽
Monoderm™	YA-1029Q	0	36 x 36	Undyed	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-1	Bi-directional		⊙

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Monoderm™	YA-2023Q	3-0	30 x 30	Undyed	¾ Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	24 mm	PS-1	Bi-directional		▽
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Monoderm™	YA-2021Q	3-0	30 x 30	Undyed	¾ Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	19 mm	PS-2	Bi-directional		▽
Monoderm™	YA-2033Q	3-0	40 x 40	Undyed	¾ Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	24 mm	PS-1	Bi-directional		▽
Monoderm™	YA-2034Q	2-0	40 x 40	Undyed	¾ Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	24 mm	PS-1	Bi-directional		▽



Key Terminology

ACETABULUM: The socket of the hip joint

ARTHROPLASTY: Surgical procedure that replaces damaged joints

ARTHROSCOPY: A minimally invasive diagnostic and treatment procedure used for conditions of a joint

BURSA: A sac filled with fluid located between a bone and a tendon or muscle

CARTILAGE: A smooth material that covers bone ends of a joint to cushion the bone and allow the joint to move easily without pain

FEMORAL HEAD: The ball of the hip joint

FEMUR: Thighbone

FRACTURE: A break in a bone

JOINT: Where the ends of two or more bones meet

LIGAMENT: A white, shiny, flexible band of fibrous tissue that binds joints together and connects various bones and cartilage

MENISCI: Two crescent-shaped discs of connective tissue between the bones of the knees that act as shock absorbers

PATELLA: Kneecap

TENDON: The tough cords of tissue that connect muscles to bones

TIBIA: Shin bone or larger bone of the lower leg

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GENERAL SURGERY

The branch of surgery that covers the main areas of surgical treatment. General surgeons treat diseases of the abdomen, breast, head and neck, blood vessels, and digestive tract.

Types of General Surgery Procedures:

- 1| Ventral Hernia
- 2| Inguinal Hernia





Ventral Hernia

A bulge through the opening of the muscles in the abdomen.

DEFECT CLOSURE

Material	Item Code	USP	Length (cm)	Colour	Needle						
PDO	VLP-2015	1	30	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-I	Uni-directional		
PDO	VLP-2016	2	20	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-I	Uni-directional		
PDO	RA-1005Q	2	14 x 14	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-I	Bi-directional		
Polypropylene	VLO-4205	1	15	Blue	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-I	Uni-directional		
Polypropylene	VLO-4210	2	15	Blue	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-I	Uni-directional		
Polypropylene	VLO-4211	2	20	Blue	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-I	Uni-directional		

MESH FIXATION

Material	Item Code	USP	Length (cm)	Colour	Needle						
PDO	VLP-2008	0	20	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	26 mm	SH	Uni-directional		
PDO	VLP-2009	0	30	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	26 mm	SH	Uni-directional		
PDO	RA-1078Q	0	10 x 10	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	26 mm	SH	Bi-directional		
PDO	RA-1079Q	0	14 x 14	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	26 mm	SH	Bi-directional		
PDO	VLP-1001	0	20	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-I	Uni-directional		
PDO	VLP-1002	0	30	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-I	Uni-directional		





Inguinal Hernia

A bulge that occurs in the groin region.

PERITONEUM CLOSURE

Material	Item Code	USP	Length (cm)	Colour		Needle					
PDO	VLP-2006	2-0	20	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	26 mm	SH	Uni-directional		
PDO	VLP-2049	2-0	23	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	30 mm	V-30	Uni-directional		
PDO	VLP-1001	0	20	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-1	Uni-directional		
PDO	VLP-1002	0	30	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-1	Uni-directional		
PDO	VLP-2008	0	20	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	26 mm	SH	Uni-directional		
PDO	VLP-2009	0	30	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	26 mm	SH	Uni-directional		

** Only taper point needles are used inside the body*

Webinar: Robotic Hernia Surgery



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Dr. Agostino Cervone, a General Surgeon discusses how switching to Quill® barbed suture helped him overcome post-op complications in robotic hernia surgery.



Key Terminology

FEMORAL HERNIA: A femoral hernia is an opening in the abdominal wall, just next to an inguinal hernia

INCARCERATED HERNIA: A situation where the contents inside the hernia are stuck outside of the abdominal wall, often resulting in pain

OPEN SURGERY: Any time an incision is used to repair the hernia. This can be performed under local anesthesia and sedation

PERITONEUM: The thin sac or membrane that wraps the inside of the abdominal wall

PRE-PERITONEAL SPACE: This is the space between the abdominal wall and peritoneum

STRANGULATED HERNIA: An imaginary flat surface that divides the body into sections

UMBILICAL HERNIA: Another common type of hernia, the umbilical hernia is found in the umbilicus ("belly button")

VENTRAL AND EPIGASTRIC HERNIAS: Like umbilical hernias, these hernias are found in the front side (ventral) of the abdomen

HERNIA RECURRENCE: A recurrent hernia is a hernia that comes back sometime after surgery

SURGICAL MESH: Surgical mesh is a medical device that is used to provide additional support to weakened or damaged tissue.

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PLASTIC SURGERY

Plastic surgery is a surgical specialty involved with both the improvement in a person's appearance and the reconstruction of facial and body tissue defects caused by illness, trauma, or birth disorders. Plastic surgery restores and improves function, as well as appearance.

Types of Plastic Surgery Procedures:

- 1| **Abdominal Procedures:**
Abdominoplasty
- 2| **Breast Procedures:**
Mammoplasty (Augmentation & Reduction) and Mastopexy (Lift)
- 3| **Body Contouring Procedures:**
Brachioplasty and Thighplasty
- 4| **Facial Procedures:** Face Lift (Smash Plication), Brow Lift, Upper eyelid blepharoplasty and Rhinoplasty





Abdominoplasty

A tummy tuck — also known as abdominoplasty — is a cosmetic surgical procedure to improve the shape and appearance of the abdomen. During a tummy tuck, excess skin and fat are removed from the abdomen. Connective tissue in the abdomen (fascia) usually is tightened with sutures as well.

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Material	Item Code	USP	Length (cm)	Colour	Needle					
Polypropylene	JA-1007Q	2	24 x 24	Undyed	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-I	Bi-directional	
Polypropylene	JA-2007Q	2	45 x 45	Undyed	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-I	Bi-directional	
PDO	RA-1065Q	2	36 x 36	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	48 mm	CTX	Bi-directional	
PDO	RA-2065Q	2	45 x 45	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	48 mm	CTX	Bi-directional	
PDO	RX-1033Q	2	24 x 24	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-I	Bi-directional	
PDO	RA-1058Q	2	30 x 30	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-I	Bi-directional	

SUBCUTANEOUS







Material	Item Code	USP	Length (cm)	Colour	Needle					
PDO	RA-1067Q	0	36 x 36	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-I	Bi-directional	
PDO	RA-1057Q	2-0	40 x 40	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	26 mm	SH	Bi-directional	
PDO	RA-2067Q	0	45 x 45	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-I	Bi-directional	
Monoderm™	YA-1029Q	0	36 x 36	Undyed	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-I	Bi-directional	





Abdominoplasty

SUBCUTICULAR

Material	Item Code	USP	Length (cm)	Colour	Needle						
Monoderm™	YA-2022Q	2-0	30 x 30	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	19 mm	PS-2	Bi-directional		▽
Monoderm™	YA-2024Q	2-0	30 x 30	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	24 mm	PS-1	Bi-directional		▽
Monoderm™	YA-2021Q	3-0	30 x 30	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	19 mm	PS-2	Bi-directional		▽
Monoderm™	YA-2023Q	3-0	30 x 30	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	24 mm	PS-1	Bi-directional		▽
Monoderm™	YA-2034Q	2-0	40 x 40	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	24 mm	PS-1	Bi-directional		▽
Monoderm™	YA-2033Q	3-0	40 x 40	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	24 mm	PS-1	Bi-directional		▽



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Procedure: Progressive Tension Technique

STEPS

- 1 ▶ Five running parallel rows of barbed suture are placed in a sequential fashion.
- 2 ▶ The midline row is excluded if fat contouring removes Scarpa's in this zone. In this case, only the umbilicus serves to stabilize the flap in the midline. The operation requires assistance as the surgeon operates holds and advances the flap with his or her nondominant hand and places the suture with the other hand.
- 3 ▶ The assistant grasps the needle as it passes from the abdominal fascia into Scarpa's in one bite, so the surgeon can regrab the needle for the next throw.





Breast Procedures

Mammoplasty: A group of surgical procedures to reshape or modify the appearance of the breast. There are two types of mammoplasty procedures, augmentation mammoplasty (breast implants) which increases the size of the breast and reduction mammoplasty (breast reduction) which decreases the size of the breast.

Mastopexy: A procedure for raising sagging breasts or lifting the breast. In this procedure the location of the nipple is raised. Mastopexy is often performed with mammoplasty reductions.

SUBCUTANEOUS

Material	Item Code	USP	Length (cm)	Colour	Needle						
PDO	RA-1028Q-0	2-0	24 x 24	Violet	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	26 mm	PS	Bi-directional		▽
PDO	RA-1029Q	0	24 x 24	Violet	1/2 Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-1	Bi-directional		⊙
PDO	RA-1030Q-0	0	24 x 24	Violet	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	26 mm	PS	Bi-directional		▽
Monoderm™	YA-2022Q	2-0	30 x 30	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	19 mm	PS-2	Bi-directional		▽
Monoderm™	YA-2023Q	3-0	30 x 30	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	24 mm	PS-1	Bi-directional		▽
Monoderm™	VLM-3008	3-0	30	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	19 mm	PS-2	Uni-directional		▽
Monoderm™	VLM-3010	2-0	30	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	19 mm	PS-2	Uni-directional		▽





SUBCUTICULAR

Material	Item Code	USP	Length (cm)	Colour	Needle						
Monoderm™	YA-2016Q	3-0	14 x 14	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	19 mm	PS-2	Bi-directional		▽
Monoderm™	VLM-3007	3-0	20	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	19 mm	PS-2	Uni-directional		▽
Monoderm™	VLM-1011	3-0	20	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	24 mm	PS-1	Uni-directional		▽



Breast Procedures

PERIAREOLAR

Material	Item Code	USP	Length (cm)	Colour	Needle						
Monoderm™	YA-2016Q	3-0	14 x 14	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	19 mm	PS-2	Bi-directional		▽
Monoderm™	VLM-1002	2-0	30	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	24 mm	PS-1	Uni-directional		▽
Monoderm™	VLM-3009	2-0	20	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	19 mm	PS-2	Uni-directional		▽
Monoderm™	VLM-3010	2-0	30	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	19 mm	PS-2	Uni-directional		▽



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Procedure: Mastopexy and Reduction Mammoplasty

Shaping the breast pillars while enhancing upper pole projection. Closing the areola and short scar or closing with a traditional (Wise pattern) technique.

STEPS

1 ▶ Begin at the apex of the pillars (adjacent to the lower border of the areola), engaging the Quill® in the breast parenchyma until the opposing barbs engage. Run one end of the device from one pillar to the other. This will approximate the pillars and produce upper pole fullness as the imbrication evolves. End with a J-loop or backstitch. Repeat with the other end of the device.

2 ▶ Begin the areola closure at the 12 o'clock position, passing through the deep dermis and advancing the Quill® until the opposing barbs engage. Continue advancing one end of the device counterclockwise until the 6 o'clock position is reached. Repeat with the other half of the device, passing clockwise from the 12 o'clock to the 6 o'clock position.

3 ▶ Continue down the short vertical incision with the remaining barbed segment of either Quill®. Add another device, if needed, to complete the repair. If a horizontal, inframammary incision is required, close the incision as described in the dual-layer closure technique.





Body Contouring Procedures

Thighplasty: A procedure to tighten and improve the overall appearance of thighs.

Brachioplasty: A procedure to improve the appearance of the under portion of the upper arm.

SUBCUTANEOUS

Material	Item Code	USP	Length (cm)	Colour	Needle						
PDO	RA-1029Q	0	24 x 24	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-1	Bi-directional		
PDO	RA-1030Q-0	0	24 x 24	Violet	¾ Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	26 mm	PS	Bi-directional		
PDO	RA-1067Q	0	36 x 36	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-1	Bi-directional		
PDO	RA-2067Q	0	45 x 45	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-1	Bi-directional		

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Monoderm™	YA-2023Q	3-0	30 x 30	Undyed	¾ Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	24 mm	PS-1	Bi-directional		
Monoderm™	YA-2024Q	2-0	30 x 30	Undyed	¾ Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	24 mm	PS-1	Bi-directional		
Monoderm™	YA-2031Q	3-0	40 x 40	Undyed	¾ Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	19 mm	PS-2	Bi-directional		
Monoderm™	YA-2034Q	2-0	40 x 40	Undyed	¾ Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	24 mm	PS-1	Bi-directional		

Thighplasty procedure

The incision pattern will vary based on the target area, degree of correction, and the preferences according to the patient and surgeon.

Close the incision

Deep sutures within underlying tissues help to form and support the newly shaped contours. Sutures may be used to close the skin incisions.

Outer thigh lift incision

An incision extends from the groin around the hip and across the back. Advanced techniques usually allow incisions to be placed in strategic locations to be hidden by most types of clothing and swimsuits, but can be extensive.

Inner thigh lift incision

One technique allows the incision to be placed in the groin, extending downward and wraps around the back of the thigh. Another technique removes excess skin from the groin down to the knee using an incision along the inseam. A third technique is a minimal incision inner thigh lift. This incision is only in the groin area.



Facial Procedures

Facelift: Peroauricular: Closure of an incision around the ear as part of a face lift procedure.

SMAS Plication: A technique used in face lift procedures that involves the folding and suturing of the SMAS (facial muscle).

Brow lift: A procedure to raise the brows if you have a low, sagging brow or brow asymmetry.

Upper eyelid blepharoplasty: Surgery to repair droopy eyelids that may involve removing excess skin, muscle and fat.

Rhinoplasty: A procedure to change the size, shape or proportions of your nose.

SUBCUTICULAR

Material	Item Code	USP	Length (cm)	Colour	Needle						
Monoderm™	YA-2002Q	5-0	14 x 14	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	11 mm	P-1	Bi-directional		▽
Monoderm™	YA-2003Q	5-0	14 x 14	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	13 mm	P-3	Bi-directional		▽
Monoderm™	YA-2004Q	4-0	14 x 14	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	11 mm	P-1	Bi-directional		▽
Monoderm™	YA-2005Q	4-0	14x 14	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	13 mm	P-3	Bi-directional		▽
Monoderm™	VLM-2007	4-0	20	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	19 mm	P-2	Uni-directional		▽
Monoderm™	VLM-2008	4-0	30	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	19 mm	P-2	Uni-directional		▽



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STEPS

Procedure: Brow Lift

Corrects the sagging of eyebrows and hooding of the upper eyelids.

1 ▶ Create a 3 cm temporal incision, dissecting a plane which lies above deep temporal fascia posterior to the anterior temporal crest. Create a subperiosteal dissection in the area of the brow anterior to the anterior temporal crest. The orbital ligament is divided to permit adequate release and elevation of the lateral brow.

2 ▶ Pass Quill® through the temporal fascia horizontally for anchoring. The medial Quill® enters the flap at 2 cm above the rim, passing over fascia and bone. The lateral Quill® enters the flap 1.5 cm above the rim, passing over the fascia. Entering the flap at these levels minimizes any chance of disturbing the frontal branch of the facial nerve. Both devices exit the skin just distal to the eyebrow.

3 ▶ The free ends of the Quill® are held as the soft tissue is contoured upward to lift the brow. An absorbable Quill® is placed between the superficial and deep temporal fascias within 2 cm of the temporal incision to further control the lateral brow and smooth the area of dissection over the deep temporal fascia.

Key Terminology

ABDOMINOPLASTY: A surgical procedure, also known as tummy tuck, to correct the apron of excess skin hanging over the abdomen

AREOLA: Pigmented skin surrounding the nipple

AUGMENTATION MAMMAPLASTY: Breast enlargement by surgery

BRACHIOPLASTY: duce excess skin and fat between the underarm and the elbow to correct sagging of the upper arms

BREAST AUGMENTATION: Breast enlargement by surgery; also known as augmentation mammoplasty

BREAST LIFT: Surgery to lift the breasts; also known as mastopexy

BREAST RECONSTRUCTION: Any of several plastic surgery techniques that attempt to restore a breast to near-normal shape, appearance, and size following mastectomy

BREAST REDUCTION: Reduction of breast size and breast lift by surgery

BROW LIFT: A surgical procedure to correct a low-positioned or sagging brow; smoothes furrows across the forehead and between the brows

CIRCUMFERENTIAL THIGH LIFT: A surgical procedure to correct sagging of the outer and mid-thigh

FLAP TECHNIQUES: Surgical techniques used to reposition the patient's own skin, muscle, and fat to reconstruct or cover the breast

GRAFTING: Tissue taken from other parts of the body

MASTECTOMY: The removal of a breast, typically to rid the body of cancer

REDUCTION MAMMAPLASTY: The surgical removal of breast tissue to reduce the size of breasts

TENDON: A tough cord or band of dense white fibrous connective tissue that unites a muscle with some other structure

THIGHPLASTY: Reshapes the thighs by reducing excess skin and, in some cases, fat, resulting in smoother skin and better-proportioned contours of the thighs and lower body; also called thigh lift

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UROLOGIC SURGERY

Urology is a type of medical specialty that is associated with the treatment of male and female urinary tracts including the kidneys, ureters, bladder, and urethra. It also deals with male reproductive organs such as the penis, testes, scrotum, prostate.

Urology surgery is a procedure done to treat any obstructions, dysfunction, malignancies, and inflammatory diseases of the urinary tract and the associated organs.

Types of Urology Surgery Procedures:

- 1 | Prostatectomy (Partial or Radical)
/ Laparoscopic and Robotic
- 2 | Nephrectomy (Partial or Radical)





Prostatectomy

An operation to remove the prostate gland and some surrounding tissue to remove prostate cancer.

POSTERIOR REPAIR & VESICourethRAL ANASTOMOSIS

Material	Item Code	USP	Length (cm)	Colour	Needle						
Monoderm™	RS-1001Q	3-0	16 x 16	Undyed	½ Circle	Taper Point	17 mm	RB-1	Bi-directional		
Monoderm™	RS-1005Q	2-0	16 x 16	Undyed	½ Circle	Taper Point	26 mm	SH	Bi-directional		
Monoderm™	VP-1000Q	2-0	16 x 16	Undyed	½ Circle	Taper Point	17 mm	RB-1	Bi-directional		
Monoderm™	VP-2000Q	2-0	16 x 16	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	17 mm	RB-1	Bi-directional		
Monoderm™	VLM-2015	2-0	15	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	17 mm	RB-1	Uni-directional		
Monoderm™	VLM-2005	2-0	20	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	17 mm	RB-1	Uni-directional		

BLADDER NECK RECONSTRUCTION

Material	Item Code	USP	Length (cm)	Colour	Needle						
Monoderm™	VP-2000Q	2-0	16 x 16	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	17 mm	RB-1	Bi-directional		
Monoderm™	VLM-2017	2-0	15	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	26 mm	SH	Uni-directional		
Monoderm™	VLM-2006	2-0	20	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	26 mm	SH	Uni-directional		



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Procedure: Prostatectomy



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STEPS

- 1 ▶ Removal of prostate (including posterior dissection)
- 2 ▶ Ligate dorsal vein complex (DVC)
 - Tie off blood supply
- 3 ▶ Posterior reconstruction (aka Rocco stitch)
 - Repair defect left in tissue behind the prostate from the posterior dissection.
 - Reduces tension between the urethra and bladder by bringing the two structures closer together before the anastomosis.
- 4 ▶ Vesicourethral Anastomosis
 - Reattach the urethra to the bladder neck (Running stitch to approximate posterior aspect of bladder neck to posterior wall of urethra (Quill® can be used here).





Nephrectomy

It is the removal of part of the kidney and is a growing treatment option for patients diagnosed with kidney tumors. It is also referred to as kidney-sparing surgery. It can be performed with multiple approaches including open, laparoscopic or robotic surgery.

INNERMOST LAYER

Material	Item Code	USP	Length (cm)	Colour		Needle					
PDO	RA-1077Q	2-0	10 x 10	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	26 mm	SH	Bi-directional		
PDO	VLP-2021	2-0	15	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	26 mm	SH	Uni-directional		
Monoderm™	RS-1005Q	2-0	16 x 16	Undyed	½ Circle	Taper Point	26 mm	SH	Bi-directional		
Monoderm™	VLM-2017	2-0	15	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	26 mm	SH	Uni-directional		



OUTERMOST LAYER

Material	Item Code	USP	Length (cm)	Colour		Needle					
PDO	VLP-2021	2-0	15	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	26 mm	SH	Uni-directional		
Monoderm™	VLM-2017	2-0	15	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	26 mm	SH	Uni-directional		

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Procedure: Partial Nephrectomy

STEPS

- 1 ▶ Mobilize & ligate renal vein & artery (artery is under vein) at hilum (in small tumors, only clamp artery; in large tumors, clamp both)
- 2 ▶ Mobilize rest of kidney (lower pole) & locate tumor (Prepare everything prior to clamp time)
- 3 ▶ Clamp & excise tumor
- 4 ▶ - Perform renorrhaphy (closing the defect) (Quill® can be used here)
 - Collecting system is oversewn with 2-0 Quill® PDO or Monoderm™ (on a taper point needle)
 - The renal capsular stitches are placed, usually every 1 cm along the defect with a 2-0 Quill® PDO or Monoderm™ (on a taper point needle) stitch



Key Terminology

APEX: The tip or bottom of the prostate

BASE: The base of the prostate

DENONVILLIERS' FASCIA: Thin layer of connective tissue that separates prostate and seminal vesicles from rectum

KIDNEY: Organ that filters waste products out of blood, resulting in urine production

NERVE SPARING: Term used to describe a type of surgical technique in which the surgeon saves the nerves that affect sexual and related functions

NEUROVASCULAR BUNDLES: Two bundles of nerves between the prostate and the rectum that control erection

PROSTATE: In males, the gland surrounding the urethra, immediately below the bladder, which provides fluid to nourish and transport sperm

PARTIAL PROSTATECTOMY: A common surgical approach to prostatectomy includes making a surgical incision and removing the prostate gland (or part of it)

RADICAL PROSTATECTOMY: Removal of the prostate, seminal vesicles, and lymph nodes

RHABDOSPHINCTER: A sphincteric muscle that lies around the urethral tissue

SEMINAL VESICLES (SV): Glandular structures located above and behind the prostate that secrete and store seminal fluid

URETER: Tube that drains urine from one of the two kidneys to the bladder

URETHRA: Tube that drains urine from the bladder through the prostate and out through the penis

VAS DEFERENS: Tube through which sperm travel from the testes to the prostate prior to ejaculation

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OBSTETRICS AND GYNECOLOGY (OB/GYN)

Obstetrics and gynecology is a broad and diverse branch of medicine, including surgery, management of the care of pregnant women, gynecologic care, oncology, and primary health care for women. OB is short for obstetrics or for an obstetrician, a physician who delivers babies. GYN is short for gynecology or for a gynecologist, a physician who specializes in treating diseases of the female reproductive organs.

Types of Gynecology Surgery Procedures:

- 1| Hysterectomy (Laparoscopic or Robotic Assisted)
- 2| Myomectomy (Laparoscopic or Robotic Assisted)
- 3| Labor & Delivery. Cesarean Section
- 4| Sacrocolpopexy (Laparoscopic or Robotic Assisted)





Hysterectomy

A surgical procedure that removes the uterus. Reasons for this surgery include abnormal bleeding, uterine prolapse, fibroids and cancer.

VAGINAL CUFF CLOSURE

Material	Item Code	USP	Length (cm)	Colour		Needle						
PDO	VLP-2008	0	20	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	26 mm	SH	Uni-directional			
PDO	VLP-1008	0	20	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	22 mm	SH-I	Uni-directional			
PDO	VLP-1001	0	20	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-I	Uni-directional			
PDO	VLP-2028	1	20	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-I	Uni-directional			
PDO	VLP-2030	2	15	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-I	Uni-directional			
PDO	VLP-2016	2	20	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-I	Uni-directional			
PDO	RX-1000Q	0	14 x 14	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-I	Bi-directional			
PDO	RA-1079Q	0	14 x 14	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	26 mm	SH	Bi-directional			
PDO	RA-1088Q	1	14 x 14	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	22 mm	SH-I	Bi-directional			
PDO	RA-1003Q	1	14 x 14	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-I	Bi-directional			
PDO	RA-1005Q	2	14 x 14	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-I	Bi-directional			

* While it's customary to upsize by one size when converting to Quill®, surgical robots can put excess stress on a suture, therefore, robotic surgery sometimes requires that you upsize by two sizes particularly when competing against V-Lo



STEPS

Procedure:

Total Abdominal Hysterectomy (TAH)

Removal of the uterus as a treatment for gynecologic cancer, menorrhagia, uterine leiomyomas, obstetric complications, severe pelvic inflammatory disease, or endometriosis.



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- 1** ▶ Performed through low midline incision or transverse Pfannenstiel incision.
- 2** ▶ Locate, grasp, and elevate uterus, keeping clear from small bowel.
- 3** ▶ Ligate and divide round ligament.
- 4** ▶ Incise peritoneum of broad ligament toward cervix.
- 5** ▶ If fallopian tubes and ovaries are also to be removed with uterus, ligate the ovarian vessels proximal to the ovary at the IP ligament.
- 6** ▶ Seal fallopian tubes and ovarian ligament.
- 7** ▶ Seal uterine vessels next to upper cervix.
- 8** ▶ Ligate cardinal ligament next to cervix.
- 9** ▶ Ligate uterosacral ligaments.
- 10** ▶ Once exposed, incise the vagina at the junction with the cervix.
- 11** ▶ Uterus and cervix are removed.
- 12** ▶ Vaginal cuff is closed (the Quill[®]™ device may be used here).
 - The edges of the vaginal mucosa are sutured with a running stitch starting at the midpoint of the vagina under the bladder and carried around to the stumps of the cardinal and uterosacral ligaments, which are sutured into the angle of the vagina.





Myomectomy

A surgical procedure to remove uterine fibroids.
These common noncancerous growths appear in the uterus.

UTERINE CLOSURE

Material	Item Code	USP	Length (cm)	Colour		Needle					
PDO	VLP-1001	0	20	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-I	Uni-directional		
PDO	VLP-1008	0	20	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	22 mm	SH-I	Uni-directional		
PDO	VLP-2008	0	20	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	26 mm	SH	Uni-directional		
PDO	VLP-2028	1	20	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-I	Uni-directional		
PDO	VLP-2015	1	30	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-I	Uni-directional		
PDO	RX-1068Q	0	7 x 7	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-I	Bi-directional		
PDO	RA-1000Q	0	14 x 14	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-I	Bi-directional		
PDO	RA-1079Q	0	14 x 14	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	26 mm	SH	Bi-directional		
PDO	RA-1078Q	0	10 x 10	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	26 mm	SH	Bi-directional		
PDO	RA-1088Q	0	14 x 14	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	22 mm	SH-I	Bi-directional		
PDO	RA-1003Q	1	14 x 14	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-I	Bi-directional		

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Procedure:
Laparoscopic
Myomectomy



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Laparoscopic Myomectomy; Minimizing Material (Tips and Tricks) by Jon Einarsson, MD, MPH (Brigham and Women's Hospital, Boston, MA)

Procedure:
Myomectomy
Defect Closure



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In this video, Dr. Jon Einarsson, MD, MPH, demonstrates myomectomy defect closure using multiple Quill™ devices.





Cesarean delivery

The delivery of a fetus through surgical incisions made through the abdominal wall (laparotomy) and the uterine wall (hysterotomy).

UTERINE CLOSURE

Material	Item Code	USP	Length (cm)	Colour	Needle						
PDO	VLP-2015	1	30	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-1	Uni-directional		
PDO	VLP-2014	1	45	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-1	Uni-directional		

RECTUS DEFECT

Material	Item Code	USP	Length (cm)	Colour	Needle						
PDO	VLP-2015	1	30	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-1	Uni-directional		
Polypropylene	VLO-1002	1	45	Undyed	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-1	Uni-directional		

SUBCUTANEOUS & PARIETAL PERITONEUM

Material	Item Code	USP	Length (cm)	Colour	Needle						
PDO	VLP-1002	0	30	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-1	Uni-directional		
PDO	VLP-1004	0	45	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-1	Uni-directional		

SUBCUTICULAR

Material	Item Code	USP	Length (cm)	Colour	Needle						
Monoderm™	VLM-2004	3-0	60	Undyed	¾ Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	19 mm	PS-2	Uni-directional		
Monoderm™	VLM-3008	3-0	30	Undyed	¾ Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	19 mm	PS-2	Uni-directional		








Sacrocolpopexy

Repair of vaginal prolapse by supporting the vagina to a ligament on the spine.

MESH FIXATION

Material	Item Code	USP	Length (cm)	Colour	Needle						
Polypropylene	JA-1005Q	1	14 x 14	Undyed	½ Circle	Reverse Cutting	26 mm	CP-2	Bi-directional		▼

PERITONEAL CLOSURE

Material	Item Code	USP	Length (cm)	Colour	Needle						
PDO	RX-1068Q	0	7 x 7	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-1	Bi-directional		⊙
PDO	RA-1000Q	0	14 x 14	Violet	½ Circle	Taper Point	36 mm	CT-1	Bi-directional		⊙



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Procedure: Sacrocolpopexy (Lap or Robotic)

STEPS

- 1 ▶ Port placement
- 2 ▶ Mobilize bowels away
- 3 ▶ Vaginal apex is inverted
- 4 ▶ Bladder is dissected off the pubocervical fascia
- 5 ▶ Expose and enter rectovaginal peritoneal fold
- 6 ▶ Transect peritoneum over the sacral promontory
- 7 ▶ Extend peritoneal incision downward toward cul-de-sac
- 8 ▶ Introduce a Y-shaped polypropylene mesh through the non-robotic port
- 9 ▶ Drape anterior arm of mesh over anterior vaginal wall and secure to pubocervical fascia (Quill® may be used here)
- 10 ▶ Posterior arm of mesh is secured to rectovaginal fascia
- 11 ▶ Correct the anatomy of the vagina and then fixate last part of mesh
- 12 ▶ The “tail of the mesh” is secured to the longitudinal ligament by (Quill® may be used here)
- 13 ▶ Close the peritoneal defect to avoid possible bowel herniation (Quill® may be used here)



Key Terminology

BROAD LIGAMENT: The broad fold of peritoneum supporting the uterus, extending from the uterus to the wall of the pelvis on either side

CARDINAL LIGAMENT: Part of a thickening of the visceral pelvic fascia beside the cervix and vagina, passing laterally to merge with the upper fascia of the pelvic diaphragm

FALLOPIAN TUBES: Carry eggs to uterus

HYSTERECTOMY: Surgical removal of uterus and cervix

INFUNDIBULOPELVIC (IP) LIGAMENT: Suspensory ligament of the ovary

OOPHORECTOMY: Surgical removal of ovaries

OVARIAN ARTERIES: Main blood supply to ovaries

OVARIES: Supply eggs for reproduction

ROUND LIGAMENT: A fibromuscular band attached to the uterus near the uterine tube

SALPINGO-OOPHORECTOMY: Surgical removal of ovaries and fallopian tubes

SUBTOTAL/SUPRACERVICAL

HYSTERECTOMY: Removal of uterus with preservation of cervix

UTERINE ARTERIES: Main blood supply to uterus

UTEROSACRAL LIGAMENT: Ligament that extends from the cervix to the posterior pelvic wall

UTERUS: Thick-walled, pear-shaped muscular organ located between the bladder and the rectum

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DERMATOLOGIC SURGERY

Dermatologic surgery is to repair and/or to improve the function and cosmetic appearance of skin tissue.

Dermatologic surgery deals with the diagnosis and treatment of medically necessary and cosmetic conditions of the skin, hair, nails, veins, mucous membranes and adjacent tissues by various surgical, reconstructive, cosmetic and non-surgical methods. The purpose of dermatologic surgery is to repair and/or improve the function and cosmetic appearance of skin tissue.

Types of Dermatology Surgery Procedures:

- 1| Skin Excisions
- 2| Mohs





▶ Skin excisions

Skin excisions can be used to treat melanoma and non-melanoma skin cancers by removing a lesion, mole, cyst, etc. Depending on size, an excision may require a subcuticular closure with suture.

Material	Item Code	USP	Length (cm)	Colour	Needle						
Monoderm™	VLM-3001	4-0	20	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	13 mm	P-3	Uni-directional		▽
Monoderm™	VLM-3002	3-0	20	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	13 mm	P-3	Uni-directional		▽
Monoderm™	VLM-3003	3-0	30	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	13 mm	P-3	Uni-directional		▽
Monoderm™	VLM-3007	3-0	20	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	19 mm	PS-2	Uni-directional		▽
Monoderm™	VLM-3008	3-0	30	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	19 mm	PS-2	Uni-directional		▽
Monoderm™	VLM-3009	2-0	20	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	19 mm	PS-2	Uni-directional		▽
Monoderm™	VLM-3010	2-0	30	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	19 mm	PS-2	Uni-directional		▽



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Procedure: Skin excisions

STEPS

1 ▶ The tumor is cut out with some of the healthy skin around it. The healthy skin is also referred to as a margin. The reason for taking a margin is to remove any cancer cells that have spread into the surrounding tissue. The most common excision type is an elliptical (shaped) excision.

2 ▶ The incision is closed with sutures.





Mohs

Microscopically controlled surgery used to treat common types of skin cancer, basal cell carcinomas (BCCs) and squamous cell carcinomas (SCCs). Mohs surgery can leave a defect of 12" or more and often requires a subcutaneous and subcuticular (two layer) closure.

Material	Item Code	USP	Length (cm)	Colour	Needle						
Monoderm™	VLM-3001	4-0	20	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	13 mm	P-3	Uni-directional		▽
Monoderm™	VLM-3002	3-0	20	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	13 mm	P-3	Uni-directional		▽
Monoderm™	VLM-3003	3-0	30	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	13 mm	P-3	Uni-directional		▽
Monoderm™	VLM-3007	3-0	20	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	19 mm	PS-2	Uni-directional		▽
Monoderm™	VLM-3008	3-0	30	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	19 mm	PS-2	Uni-directional		▽
Monoderm™	VLM-3009	2-0	20	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	19 mm	PS-2	Uni-directional		▽
Monoderm™	VLM-3010	2-0	30	Undyed	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	19 mm	PS-2	Uni-directional		▽
PDO	VLP-3021	3-0	20	Violet	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	13 mm	P-3	Uni-directional		▽
PDO	VLP-3022	3-0	30	Violet	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	13 mm	P-3	Uni-directional		▽
PDO	VLP-3026	3-0	20	Violet	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	19 mm	PS-2	Uni-directional		▽
PDO	VLP-3027	2-0	20	Violet	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	19 mm	PS-2	Uni-directional		▽
PDO	VLP-3028	2-0	30	Violet	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	19 mm	PS-2	Uni-directional		▽
PDO	VLP-3029	2-0	30	Violet	3/8 Circle	Precision Reverse Cutting	24 mm	PS-1	Uni-directional		▽

Procedure: Mohs

During the surgery, after each removal of tissue and while the patient waits, the tissue is examined for cancer cells. That examination informs the decision for additional tissue removal.

STEPS

- 1** ▶ Examination and Prep. A pen is used to mark the area of concern. Local anesthesia is injected to numb the area.
- 2** ▶ Remove the top layer. A scalpel is used to remove a thin layer. You are bandaged temporarily while the next step begins.
- 3** ▶ Tissue Prep for Analysis. The tissue is cut, coded with dyes, and mapped according to the surgical site. It is then frozen and sliced thin to place on a microscope slide. It is stained and covered.
- 4** ▶ Examination under microscope. The surgeon examines the tissue edges and the underside. The physician will determine where the next layer of tissue needs to be removed.
- 5** ▶ Remove the second layer. Anesthesia is injected if more is needed, and a second layer is removed. Steps 3 and 4 are repeated.
- 6** ▶ Wound closure. Once the surgeon determines that the site is cleared, it is time to close the wound. Depending on the size and location, the area may need a skin flap or a skin graft and, in some cases, the surgeon may refer to a plastic, hand or oculoplastic surgeon. Quill® barbed suture can be used to close the skin layers (and may not require a skin graft).



Key Terminology

BIOPSY: The removal and examination of tissue from a living body

EXCISION: Surgical removal of a tumor or cancerous cells

MOHS: A precise surgical technique used to treat skin cancer. During Mohs surgery, thin layers of cancer-containing skin are progressively removed and examined until only cancer-free tissue remains

ELLIPTICAL CUT: shaped like a football, it removes more skin than a circle cut would

NEGATIVE OR CLEAN MARGIN: No cancer cells found at the edge of the sample

CLEAR MARGIN: The tissue around the tumor is healthy and cancer free

CLOSE MARGIN: Can be a vague term, but means cancer cells are 1 mm to 5 mm away from the edge of the sample

POSITIVE OR INVOLVED MARGIN: Cancer cells found at the edge of the sample, suggesting that the cancer has not been entirely removed

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