## STARGUARD™

(Suture Retention Plates)



#### Instructions for Use

# Description

The StarGuard™ is a foam padded protective plate with evenly spaced suture holes. StarGuards are supplied in 9 inch lengths and are packaged four (4) per sterile pouch. Contents are sterile unless the package has been opened or damaged.

#### Intended Use

StarGuard protective plates may be used for temporary, external anchoring of sutures in position, and for prevention of suture pull through.

#### Contraindications

None known





FOR EXTERNAL USE ONLY

FOR SINGLE PATIENT USE ONLY

Federal Law restricts sale of this device to, by, or on the order of a physician. Use of this device should not otherwise affect the standard of care for the condition being treated.

## **Precautions**

Excessive pressure applied to the StarGuard by suture attachments may cause skin necrosis. Prolonged use may cause skin maceration. If additional skin protection is desired the surgeon may choose to apply a hydrocolloid dressing beneath the StarGuard.

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StarGuards are typically positioned on opposite sides of the wound as shown. Sutures are applied per surgeon technique. StarGuards may be trimmed by peeling back the protective foam padding and cutting the plastic, allowing for the foam to extend beyond the trimmed plastic edge. StarGuards are removed and discarded as biohazardous waste when sutures are removed.



9 inch StarGuards used to anchor sutures during open wound closure.



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