

## **Parcus Braid Suture Product Information Sheet and Directions for Use:**

### **1. Description:**

- A. Parcus Braid is a braided, nonabsorbable, sterile, high-strength, polyethylene polyblend suture.
- B. Parcus Braid suture is available in white or black and white. Parcus Braid sutures meet all requirements established by the United States Pharmacopeia (USP) for Nonabsorbable Surgical Sutures.

### **2. Indications:**

Parcus Braid sutures are indicated for use in general soft tissue approximation and/or ligation, including use in cardiovascular, ophthalmic, and neurological procedures.

### **3. Actions:**

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

### **4. Contraindications:**

None known.

### **5. Warnings:**

- A. Do not resterilize. Discard open, unused sutures.
- B. As with any foreign body, prolonged contact of this or any other suture with salt solutions, such as those found in the urinary or biliary tracts, may result in calculus formation.
- C. Users should be familiar with surgical procedures and techniques involving nonabsorbable sutures before employing Parcus Braid sutures for wound closure, as the risk of wound dehiscence may vary with the site of application and the suture material used.
- D. Acceptable surgical practice must be followed with respect to drainage and closure of infected or contaminated wounds.

### **6. Material:**

Parcus Braid is prepared from fibers of high molecular weight, long-chain, linear polyester.

### **7. Precautions:**

- A. Handle with care to avoid damaging the suture material. Avoid crushing or crimping damage due to application of surgical instruments such as forceps or needle holders.
- B. Adequate knot security requires the accepted surgical technique of flat, square ties, with additional throws as warranted by surgical circumstance and the experience of the surgeon.

### **8. Adverse Reaction:**

Adverse effects associated with the use of this device include wound dehiscence, calculus formation in urinary and biliary tracts when prolonged contact with salt solutions such as urine and bile occurs; infected wounds, minimal acute inflammatory tissue reaction, and transitory local irritation.

### **9. Sterilization:**

This device is sterilized by Ethylene Oxide.

### **10. How Supplied:**

Parcus Braid suture is nonabsorbable, white or black and white and is supplied sterile.