

# **Instructions For Use**

# Laprosponge 10<sup>TM</sup>

IMPORTANT! Read these instructions before using.

#### **Indications for Use:**

Laprosponge<sup>TM</sup> is a non-absorbable, sterile, x-ray detectable, disposable surgical sponge used inside a surgical incision to control bleeding and absorb fluids.

## Using the Laprosponge $^{TM}$ :

- Open the sterile blister package and take out the device.
- Insert the Laprosponge<sup>TM</sup> pipette through the trocar and grip the pipette cylinder and depress the pipette piston to release the sponge, buoy chord, and x-ray detectable buoy. When released, the sponge is compact, rigid, and white. As the sponge absorbs moisture, it expands and becomes soft.
- The sponge can be gripped with endoscopic graspers and used to apply gentle, direct pressure to control bleeding, absorb fluids, or protect organs or structures from abrasion or drying. Should the sponge become lost during surgery, the buoy is x-ray detectable.
- Suction may be applied to the sponge to extract any absorbed liquids.
- When preparing to remove the sponge, apply suction to the sponge to extract any liquids from the sponge, visually (or by x-ray) locate the white, plastic buoy and connecting buoy chord. Using endoscopic graspers, retrieve through the trocar.
- Confirm that once retrieved, all components of the Laprosponge TM (sponge, buoy chord, and buoy) have been removed from the patient.

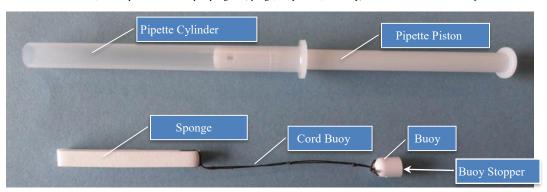


Figure 1: Components of the Laprosponge<sup>TM</sup>

## Warnings

- Laprosponge<sup>TM</sup> is not a substitute for common methods of hemostatis employed during surgery, which must be determined by the surgeon.
- LaprospongeTM is not absorbable and cannot be left in the area of the operation. Check that all components have been removed after surgery. 2)
- 3) Handle only with surgical gloves.
- 4) Before using the device check the marker showing that it has been sterilized.
- Do not use any of the components (sponge, buoy chord, or radio-opaque buoy) separately. Laprosponge  $^{TM}$  is intended for single use. Do not reuse. 5)
- Do not re-sterilize.
- Store at room temperature. Avoid exposure to high temperatures.

### Disposal

After using this device, dispose of as a potentially hazardous, infectious hospital waste.

Ronly	Available by Prescription Only	STERILE R	Sterilized with radiation	<b>(X)</b>	Do not reuse
LOT	Lot Code	$\square$	Use by date	{	Date of manufacture
REF	Catalogue Number	*	Store in a dry environment	STERRIZE	Do not re- sterilize
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