



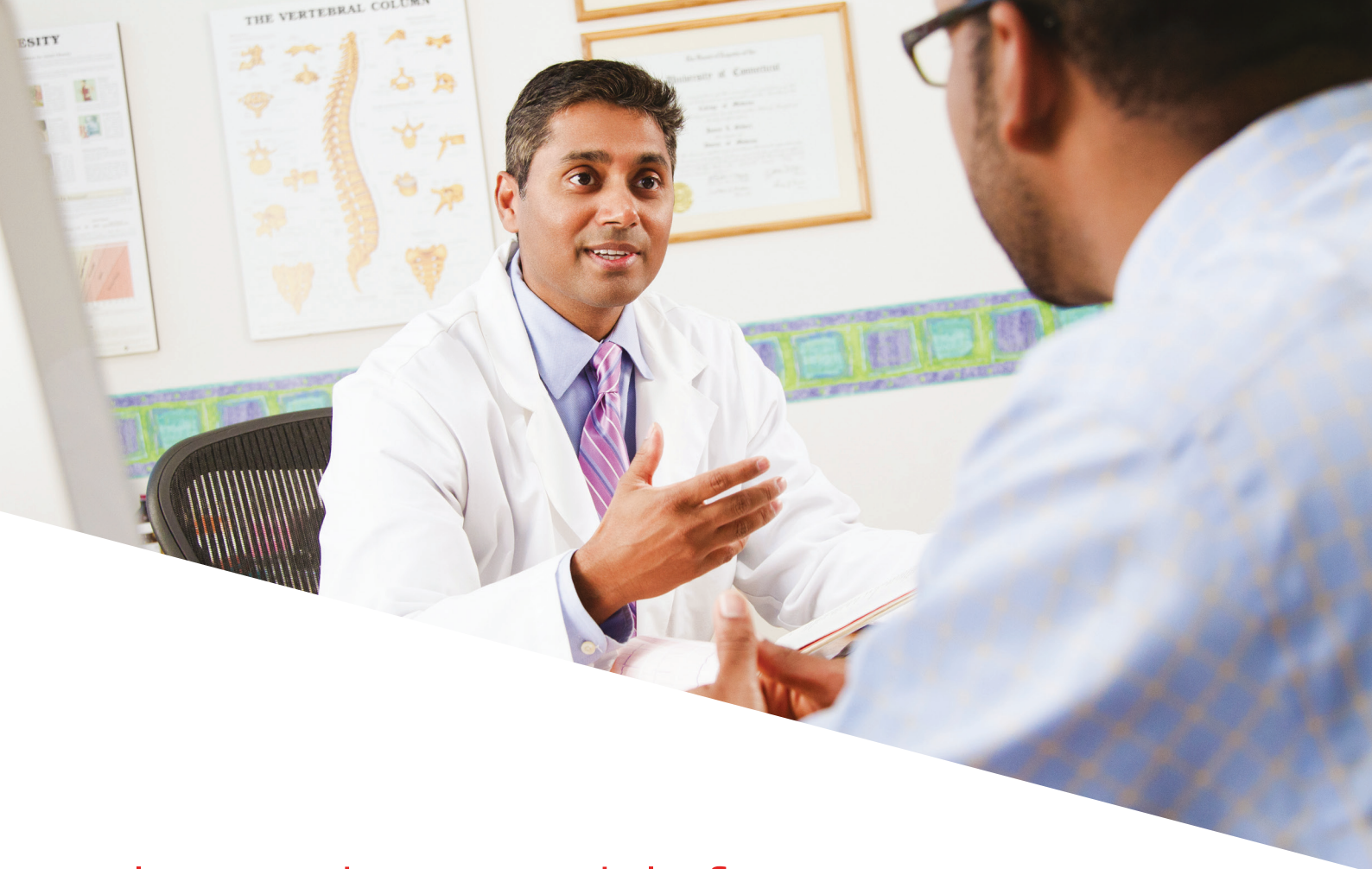
**GORE® SYNECOR**

Intraperitoneal Biomaterial

# MATERIAL INNOVATION FOR PERMANENT STRENGTH



*Together, improving life*



## Innovative materials for specialised solutions

Gore makes a relentless commitment to improving lives through deliberate product innovation

- We have a comprehensive portfolio of biomaterials intended to meet the needs of hernia repair.
- Each biomaterial is specifically designed with the patient and surgeon in mind.
- Our biomaterials have a history of bringing sustainable clinical results to patients.

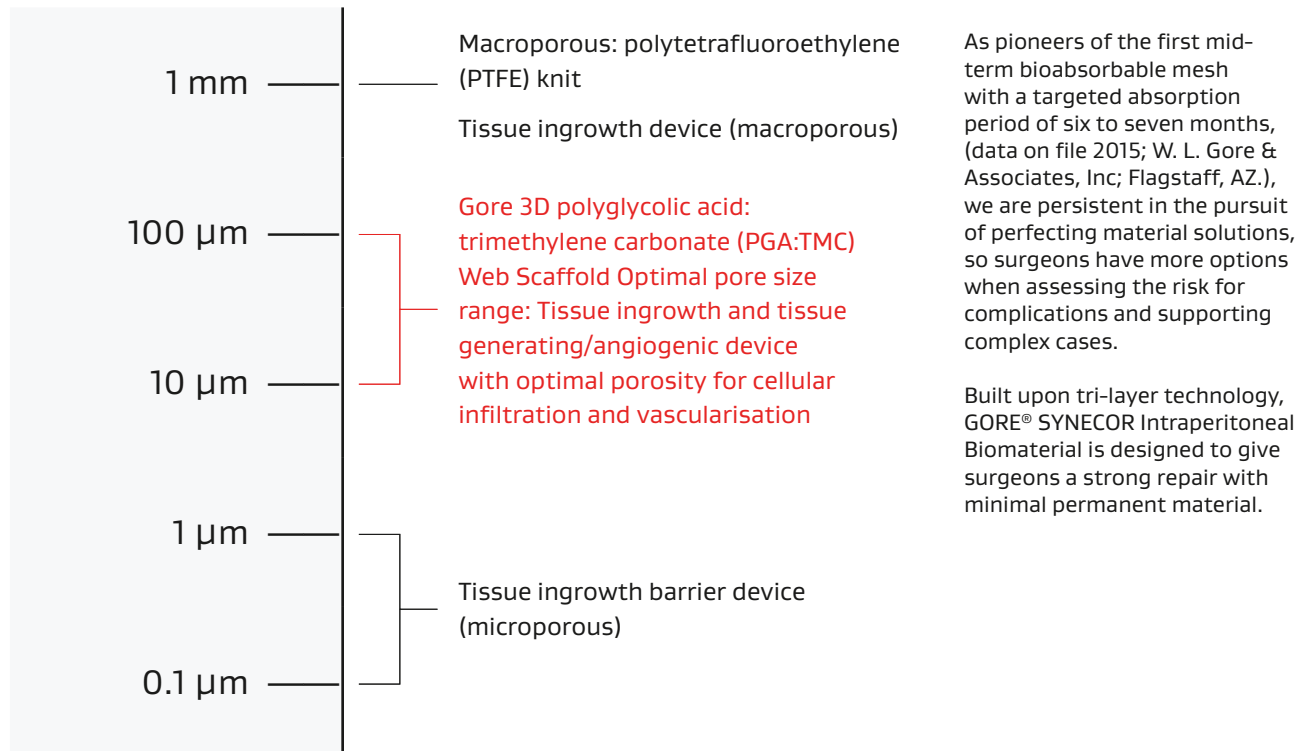
Consistent quality supports the confidence of providers, surgeons and patients

GORE® SYNECOR Intraperitoneal Biomaterial helps deliver the quality outcomes patients need

- Improves the economics of patient care.
- Potentially lower total cost of repair versus lightweight and midweight meshes, which have clinical literature case studies demonstrating failure due to inadequate strength in similar indications.<sup>1-3</sup>

# Facilitates the natural healing process with tri-layer biomaterial technology

## The effect of pore size<sup>4,5</sup>



# Bringing the latest innovations to hernia repair

GORE® SYNECOR Intraperitoneal Biomaterial is a tri-layer hybrid solution designed for durable repair in complex patients Ventral hernia working group (VHWG 2) to facilitate healing<sup>6</sup>

## Gore 3D PGA:TMC Web Scaffold

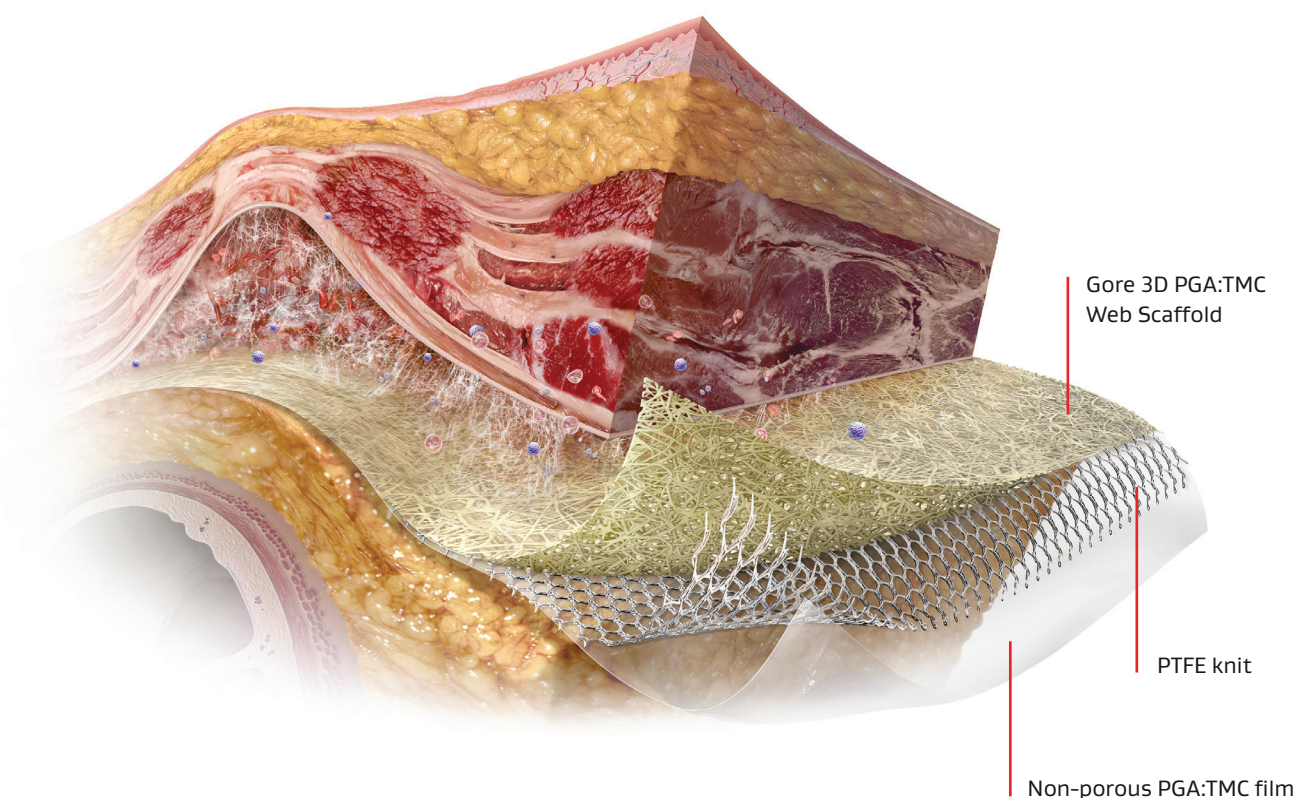
Provides rapid vascularisation and tissue ingrowth designed to facilitate healing (data on file 2015; W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc; Flagstaff, AZ.).

## PTFE

Latest generation PTFE fibre is designed for permanent strength. Strong and compliant: The PTFE knit is designed with a fibre diameter similar to lightweight mesh but with the strength of heavyweight mesh.

## Non-porous PGA:TMC film

Provides intra-abdominal protection, minimising risk of adhesion formation<sup>7</sup> (data on file 2015; W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc; Flagstaff, AZ.).





Designed for ease of use during minimally invasive (laparoscopic, robotic) and open surgical procedures

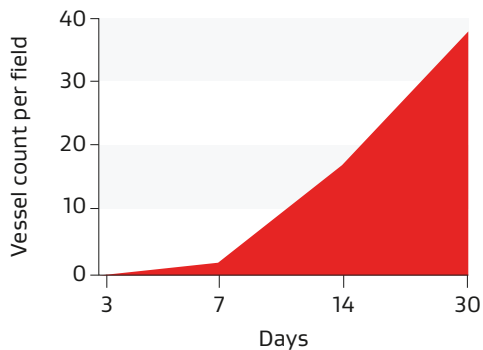
- Material is flexible and conformable
- Material memory for easy unrolling, handling and optimal placement
- Absorbs fluids (i.e., blood)
- No pre-soaking needed, but may be dipped in sterile saline to facilitate handling



GORE® SYNECOR Intraperitoneal Biomaterial is available in sizes ranging from 12 cm circle to 20 cm x 30 cm rectangle.

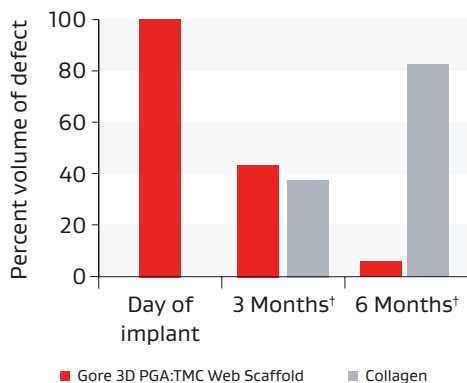
# Rapid vascularisation and tissue ingrowth<sup>8</sup>

Vascularity within Gore 3D PGA:TMC web increases over time\*



\* Data on file 2008; W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc; Flagstaff, AZ.

Material replaced by patient's own tissue<sup>9</sup>

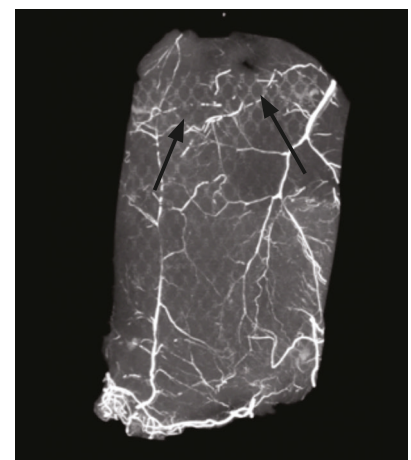
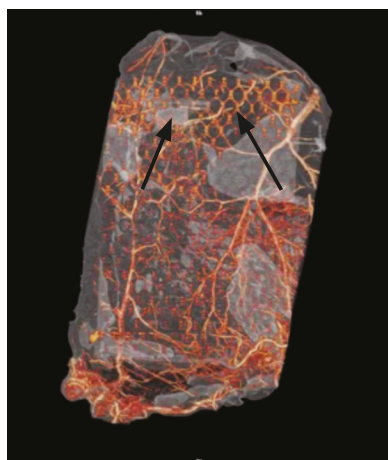


■ Gore 3D PGA:TMC Web Scaffold ■ Collagen

† Cells and blood vessels make up remaining volume. GORE® BIO-A® Hernia Plug.

Parietal layer: Gore 3D PGA:TMC Web Scaffold provides rapid vascularisation and tissue ingrowth designed to facilitate healing (data on file 2015; W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc; Flagstaff, AZ.)

- Enhances tissue response: Designed to promote rapid cell migration and vascularisation (data on file 2015; W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc; Flagstaff, AZ.).
- Designed to break down primarily by hydrolysis and provide tissue uniformity and consistency.
- Within seven days: Tissue shows vascularity.<sup>8</sup>
- At 30 days: Tissue ingrowth (data on file 2015; W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc; Flagstaff, AZ.).
- Tissue ingrowth is present throughout the Gore 3D PGA:TMC Web Scaffold with various densities around the knit fibres and within the scaffold.
- Ingrowth is vascularised, organised and filled the macropores.
- At 180 days: Tissue generation (data on file 2015; W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc; Flagstaff, AZ.).
- Gore 3D PGA:TMC Web Scaffold is absorbed, leaving organised fibrous tissue ingrowth.
- Minimal tissue encapsulation of the PTFE knit.



Arrows indicate area where blood vessels are penetrating through the PTFE knit at seven days post-implantation.<sup>8</sup>

# Latest generation PTFE fibre is designed for permanent strength

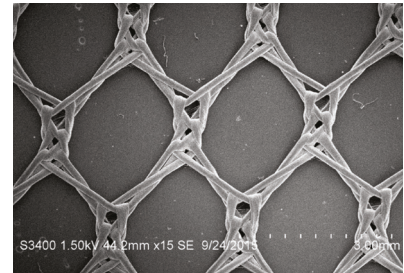
## Mid-layer: Macroporous knit of dense, monofilament PTFE fibres

The treatment of ventral hernias with prosthetic devices has reduced recurrence rates but has led to questions concerning infection. Open hernia repair has been associated with infection rates from 3 percent to 18 percent.<sup>10</sup> Laparoscopic ventral hernia repair has been associated with lower incidence of infection.<sup>10</sup>

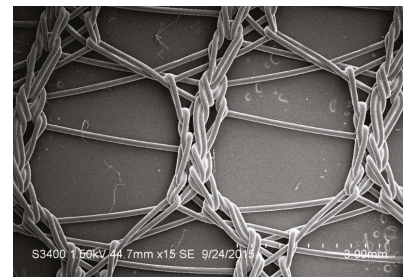
The macroporous knit of dense, monofilament PTFE fibres may reduce the risk of bacterial adherence<sup>11</sup> and along with increased vascularity<sup>5</sup> may aid in the overall treatability of the device to minimise the need for removal if postoperative infection were to occur (data on file 2020; W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc; Flagstaff, AZ.).

## Optimal porosity

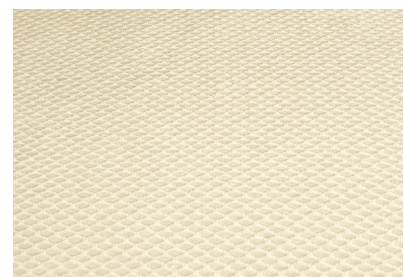
The PTFE knit of GORE® SYNECOR Intraperitoneal Biomaterial has a large pore size (1–3 mm). As demonstrated in animal models, large pore sizes have been shown to improve mechanical strength of tissue ingrowth<sup>12</sup> and reduce scar plate formation.<sup>13</sup>



GORE® SYNECOR Biomaterial:  
Macroporous knit of dense  
monofilament PTFE fibre



Polypropylene knit



Unique tri-layer hybrid device:  
GORE® SYNECOR Intraperitoneal  
Biomaterial

# Provides strength for large defects and higher BMIs

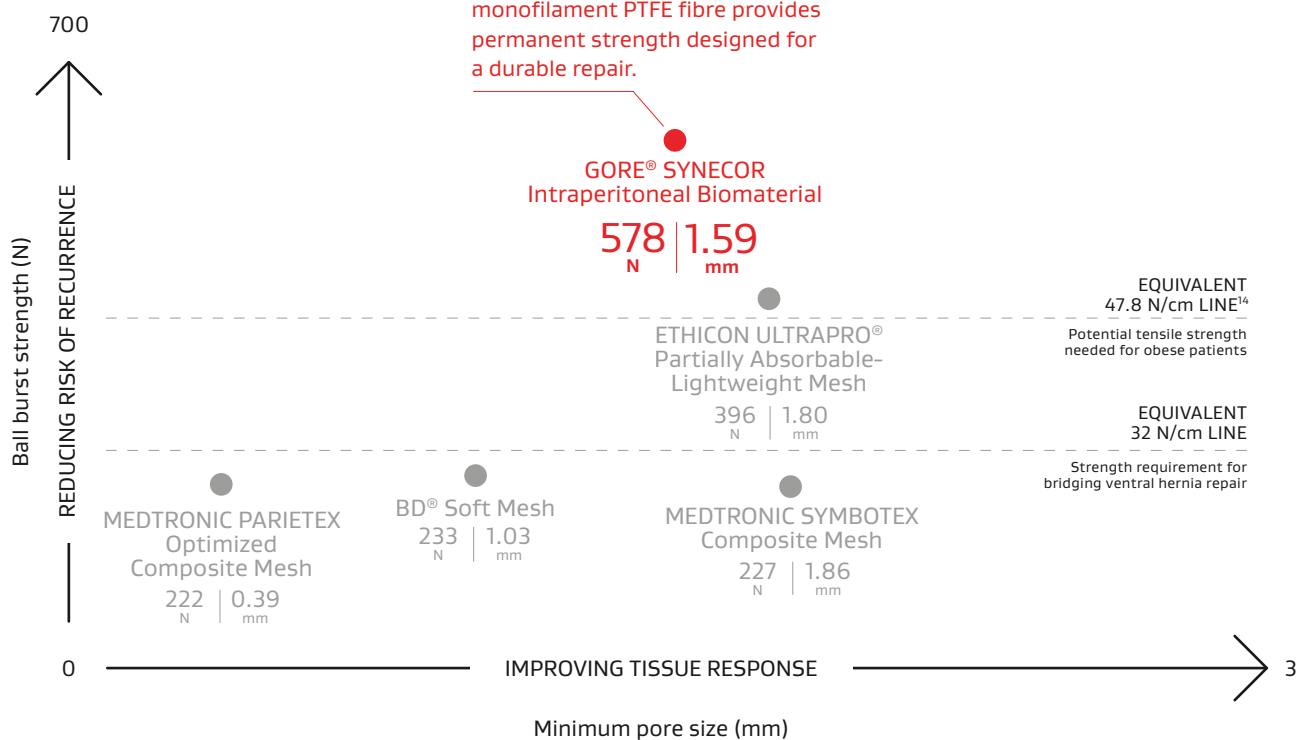
## Strong and compliant

PTFE knit is designed with a fibre diameter similar to lightweight mesh but with the strength of heavyweight mesh.

## Permanent strength

Burst strength is > 500 N. This provides strength for large defects and higher BMIs at almost two times the strength requirement for bridging ventral hernia repairs (data on file 2016; W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc; Flagstaff, AZ.).<sup>14,15</sup>

The macroporous knit of dense, monofilament PTFE fibre provides permanent strength designed for a durable repair.



## Durable strength of the material helps to support robust healing

- May lower risk of recurrence versus lightweight and midweight meshes, which may have inadequate strength in complex patients (VHWG 2).<sup>1-3</sup>

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# PTFE fibres may reduce the risk of bacterial adherence<sup>11</sup>

Bacterial adherence was examined among various materials including, the PTFE knit of GORE® SYNECOR Intraperitoneal Biomaterial, various polypropylene knits and a polyvinylidene fluoride/polypropylene construct.

The materials were incubated in staphylococcus aureus overnight, rinsed and subjected to staining and analysis through confocal microscopy.

This allowed for analysis of where bacteria attached.

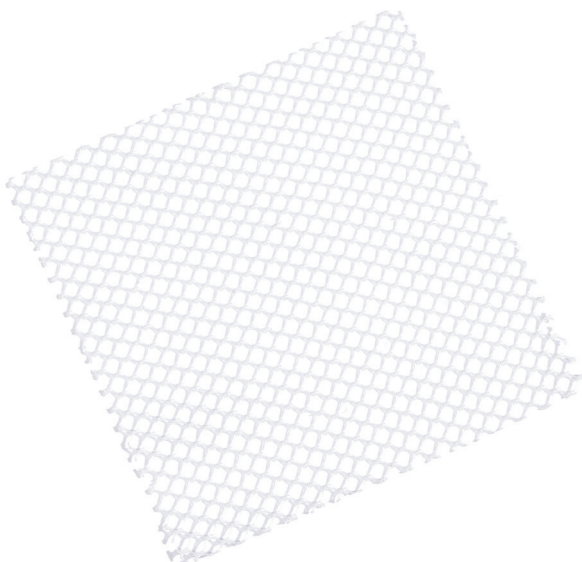
Overall, bacteria localise to the knots and fibre surfaces of all test articles examined in this study.

Confocal images suggest that no bacteria are located within the PTFE knit fibres and overall fewer bacteria are located on PTFE knit fibres than other materials.

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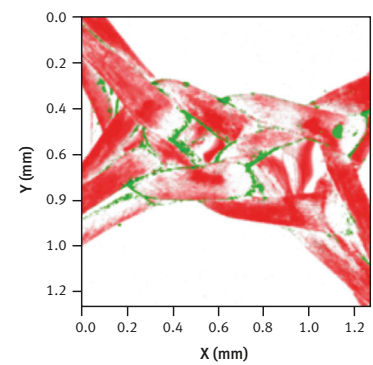
**PTFE knit had the least bacterial adherence on the surface when compared with other competitive polypropylene knits.<sup>11</sup>**

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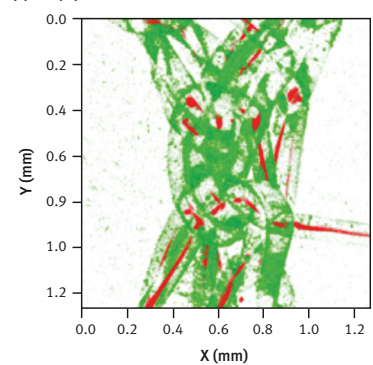


Gore's latest-generation PTFE macroporous knit.

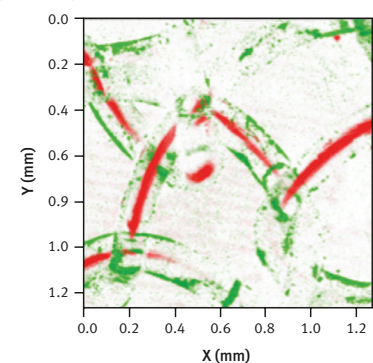
PTFE knit (10×)



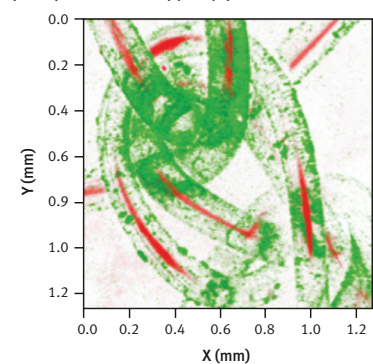
Polypropylene knit (10×)



Lightweight polypropylene knit (10×)



Polyvinylidene/Polypropylene knit (10×)



Staphylococcus aureus stains green; red represents the fibre materials as reflected light.

# Designed to provide predictable performance

## Minimal contraction

All biomaterials, including polypropylene, polyester and PTFE, will contract to some degree after implantation due to the activity of myofibroblasts during wound healing. Animal studies show GORE® SYNECOR Intraperitoneal Biomaterial has minimal contraction at 30 and 180 days (data on file 2015; W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc; Flagstaff, AZ.).

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Protection from abdominal adhesion formation may lower the risk of postoperative complications and reoperation.

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Visceral Layer: Non-porous PGA:TMC film provides intra-abdominal protection, minimising risk of adhesion formation<sup>7</sup> (data on file 2015; W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc; Flagstaff, AZ.).

- PGA:TMC film: A non-porous film, minimises visceral attachment to the material.
- Designed to limit cellular penetration.
- Film provides a uniform surface while the neoperitoneum is forming.
- PGA:TMC film absorbs in six to seven months (data on file 2015; W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc; Flagstaff, AZ.).
- Animal studies have shown no mid-substance adhesions to the material at both 30 and 180 days (data on file 2015; W. L. Gore & Associates, Inc; Flagstaff, AZ.).

No Gore biomaterials are human, animal or tissue-derived.

These biomaterials eliminate the risk of disease transmission by tissue-derived products, residual cellular debris or conflict with religious beliefs/cultural practices.<sup>16</sup>

# Innovative materials for specialised solutions

## Competitor reference chart

Based on patient selection criteria, clinicians may utilise GORE® SYNECOR Intraperitoneal Biomaterial in place of the following products:

| Company   | Product name                             | Biosynthetic mesh | Permanent mesh | Composite mesh* |
|-----------|------------------------------------------|-------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| BD®       | COMPOSIX E/X Mesh                        |                   | ●              |                 |
| BD®       | COMPOSIX L/P Mesh                        |                   | ●              |                 |
| BD®       | SEPRAMESH IP Composite                   |                   |                | ●               |
| BD®       | VENTRALIGHT ST Mesh                      |                   |                | ●               |
| BD®       | VENTRIO Hernia Patch                     |                   | ●              |                 |
| BD®       | VENTRIO ST Hernia Patch                  |                   |                | ●               |
| BD®       | PHASIX ST Mesh                           | ●                 |                |                 |
| MEDTRONIC | PARIETEX Optimized Composite (PCOx) Mesh |                   |                | ●               |
| MEDTRONIC | SYMBOTEX Composite Mesh                  |                   |                | ●               |

\* Composite meshes are permanent mesh with an absorbable visceral protection layer.

## Sizing

| Catalogue number | Description             |
|------------------|-------------------------|
| GKFC12E          | 12 cm diameter circle   |
| GKFB1015E        | 10 cm × 15 cm oval      |
| GKFB1520E        | 15 cm × 20 cm oval      |
| GKFR2025E        | 20 cm × 25 cm rectangle |
| GKFR2030E        | 20 cm × 30 cm rectangle |

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