

SURGICAL GLOVES: PUTTING SAFETY AND QUALITY FIRST



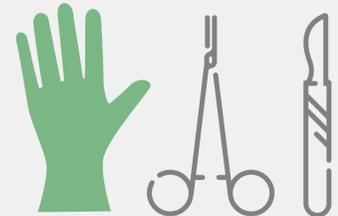
Did you know...

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



Did you know...

100,000

needlestick injuries occur in the NHS each year²



A Bevan Brittan report estimated that **needlestick injuries cost each NHS Trust**

£500,000 each year³

The majority of surgeons think that **using high quality surgical gloves reduces the chance of sharps injuries during surgery¹**



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 failures⁴



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 efficiencies¹**

Did you know...

It has been proven that other surgical gloves are **3.5 times** as likely to fail than Biogel gloves⁴



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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