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V-Loc™ 90 and V-Loc™ 180
Absorbable Wound Closure Devices
Step-by-Step Guide to
Dermal Wound Closure Applications
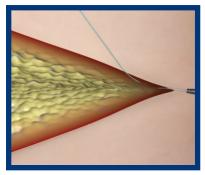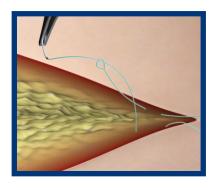# Secure. Fast. Effective.

Using The V-Loc™ Device

This step-by-step guide shows how the V-Loc™ device can be used for secure dermal wound closure with little or no adjustment to the surgeon's technique.
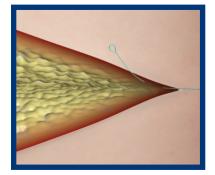
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Begin the closure by taking a backward, split-thickness bite through the dermis, exiting at the commissure of the incision.
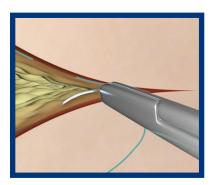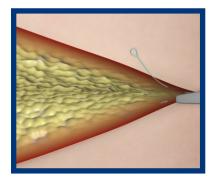
Step 2.

Exit the needle directly opposite the looped-end. Pull so that the looped-end is drawn into the dermis.

Step 3.

Take a single, forward split-thickness bite away from the commissure on the contralateral edge of the skin incision. The arc of the bite should be such that the needle exits the skin directly opposite the looped-end.

Step 4.

Pass the needle through the looped-end, applying gentle traction to carefully appose the skin edges.
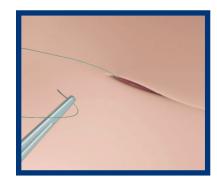
Step 5.

Beginning with a sinusoidal bite on the same side as the looped-end, close the skin incision in standard fashion with a continuous intradermal pattern. Take care not to pull too tightly as this will cause the incision to pucker and inhibit the release of tension.
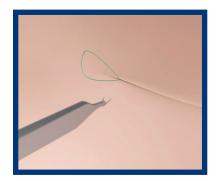
Step 6.

Complete the wound closure. Take a bite so that the needle emerges at the terminal commissure of the incision.

Step 7.

Next take a single backward bite away from the commissure.

Step 8.

To anchor, pass the needle across the incision and take a split-thickness bite perpendicular to the incision and exit the skin.

Step 9.

While applying gentle traction, cut the V-Loc™ 180 device flush with the skin.

IMPORTANT: Please refer to the package insert for complete instructions, indications, contraindications, warnings and precautions.

Opening the V-Loc™ Device Packaging

The V-Loc™ devices unique circular shaped packaging minimizes package related memory and allows for easy loading into the needle driver.

Step 1.

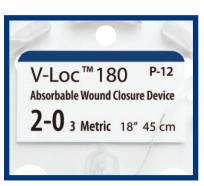Remove foil pouch from breather pouch and place onto sterile field.

Step 4.

Load the needle with needle driver and LIFT out of package (Unique package design minimizes package related memory)

Step 2.

Tear foil pack at notch as indicated by arrow on outer label.

Label contains all product information on plastic retainer for easy identification.

Step 3.

Pull back paper cover using the tab at the top.

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