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Medco Forum Presents: The Redesigned Carter-Thomason® II Port Closure System

Safely and Quickly Close Port Sites Even With Obese Patients

Designed to prevent port site herniation, the Carter-Thomason® II Port Closure System can be efficiently utilized at the completion of laparoscopic procedures, including gynecology, urology, general and colorectal surgeries. It is the only Suture Guide that passes through the trocar for precise closure and enhanced safety.

Advanced Design of Suture Guide and Suture Passer

Justin Chura, M.D., Associate Division Director of Gynecologic Oncology at Crozer-Chester Medical Center and Director of Crozer-Keystone's Robotic Surgery Program, Springfield, PA, is a longtime proponent of the Carter-Thomason system.

He states: "The new device has some advantages from the first generation system. It is easier to use, and more simple and elegant in its design. The guide goes through the trocar and eliminates the step of having to pull out the port, try to find the original track and then grasp the suture. I use the system for all my patients regardless of body type, although it is especially nice for the obese patient. The new device is very long so it passes into the peritoneal cavity without any difficulty. With the very obese patient, a surgeon's approximation of tissue can sometimes be too short, but the Carter-Thomason II overcomes that barrier."



Terry Grogg, M.D., of Southwestern OB/GYN has been serving patients in the Grove City and Columbus area in Ohio for over 20 years. He has used the original Carter-Thomason CloseSure System for the past two years and recently used the newly redesigned version. "The new system is much easier to use than the original," Dr. Grogg reports. "You can even use it without an assistant, which is one of its benefits. CooperSurgical has made the system safer and more reliable, with more reproducible results. For anyone doing laparoscopy, the learning curve is much quicker with the new system, and it should not take more than a case or two to become comfortable with it."

Darin Swainston, M.D., FACOG, whose practice is with The OBGYN Specialists in Las Vegas, has been doing minimally invasive surgery for the last 15 years. He has performed about a thousand cases using the first generation Carter-Thomason system and has used the new Carter-Thomason system in the last two months. He states: "The new generation system has a new Suture Guide designed to be placed directly through the trocar. You pull the trocar straight out, leaving the guide in the abdomen to place your suture. It has retractable anchoring wings at the bottom that prevents the device from coming out until you're ready. You lift up on it and the abdominal muscles are lifted, so you don't inadvertently place the needle into the bowel or a blood vessel. The needle going down is traction, and pulling up with the device is counter-traction. It allows you to exert less force and be more precise in placing the suture. When you're finished feeding the suture into the abdomen, you are doing it in a safer and more accurate way, placing it exactly where needed. The entire process is much faster and easier with the new product."

For more information about how the Carter-Thomason II Port Closure System can benefit your practice and your patients, please call (800) 243-2974, visit our website at www.coopersurgical.com, or visit it us at AAGL, Booth # 313.