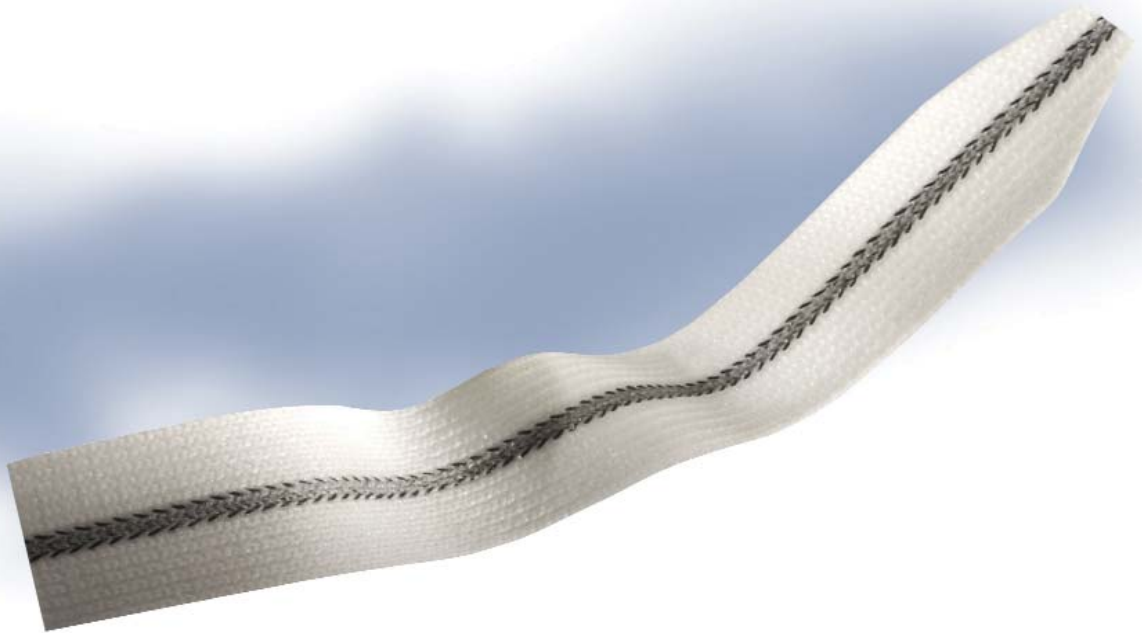


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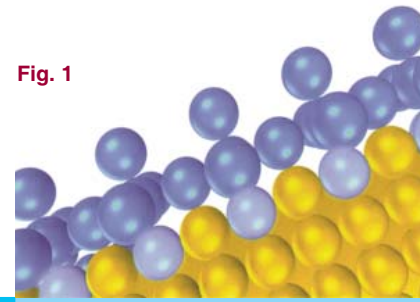
Thin Wall Carotid Patch

- Superb handling
- Novel fluoropolymer surface treatment
- Lower thrombogenicity ^{1,2,3}
- Improved healing ^{4,5}
- Unique Rifampicin bonding option ⁶
- Minimal suture hole bleeding ²



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Fig. 1



SUPERB HANDLING WITH SMOOTH STRONG THIN WALL AND ENHANCED SUTURE RETENTION

The smooth, strong (burst strength 0.27kN) thin wall fabric (0.36mm) features an innovative knitted structure, providing enhanced handling, strength and suture retention characteristics.

NOVEL FLUOROPOLYMER SURFACE TREATMENT

Fluoropolymer molecules bond with the polyester polymer, providing an interpenetrating molecular network at the interface between the two polymers (Fig.1). The result is a new biomaterial, combining the strength of polyester with the inertness of a fluoropolymer.

LOWER THROMBOGENICITY

In vitro, *in vivo* and *ex vivo* studies^{1,2,3} on platelet deposition confirm that Fluoropassiv™ exhibits dramatically reduced thrombogenicity (Fig. 2).

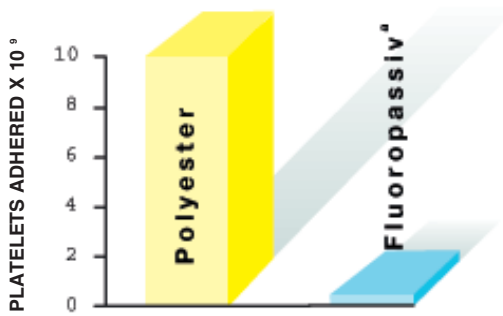


Fig. 2

Fluoropassiv™ Patches

Product Ordering Information

Size (mm)	Cat No.
6 x 75	920675FT
8 x 75	920875FT
10 x 50	921050FT
10 x 75	921075FT
10 x 100	921010FT
10 x 150	921015FT
15 x 50	921550FT
15 x 75	921575FT
25 x 120	922512FT



IMPROVED HEALING

Evidenced by vaso vasorum formation^{4,5} (Fig.3), thin pseudointimal development and extensive endothelial coverage in the mid portion of long grafts⁵.

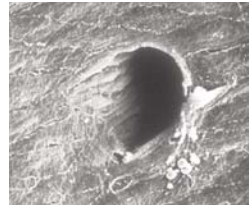


Fig. 3

UNIQUE RIFAMPICIN BONDING OPTION

Vascutek's gelatin impregnated vascular graft materials when bonded to Rifampicin minimise the possibility of post operative graft infection and are

“... significantly more resistant to bacteremic infection than are Silver/collagen-coated polyester...”⁶ graft materials.

MINIMAL SUTURE HOLE BLEEDING

The gelatin sealant ensures minimal suture hole bleeding compared to other synthetic materials² (Fig. 4).

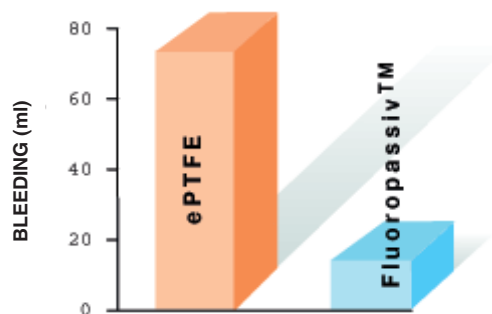


Fig. 4

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Rifampicin bonding to gelatin sealed graft materials is not approved for use in Canada.