**CHROMIC SURGICAL CATGUT**

**Surgical Catgut**

**ABSORBABLE Suture**

**Classification III**

**NB 0805**

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**Colour Coding**
- Suture pack - Brown, Thread - Brown

**Needle Image / Length**
- 1/2 = 1/2 Circle needle
- 3/8 = 3/8 Circle needle
- Round Bodied Taper
- Conventional Cutting
- Reverse Cutting
- Blunt
- Straight Cutting
- Special Point
- A-Cute (RST Cutting Tip)
- Lancet-Spatula (side cutting)
- Finefine
- Premium Cutting Point (PCP)

**CV300**
- Unique Stainless Steel Material (high bending resistance, yet flexible when bent)

**Met**
- Refers to the thread diameter in 1/10mm. The number above Met (eg. 2/0) explains the thread size in USP.

**Expiry Date (year, month)**
- Refers to the batch number and allows full traceability.

**STERILISATION**
- Sterile (Gamma)

**Do not reuse**

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**Description**
- Chromic Surgical Catgut sutures are manufactured from the intestinal serosa. The suture is supplied as a spun fiber that has been centreless ground and polished. Chromic Surgical Catgut is supplied chromicised (0.15 – 0.30%). Surgical catgut sutures are absorbable. Chromic Catgut is intended to be absorbed within 20 to 40 days. All catgut sutures are supplied in a solution of isopropanol / demineralised water. The catgut is only sourced from BSE free countries.

**Actions**
- Chromic Surgical Catgut sutures may cause tissue reaction.

**Indications**
- Chromic Surgical Catgut sutures should only be used in surgical procedures requiring an absorbable suture or ligature.

**Contraindications**
- None

**Warnings**
- Chromic Surgical Catgut sutures are supplied sterile and are single use only devices. Chromic Surgical Catgut sutures should not be resterilised under any circumstance. Sterility is not guaranteed if the suture package is damaged or opened.

- Chromic Surgical Catgut sutures are for use by appropriately trained personal only. Users should be familiar with surgical techniques involving absorbable sutures before employing Chromic Surgical Catgut.

- All decision and responsibility regarding the selection, use of the suture and interpretation contained in this instructions for use, remains that of the user.

- WE DO NOT RECOMMEND THAT THIS SUTURE IS DIPPED, SOAKED OR RUN THROUGH ANY SOLUTIONS. Once it is removed from the packet, it should be used or discarded.

**Instructions for Use**
- Knot tying requires the standard surgical technique of flat and square ties with additional throws as indicated by surgical circumstance and the experience of the end user.

  For easy handling and opening of the suture pack, please refer to Fig. 1. As with all sutures, care should be exercised during handling and use to avoid compromising the suture. In particular, precaution should be taken when using surgical instruments such as needle holders to grasp the suture. Instruments should be in good working condition with no sharp edges to avoid crushing or severing the suture. In all instances, the suture should only be held at the free end.

  To prevent needle detachment the needle should be held away from the shank, approximately one third of the way down. The operator should not grasp the needle by the point as this could damage it. Please refer to Fig. 2.

**Supplied**
- Chromic Surgical Catgut sutures are supplied in various sizes and lengths, with or without pre-attached stainless steel needles of varying length, curvature and cutting profile. Standard sizes range from USP 6/0 to 3 (Metric 1 to 7). Other sizes may be available upon request.

**Storage**
- Chromic Surgical Catgut sutures should be stored at temperatures below 25 degrees Celsius at 50% relative humidity and away from direct heat and moisture to ensure that packaging integrity is maintained.

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