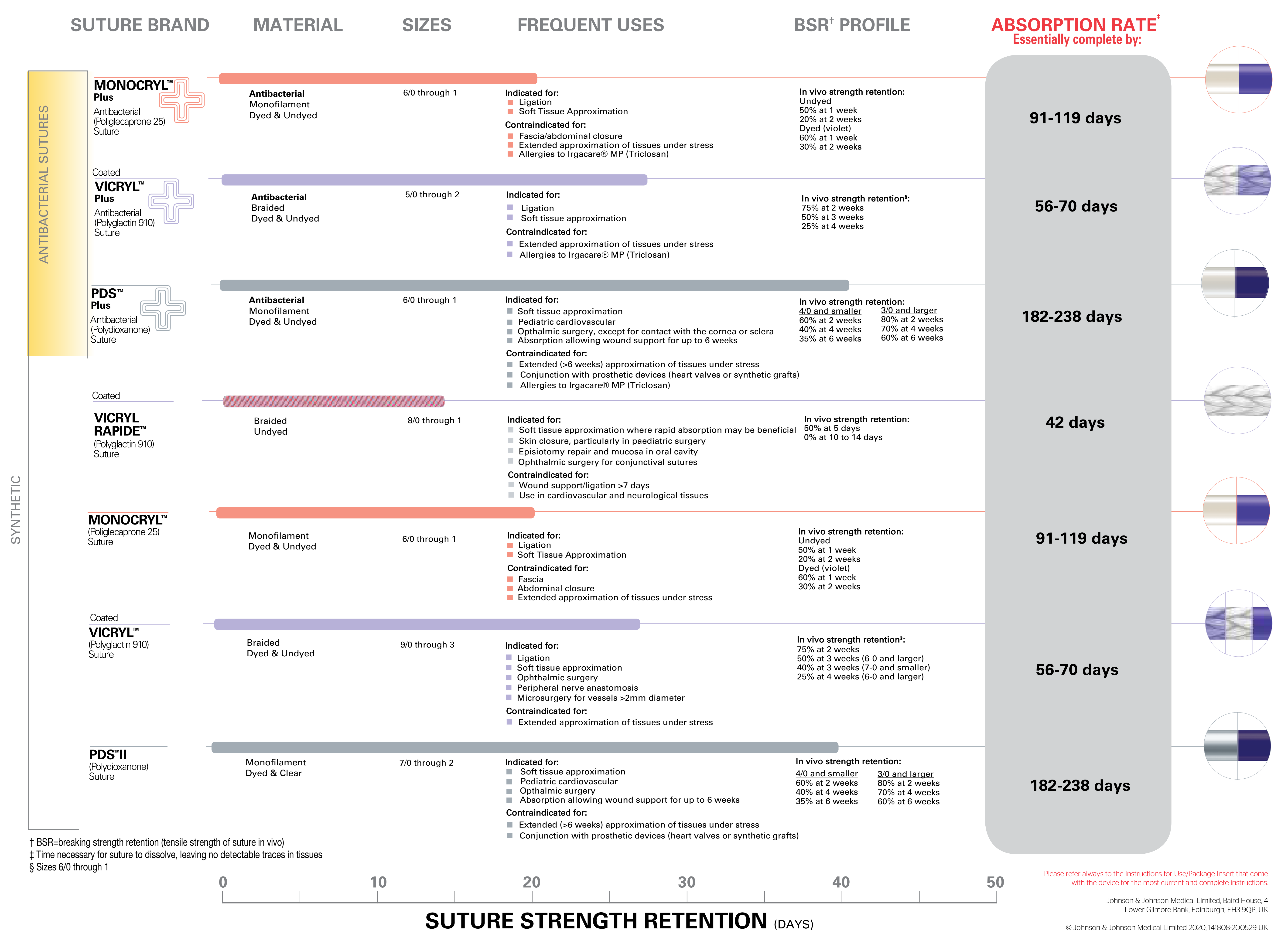


# ABSORBABLE SUTURES

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† BSR=breaking strength retention (tensile strength of suture in vivo)  
‡ Time necessary for suture to dissolve, leaving no detectable traces in tissues  
§ Sizes 6/0 through 1

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# NONABSORBABLE SUTURES

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	SUTURE BRAND	MATERIAL	SIZES	FREQUENT USES	BSR† PROFILE	
NATURAL	<b>MERSILK™ Silk Suture</b>	Braided Black / White	5, 2 through 7/0	General soft tissue approximation and/or ligation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cardiovascular</li> <li>Ophthalmic</li> <li>Neurological</li> </ul>	Gradual loss of all tensile strength over time	
	<b>SURGICAL STAINLESS STEEL Suture</b>	Monofilament Silver Metallic	7 through 5/0	Soft tissue approximation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Abdominal</li> <li>Sternal Closure</li> <li>Orthopedic procedures including cerclage and tendon repair</li> </ul>	Indefinite	
SYNTHETIC	<b>NUROLON™ Nylon Suture</b>	Braided Black	1 through 6/0	General soft tissue approximation and/or ligation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Neurological</li> <li>Cardiovascular</li> <li>Ophthalmic</li> </ul>	Gradual loss of tensile strength over time	
	<b>ETHILON™ Nylon Suture</b>	Monofilament Violet / Green / Undyed (Clear)	2 through 11/0	General soft tissue approximation and/or ligation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cardiovascular</li> <li>Ophthalmic</li> <li>Neurological</li> </ul>	Gradual loss of tensile strength over time	
	<b>MERSILENE™ Polyester Fiber Suture</b>	Braided Green / Undyed (white)  Monofilament Green	1 through 6/0  10/0 through 11/0	General soft tissue approximation and/or ligation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cardiovascular</li> <li>Ophthalmic</li> <li>Neurological</li> <li>Fixation of soft tissue to bone tissue</li> </ul>	Indefinite	
	<b>ETHIBOND EXCEL™ Polyester Suture</b>	Braided Green / Undyed (white)	5, 2 through 7/0	General soft tissue approximation and/or ligation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cardiovascular</li> <li>Ophthalmic</li> <li>Neurological</li> </ul>	Indefinite	
	<b>PROLENE™ Polypropylene Suture</b>	Monofilament Blue / Clear	2 through 10/0	General soft tissue approximation and/or ligation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cardiovascular</li> <li>Ophthalmic</li> <li>Neurological</li> </ul>	Indefinite	
	<b>PRONOVA™ Poly (hexafluoropropylene-VDF) Suture</b>	Monofilament Blue / Clear	2/0 through 8/0	General soft tissue approximation and/or ligation: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cardiovascular</li> <li>Ophthalmic</li> <li>Neurological</li> </ul>	Indefinite	

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