

	ABSORBABLE SUTURES	PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS	COLOR	REMAINING TENSILE STRENGTH (% of the original strength)					ABSORPTION RATE	KNOT TYING
				1 w.	2 w.	3 w.	4 w.	6 w.		
ABSORBABLE SUTURES	VICRYL® Rapide Polyglactin 910	Multifilament, coated	Violet / Undyed	50% (5 days)	0% (10-14 days)				42 days	1=1=1=1
	MONOCRYL® Polyglactone 25	Monofilament	Violet / Undyed	60% 50%	30% 20%				90 - 120 days	1=1=1=1**
	MONOCRYL® Plus Antibacterial Polyglactone 25	Monofilament	Violet Undyed	60% 50%	30% 20%				90 - 120 days	1=1=1=1**
	VICRYL® (6-0 and larger*) Polyglactin 910	Multifilament, coated	Violet / Undyed		75 %	50 %	25 %		56 - 70 days	2=1=1 / 1=1=1=1
	VICRYL® Plus Antibacterial Polyglactin 910	Multifilament, coated	Violet / Undyed		75 %	50 %	25 %		56 - 70 days	2=1=1 / 1=1=1=1
	PDS®II (3-0 and larger*) Polydioxanone	Monofilament	Violet / Undyed		80 %		70 %	60 %	182 -238 days	1=1=1=1**
NON-ABSORBABLE SUTURES	NON-ABSORBABLE SUTURES	PHYSICAL CHARACTERISTICS	COLOR							KNOT TYING
	PROLENE® Polypropylene	Monofilament	Blue / Undyed							1=1=1=1 / 2=1=1**
	PRONOVA® Poly(hexafluoropropylene-VDF)	Monofilament	Blue							1=1=1=1/ 2=1=1**
	ETHIBOND® Polyester	Multifilament, coated	Green / White							2=1=1 / 1=1=1=1"
	MERSILENE® Polyester	Multifilament	Green / White							2=1=1
	ETHILON® Polyamide	Monofilament	Black / Blue							1=1=1=1 / 2=1=1**
	NUROLON® Polyamide	Multifilament, coated	Black							2=1=1
	SILK	Multifilament	Black/White/Blue							1=1=1=1
	STEEL	Monofilament / Multifilament	Undyed							1=1=1=1

* = Check the catalog for information on thinner sizes

** = Additional throws may be particularly appropriate when knotting any monofilament material