

Economic Value

in Staple Line Reinforcement

GORE® SEAMGUARD® Bioabsorbable Staple Line Reinforcement is a leader in economic value. Here's why:

Reduced Leaks

Meta-Analysis of Leak Rate with Sleeve Gastrectomy¹

GORE® SEAMGUARD® Bioabsorbable Staple Line Reinforcement	No Reinforcement
1.09%	2.60%

+

Reduced Bleeding

Prospective, randomized study showed²:

GORE® SEAMGUARD® Bioabsorbable Staple Line Reinforcement	No Reinforcement
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Significantly lower mean blood loss• 0 postoperative hemorrhages	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• higher mean blood loss• 20% postoperative hemorrhages

+

Cost Savings

Summary of recent cost study³:

GORE® SEAMGUARD® Bioabsorbable Staple Line Reinforcement	No Reinforcement
200 Sleeve Cases	200 Sleeve Cases
x 1.09% Leak Rate	x 2.60% Leak Rate
<u>2 potential leaks</u>	<u>5 potential leaks</u>
x \$137,417/leak	x \$137,417/leak
\$274,834	\$687,085

Results in **\$412,251** in potential cost savings

= Economic Value

So why settle for less value when the benefits outweigh the cost?



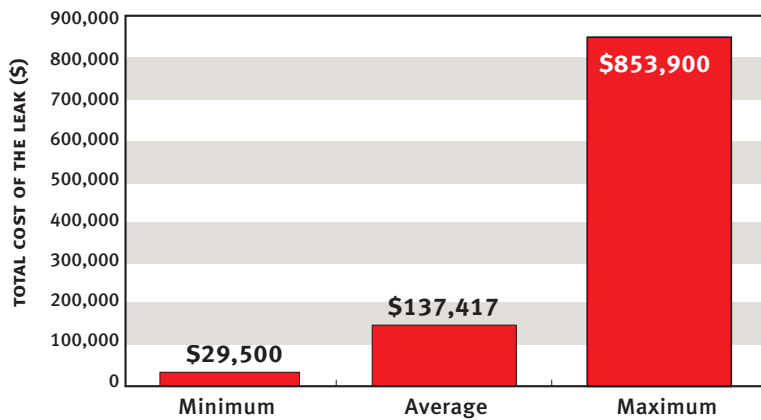
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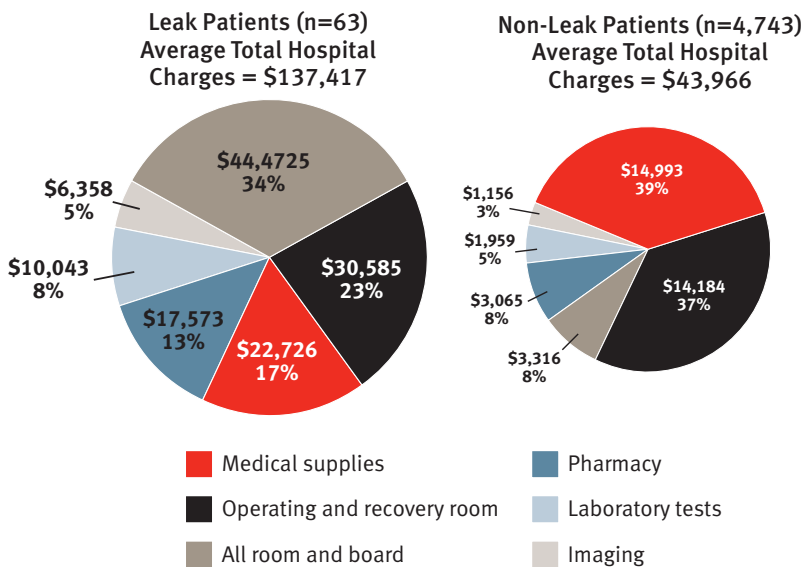
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Recent Cost Analysis Study³

Cost of Treating a Leak – Post-Sleeve Gastrectomy



Comparison of Sleeve Gastrectomy Costs With and Without a Leak



*All average charge differences between leak and non-leak patients were statistically significant (p<0.001)

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Bioabsorbable Staple Line Reinforcement = Reduced Leaks¹ = Reduced Costs

The Value You Need to Succeed.

Choose GORE® SEAMGUARD® Bioabsorbable Staple Line Reinforcement

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