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Wound Closure-Alternatives to Sutures

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Abstract

Suturing remains the gold standard of wound closure. The technique of wound closure by means of needle and thread emerged several thousand years ago. The introduction of both new surgical devices and reengineered existing devices leads to modifications of traditional tasks and allows for the development of new surgical techniques. The on-going introduction of new devices and continuing technical improvements in existing surgical devices are changing the way surgeons perform traditional tasks. This review summarizes all the available alternatives to sutures, focusing on their current and prospective indications in the clinical forum.