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Swann-Morton Stitch Cutters

Instructions for use



Product description

Designed with a rounded bull nose tip the Swann-Morton family of Stitch Cutters are ideal for the purpose of cutting modern suture materials whilst minimising patient discomfort. The "Long" Stitch Cutter allows for a more aseptic technique by operating further away from the wound site yet also allowing better visibility.

Swann Morton products are ISO 13485 compliant for the design, manufacture, packing and distribution of stitch cutters.

The products also confirm to the following product standard: BS EN 27740:1992 / ISO7740:1985 – instruments for surgery, scalpels with detachable blades, fitting dimensions; and BS2952:1992 – Specification for Materials and packaging of surgical scalpels with detachable blades.

Swann Morton Stitch Cutters are Class IIa risk classified and are made from Carbon Steel.

Pack size

Description	Size
Stitch Cutter Long	Packs of 100

Indications for use

Swann-Morton Stitch Cutters are indicated for use by healthcare professionals throughout all acute hospital settings including Cardiology, Orthopaedics and Reconstructive surgery as well as non-acute settings such as Small Clinics, Surgery Centres and GP Practice.

Storage prior to use

Store in a cool dry place.

Keep away from any source of moisture.

Disposal

Dispose all used stitch cutters into a sharp's container.

Stitch Cutters should be disposed of in such a manner that it will prevent any hazards to other persons.

Dispose of the sharps container according to hospital waste management policy.

Shelf Life

5 years from date of manufacture.

Direction for use

Step 1:

Before opening the stitch cutter onto the surgical field, check the expiry date.



Step 2:

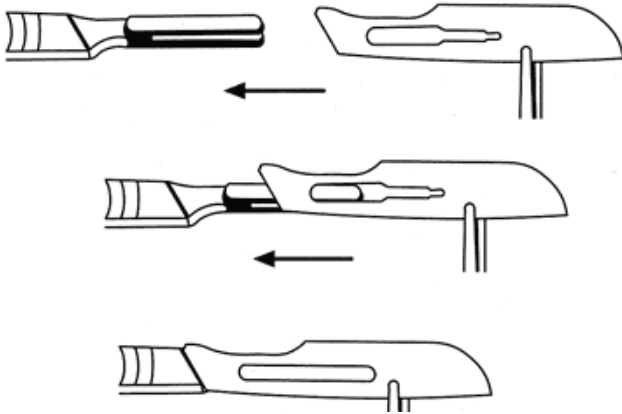
To open the packaging, peel back the edges of the stitch cutter cover slowly to prevent tearing and to maintain sterility.



Place the stitch cutter onto a **non-metal** surface to prevent it from becoming blunt.

Step 3:

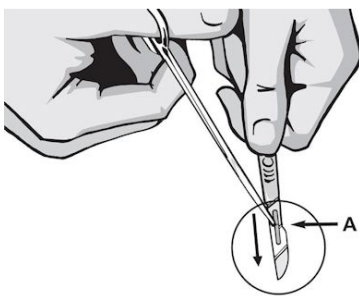
Apply the stitch cutter to the compatible handle taking care **NOT to use fingers**, but rather a needle holder or other applicable instrument.

**Step 4:**

During the surgical procedure, use a containment method of choice, to protect surgical team from any sharps injuries, such as a plastic kidney dish.

Step 5:

Remove the stitch cutter taking care **NOT to use fingers**, but rather a needle holder or other applicable instrument. Keep it pointed away from the body to prevent injury.

**Step 6:**

Safely dispose of the stitch cutter into a sharp's container after use.