

SURGICAL GLOVES: PUTTING SAFETY AND QUALITY FIRST



Did you know...

Surgical gloves are one of many factors that work together to prevent infections in the operating room

According to a survey of practicing UK surgeons, high quality surgical gloves can be defined as having a good comfortable fit and good tactility whilst reducing hand fatigue¹

90% of surgeons surveyed think that surgical gloves are an **essential tool** that impacts the outcome of the operation¹

The majority of surgeons believe that **using high quality surgical gloves improves patient outcomes** during surgery¹



NHS Resolution revealed that between 2012 and 2017, there were 1,213 successful financial claims following a sharps injury in the NHS, and yet the **“the harm and cost are largely avoidable”**²

Did you know...

100,000

needlestick injuries occur in the NHS each year³



A Royal College of Nursing report estimated that **needlestick injuries cost each NHS Trust**

£500,000

each year⁴ - costing an estimated £127m across England⁵

The majority of surgeons think that **using high quality surgical gloves reduces the chance of sharps injuries during surgery**¹



92% of surgeons agree that using high quality surgical gloves also reduces the chance of being exposed to blood borne viruses – such as HIV¹

Did you know...

High quality means fewer glove failures⁶



70% of surgeons think high quality gloves provide more value to the NHS¹



Over three quarters of surgeons think that glove failures can lead to delays in operations and operating lists¹



3/4 **Three quarters of surgeons** believe that high quality surgical gloves **save time** during operations, leading to **greater efficiencies**¹

Did you know...

It has been proven that other surgical gloves are

3.5 times

more likely to fail than Biogel gloves⁶



Biogel[®] is the preferred choice of surgical glove for more than three quarters of surgeons¹



NO.1 CHOICE **90%** of surgeons recognise Biogel as a high quality glove¹

Our quality is your protection



Practising UK surgeons have told us¹

- “Lower quality gloves are frequently presented to us but I believe that higher quality gloves lead to faster, safer and more efficient operations and therefore cost savings to the NHS and happier surgeons.”
- “Sharps injuries may involve time off sick, they may require long term blood tests as a follow up, as well as anti-viral treatment depending on the risk.”
- “Poor quality gloves prolong operations and lead to frustrations and unnecessary delays and anxiety.”
- “Poor quality gloves, lead to poor tissue handling and an inferior operation.”
- “I operate two-three days per week; Biogel[®] are comfortable well-fitting gloves with good tactility and are important to smooth the day in theatre.”

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