### Absorbable Sutures

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<tr>
<th>Suture</th>
<th>Physical Characteristics</th>
<th>Color</th>
<th>Remaining Tensile Strength (% of the original strength)</th>
<th>Absorption Rate</th>
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<tr>
<td>VICRYL® Rapide</td>
<td>Multifilament, coated</td>
<td>Violet / Undyed</td>
<td>50% (5 days) 90% (10-14 days)</td>
<td>42 days</td>
<td>1=1=1=1</td>
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<td>MONOCRYL®</td>
<td>Multifilament</td>
<td>Violet / Undyed</td>
<td>60% 50% 30% 20%</td>
<td>90 - 120 days</td>
<td>1=1=1=1**</td>
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<td>MONOCRYL® Plus Antibacterial</td>
<td>Multifilament, coated</td>
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<td>VICRYL® (6-0 and larger*)</td>
<td>Multifilament, coated</td>
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<td>75% 50% 25%</td>
<td>56 - 70 days</td>
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<td>PDS®II (3-0 and larger*)</td>
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<td>80% 70% 60%</td>
<td>182 - 238 days</td>
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### Non-Absorbable Sutures

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<td>PROLENE®</td>
<td>Multifilament</td>
<td>Blue / Undyed</td>
<td>1=1=1=1 / 2=1=1**</td>
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<td>PRONOA® / Poly(hexafluoropropylene-VDF)</td>
<td>Multifilament</td>
<td>Blue</td>
<td>1=1=1=1 / 2=1=1**</td>
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<td>ETHIBOND®</td>
<td>Multifilament, coated</td>
<td>Green / White</td>
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<td>Multifilament</td>
<td>Green / White</td>
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<td>ETHILON®</td>
<td>Multifilament, coated</td>
<td>Black / Blue</td>
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<tr>
<td>NUROLON®</td>
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* = Check the catalog for information on thinner sizes
** = Additional throws may be particularly appropriate when knotting any monofilament material