

Preparation Instructions

For Terminally Sterilized TISSUE GUARD (TSTG) product only.



Open carton by tearing the seal tab and remove the outer pouch from the carton. Inspect the outer pouch. Do not use if the outer pouch is damaged or if the seals are not intact as sterility may be compromised. Do not place the outer pouch in the sterile field as the outside of the pouch is not sterile.



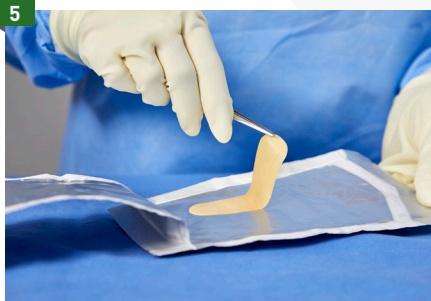
Open the outer pouch and aseptically transfer the inner pouch into the sterile field.



Rinse surgical gloves to remove glove powder prior to touching **Vascu-Guard** Vascular Repair Patch. Gloves should be dry prior to handling **Vascu-Guard** Vascular Repair Patch.



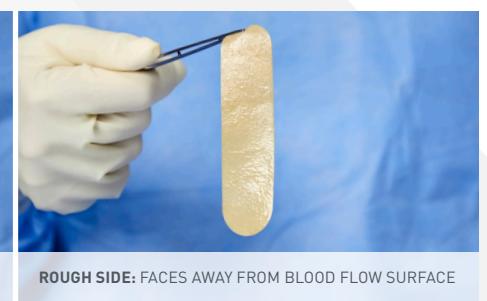
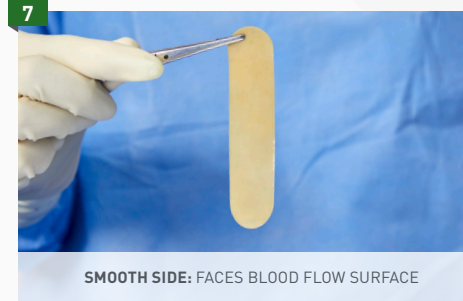
Inspect the inner pouch. Do not use if the inner pouch is damaged or if the seals are not intact. Open the inner pouch and examine **Vascu-Guard** Vascular Repair Patch to ensure moisture of the patch has been maintained. Do not use if any folds, creases, or wrinkles are observed in **Vascu-Guard** Vascular Repair Patch.



Using aseptic technique and sterile, atraumatic forceps, gently grasp the edge of the patch and remove the patch from the package.



Gently immerse and agitate **Vascu-Guard** Vascular Repair Patch for a minimum of 3 minutes in a sterile basin containing 500 ml of sterile physiologic saline (0.9% NaCl). At the surgeon's discretion, a room temperature, pre-implant soak in solution may contain one of the following antibiotic treatments: ampicillin & gentamicin, bacitracin, cefazolin, cefotaxime, neomycin, or vancomycin.



After 3 minutes, **Vascu-Guard** Vascular Repair Patch is ready for implantation. Keep the patch immersed in sterile saline until ready to use. **The patch must remain moist at all times.**

Vascu-Guard Vascular Repair Patch may be tailored during surgery to meet the surgeon's needs. Visually examine both sides of the patch. **If one side appears smoother, implant the smoother surface so that it faces the blood flow surface.**

Vascu-Guard Vascular Repair Patch should be fixed in place according to standard surgical techniques. When implanting by suture, suture bites should be taken 2 to 3 millimeters from the edge of the patch. Discard any unused pieces of **Vascu-Guard** Vascular Repair Patch in biohazardous waste. **Vascu-Guard** Vascular Repair Patch must not be resterilized or reused.

The information presented here is based on the **Vascu-Guard** Vascular Repair Patch Instructions for Use.

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