

ETHICON Suture Recall (2/09)

ETHICON recently initiated a voluntary recall of multiple lots of Coated VICRYL, Coated VICRYL Plus, MONOCRYL, MONOCRYL Plus, PDS II and PDS Plus absorbable sutures. The company is taking this action because it cannot assure the sterility of the products due to a failure in the sterilization process. No adverse effects have been reported to date; however, lack of sterility could potentially lead to infection and or other serious patient consequences. ETHICON requests that customers identify and immediately discontinue use of the affected products. Clinics should return the affected products to ETHICON using only the pre-paid authorized shipping label that will be sent to all facilities using ETHICON products. Replacement product will be provided for all returned materials. Product codes and lot numbers not listed on the ETHICON recall notice are not affected by this recall and should not be returned. If you have questions about this recall, please contact ETHICON at (888) 202-3694.