# Biogel®



# **PROTECT STAFF, PATIENTS AND YOUR BOTTOM LINE.**

Surgical glove protection is one of the many factors that work together to prevent surgical site infections (SSIs). A glove either performs at a high level that minimizes failures, or it places everyone at risk when breaches go undetected. Biogel gloves were designed to enhance the performance of clinicians by providing a better fitting and more comfortable glove while increasing safety and protection from pathogens.

## **Biogel**. Anything less is just too big a risk.

Surgical gloves differ substantially when comparing in-use failure rates. A surgical staff-based observational research study comprised of five facilities from across the United States was implemented to uncover actual in-use failure rates of surgical gloves during surgical procedures. The results were statistically significant, concluding that non-Biogel gloves were at least 3.5 times as likely to fail as Biogel gloves.<sup>1</sup>

**3.5**x

less in-use failures than the competitive gloves because of their quality and durability<sup>1</sup>



# A BETTER GLOVE. HANDS DOWN.

Biogel gloves lower risk and can save thousands of dollars in the operating room by protecting surgeons and staff from occupational exposure and protecting patients from SSIs.<sup>2</sup> Based on a clinical study, glove perforation has been shown to increase the risk of SSIs to 6.9%.<sup>3</sup> Fewer glove failures reduce the potential patient risk of exposure to pathogens and associated costs of treatment and potential resulting SSIs.

## **Biogel** can lower the risk of SSIs.

Let's calculate the potential savings for a sample 250 bed hospital with 10,000 surgical procedures. Glove perforations can increase the risk of SSIs to 6.9%.<sup>3</sup> Each SSI can cost a low average of \$25,546<sup>4</sup> For 10,000 surgeries, an average of 442 SSIs could result from various factors.

- With Biogel gloves, less failures occur and all associated costs are reduced including SSI-related costs<sup>2</sup>
- $\bullet$  Biogel gloves can reduce SSIs resulting from glove perforations by 8.4  $^{\rm 2}$
- The resulting potential savings for a 10,000 surgical procedure hospital could be \$56 per surgery or approximately \$560,000 <sup>1,4</sup>

Our surgical specialists can work with your facility to determine what your potential savings could be.

#### SSIs are the #1 most costly Healthcare Associated Infection<sup>5</sup>

# **BIOGEL BY THE NUMBERS**

#### **FAILURE RATE**

3.5x lower than similar gloves<sup>1</sup>

#### SSIs

8.4 fewer SSIs for every 10,000 surgeries<sup>2</sup>

#### SAVINGS

\$56 in potential savings per surgery<sup>2</sup>



# **BIOGEL GLOVES OUTPERFORM** IN ALL-KEY METRICS.

Biogel is the world's leading surgical glove brand producing high quality, technically advanced surgical gloves. Mölnlycke sets the standard for surgical glove protection by continuing to exceed industry standards for surgical glove manufacturing. Surgeons and clinical staff have come to trust the reliable protection only Biogel provides.

100%	Every glove is 100% air-inflated and visually inspected for holes. <sup>6</sup>
0.65	The Biogel AQL is 0.65 (process average is 0.20%) which exceeds the FDA Acceptable Quality Limit standard of 1.5. <sup>6</sup>
13	Every Biogel glove undergoes a 13-point review to ensure quality including mechanical, chemical and microbiological testing. <sup>6</sup>
90%	Nine out of 10 surgeons prefer the comfort and durability of Biogel. <sup>6</sup>
95%	Ninety-five percent of hospitals purchase Biogel gloves. <sup>7</sup>

#### No Compromise on Comfort

Biogel uses a proprietary polymer coating with hydrophilic properties that makes donning easy and conforms to the hand like a second skin. It was this coating that delivered the world's first powder-free glove in 1983.



# PUNCTURE PROTECTION THAT POKES HOLES In other gloves.

Biogel's Indicator double-gloving system was the first patented puncture indication system in the world. Biogel offers both latex and non-latex indicator undergloves that indicate with a variety of Biogel overgloves, allowing you to create your own customized double-gloving system balancing protection and tactile sensitivity.

# Why double-glove?

# Double-gloving is proven to reduce risks of sharps injuries and exposure to bloodborne infections by 71%<sup>8</sup>

- On average, only 10% of glove punctures are noticed during surgery putting surgeons, operating staff and patients at risk for cross infection<sup>9</sup>
- At least 60 different bloodborne pathogens can be transmitted to healthcare workers due to accidental exposures. HIV, Hep B and Hep C account for most of this risk<sup>10</sup>
- 99% of polled surgeons said they had suffered at least 1 needlestick in their careers<sup>11</sup>

#### The Biogel <sup>®</sup> Puncture Indication<sup>®</sup> System<sup>™</sup> can increase breach detection from 10% to 97%.<sup>9,12</sup>

- **Clear:** Blue inner glove color was selected based on color physics to maximize visibility.<sup>13</sup>
- **Fast:** Designed to make the spot following a puncture visible as fast as possible.<sup>13</sup>
- **Large:** Indication size is designed to provide a large, visual alert from a distance.<sup>13</sup>

Biogel<sup>®</sup> Indicator<sup>®</sup> Undergloves are uniquely engineered to work together to maximize speed and visibility of any puncture or breach.<sup>13</sup>

# THE CASE FOR ELIMINATING LATEX FROM YOUR FACILITY.

Previous synthetic gloves compromised dexterity and sensitivity. New research shows that most physicians find the new generation of synthetic, non-latex surgical gloves as effective and comfortable as their latex equivalents.<sup>14</sup>

## Why risk it?

- Latex allergy is present in one to five percent of the general population <sup>15</sup>
- 34% of O.R. staff are latex sensitive <sup>16</sup>
- 58% of O.R.s report at least one teardown per month as a result of a late latex allergy discovery <sup>17</sup>

#### **CASE STUDY:** Converting to Biogel<sup>®</sup> synthetic gloves reduced overall costs by 25%.<sup>18</sup>

Eliminating latex gloves in the O.R. significantly reduces the potential health risk to patients and staff, while delivering cost efficiencies to the hospital. Even with the increased price of synthetic gloves, hospitals can reduce total costs standardizing to Biogel synthetic gloves.

A retrospective case study at Alta Bates Medical Center in Berkley, California was conducted to quantify costs associated with converting from natural rubber latex to synthetic gloves.

#### CONCLUSION: Alta Bates 100% conversion to Biogel synthetic surgical gloves significantly:

- Reduced overall costs by 25% saving \$74,542
- Eliminated Type 1 latex allergic events for both patients and staff
- Eliminated latex-related O.R. teardowns
- Improved patient and healthcare worker safety



of surgeons surveyed rated the comfort of Biogel PI synthetic gloves as good or better than Biogel Latex.<sup>14</sup>



# WE'RE EXCELLENT AT IMPLEMENTING EXCELLENCE.

The Mölnlycke<sup>®</sup> surgical support team is trained extensively to make converting to Biogel<sup>®</sup> surgical gloves seamless and worry-free. From pre-conversion to post-conversion, our team will be onsite for glove style selection, stock replacement and individual glove fittings. Our clinical nurse specialists are available to deliver live continuing education programs on important healthcare topics such as infection prevention, double-gloving and other recommended practices. Our team works with each facility's goals to provide recommendations for how to increase O.R. efficiency and safety through glove standardization, latex-free initiatives and glove waste elimination.

#### **PRE-CONVERSION**

- » Glove sizing
- » Style selection
- » In-servicing

#### CONVERSION

- » On-site support
- » Coordinate stocking
- » Stock replacement

#### POST-CONVERSION

- » Follow-up visits
- » Efficiency reviews
- » CE education

## **PROVEN PERFORMANCE. INCREASED SAFETY. BETTER VALUE.**

Biogel is clinically proven to outperform similar gloves. A lower glove failure rate means less glove waste, increased protection and reduced SSIs. When a glove doesn't perform, it places everyone at risk including surgeons, staff and patients. Biogel gloves are world-leading, not only in design and performance, but also in delivering staff safety and supporting your goals of reducing surgical site infections.

Choose the surgical glove partner that is preferred by clinicians and will support your facility's goals every step of the way.

#### Biogel is the best choice for all hands involved.

# снооѕе Biogel®





#### Synthetic Polyisoprene

A sterile, powder-free, synthetic polyisoprene glove that eliminates the possibility of glove-related latex protein sensitization because it is made from a synthetic elastomer. The glove provides levels of fit, feel and comfort comparable to natural rubber latex because synthetic polyisoprene shares a similar molecular structure to natural rubber latex.



Biogel® PI



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Biogel® PI



Biogel® PI

	Micro	UltraTouch®	UltraTouch® G	UltraTouch® M	
Description	Enhanced tactile sensitivity	Enhanced sensitivity and softness	Enhanced sensitivity and softness with extra grip	Enhanced sensitivity and softness with extra grip and control	Enhanced softness and medium thickness
Color	Straw Color	Straw Color	Straw Color	Straw Color	Straw Color
Reorder Number	48555-48590	41155-41190	42155-42190	42655-42690	40855-40890
Thickness	8.3 mils*	10.6 mils*	10.6 mils*	11.2 mils*	12.2 mils*
Grip	1.5	1.0	1.5	1.5	1.0
Finish	Micro-roughened Surface	Micro-roughened Surface	Micro-roughened Surface	Micro-textured Surface	Micro-roughened Surface
Former	Curved Former	Curved Former	Curved Former	Straight Former	Curved Former
Cuff	Anti-Slip, Beaded Cuff	Anti-Slip, Beaded Cuff	Anti-Slip, Beaded Cuff	Beaded Cuff	Anti-Slip, Beaded Cuff
Sizes	5.5-9.0	5.5-9.0	5.5-9.0	5.5-9.0	5.5-9.0
Quantities	50 Pairs per box/4 boxes per Case 40 pairs per box for size 9	50 Pairs per box/4 boxes per Case 40 pairs per box for size 9	50 Pairs per box/4 boxes per Case 40 pairs per box for size 9	50 Pairs per box/4 boxes per Case 40 pairs per box for size 9	50 Pairs per box/4 boxes per Case 40 pairs per box for size 9

\*Finger Thickness Single Wall, typically

# CHOOSE Biogel®





Biogel® PI Pro-Fit®

Reduces hand and thumb fatigue during surgery	
Straw Color	
47960-47990	
10.6 mils*	
1.5	
Micro-roughened Surface	
Biomechanically Optimized Former	
Anti-Slip, Beaded Cuff	
6.0-9.0	
50 Pairs per box/4 boxes per Case 40 pairs per box for size 9	

Biogel® PI OrthoPro®

	Thicker for increased protection
	Brown Color
	47660-47690
	13.8 mils*
	1.5
	Micro-roughened Surface
	Biomechanically Optimized Former
	Extended, Beaded Cuff
	6.0-9.0
2	40 Pairs per box/4 boxes per Case



Biogel® PI Indicator® Underglove

For use alone or as part of a Puncture Indication System	 For use alone or Puncture Indicat
Blue for Puncture Indication	Blue for Punctur
41655-41690	48955-48
11.0 mils*	8.3 mils
1.0	1.0
Smooth Finish for Double Donning	Smooth Fin Double Do
Curved Former	Curved Fo
Beaded Cuff	Beaded
5.5-9.0	5.5-9.0
50 Pairs per box/4 boxes per Case 40 pairs per box for size 9	50 Pairs per box/4 b 40 pairs per box



Biogel® PI Micro Indicator® Underglove

For use alone or as part of a Puncture Indication System	
Blue for Puncture Indication	
48955-48990	
8.3 mils*	
1.0	
Smooth Finish for Double Donning	
Curved Former	
Beaded Cuff	
5.5-9.0	
50 Pairs per box/4 boxes per Case 40 pairs per box for size 9	





#### **Natural Rubber Latex**

A sterile, powder-free, natural rubber latex glove. All Biogel® latex gloves have exceptionally low extractable protein levels and low endotoxin levels (<0.5 EU/mL).









Specially treated surface for



**Biogel®** Surgeons

**Biogel® Eclipse®** 

Biogel® Super-Sensitive®

Enhanced tactile sensitivity

with flexibility and

manual dexterity

Biogel® M

Biogel<sup>®</sup> Sensor<sup>®</sup>

Enhanced tactile sensitivity

with a textured surface

Description	Provides excellent barrier protection		30% enhar
Color	Straw Color		SI
Reorder Number	30455-30490		75
Thickness	10.6 mils*		c
Grip	1.0		
Finish	Micro-roughened Surface		Micro-ro
Former	Curved Former		Cur
Cuff	Beaded Cuff		Anti-Sl
Sizes	5.5-9.0		
Quantities	50 Pairs per box/4 boxes per Case 40 pairs per box for size 9		50 Pairs per 40 pairs

30% softer with enhanced sensitivity
Straw Color
75255-75290
9.4 mils*
2.0
Micro-roughened Surface
Curved Former
Anti-Slip, Beaded Cuff
5.5-9.0
Pairs per box/4 boxes per Case 40 pairs per box for size 9

Straw Color	
82555-82590	
8.5 mils*	

20

Micro-roughened Surface

Curved Former

Beaded Cuff

5.5-9.0

50 Pairs per box/4 boxes per Case

40 pairs per box for size 9

extra grip and control		for a positive grip
Straw Color		Straw Color
30555-30590		30655-30690
11.0 mils*		9.1 mils*
2.0		2.5
Micro-textured Surface		Micro-textured Surface
Straight Former		Straight Former
Beaded Cuff		Beaded Cuff
5.5-9.0		5.5-9.0
50 Pairs per box/4 boxes per Case 40 pairs per box for size 9		50 Pairs per box/4 boxes per Case 40 pairs per box for size 9

\*Finger Thickness Single Wall, typically

\*\*Breakthrough testing times are available by request

# CHOOSE Biogel®

POWDER FREE

#### **Biogel®** Synthetic **Polychloroprene Glove Range**

#### **Non-Sterile**

#### Synthetic Polychloroprene

A sterile, powder-free, synthetic polychloroprene glove that reduces the possibility of glove-related latex protein sensitization because it is made from a synthetic elastomer.



**Biogel® Optifit®** 





**Biogel® Diagnostic** 





Biogel<sup>®</sup> Skinsense<sup>®</sup> Indicator® Underglove

Low dermatitis potential	Provides extra protection due to longer chemical breakthrough time	For use alone or as part of a Puncture Indication System
Khaki Color	Straw Color	Blue for Puncture Indication
42955-42990	31455-31490	40655-40690
8.7 mils*	8.3 mils*	8.3 mils*
1.5	1.5	1.0
Micro-roughened Surface	Micro-roughened Surface	Smooth Finish for Double Donning
Curved Former	Curved Former	Curved Former
Beaded Cuff	Beaded Cuff	Beaded Cuff
5.5-9.0	5.5-9.0	5.5-9.0
50 Pairs per box/4 boxes per Case 40 pairs per box for size 9	50 Pairs per box/4 boxes per Case 40 pairs per box for size 9	50 Pairs per box/4 boxes per Case 40 pairs per box for size 9



Orthopaedic	Underglove
10% thicker to provide durability and extra protection	For use alone or as part Puncture Indication Syste
Straw Color	Green for Puncture Indica
31060-31090	31255-31290
11.8 mils*	8.5 mils*
3.0	1.0
Micro-roughened Surface	Smooth Finish for Double Donning
Curved Former	Curved Former
Optifit Beaded Cuff	Beaded Cuff
6.0-9.0	5.5-9.0
40 Pairs per box/4 boxes per Case	50 Pairs per box/4 boxes per 0 40 pairs per box for size 9

Biogel® Indicator® Underglove
or use alone or as part of a

Incture Indication System 31255-31290 15 Smooth Finish for Double Donning Curved Former Beaded Cuff Pairs per box/4 boxes per Case

Non-Sterile glove with low dermatitis potential Straw Color 30355-30390 11.0 mils\* Micro-textured Surface Straight Former Beaded Cuff 5.5-9.0 25 Pairs per box/6 boxes per Case

**Biogel® NeoDerm®** 

Biogel<sup>®</sup> Skinsense<sup>®</sup>



# **BETTER LIVES THROUGH BETTER HEALTH CARE.**

Mölnlycke<sup>®</sup> Health Care is a world leader in wound care and single-use surgical products. From product design and manufacturing, to consulting and service, we're known globally for the unique ways we help patients live better lives, by helping health care professionals provide better care.

Mölnlycke is proud to support Operation Smile that provides reconstructive surgery for children born with facial deformities. Mölnlycke has partnered with Operation Smile for 10 years, donating over 1.4 million Biogel<sup>®</sup> gloves.<sup>19</sup>

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