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Dear Valued Customer,

We are evolving our surgery business to meet the changing needs of clinical teams, patients, and healthcare systems in the human and animal health markets around the world. To that end, we are simplifying our portfolio and prioritizing our more advanced solutions in wound closure, adjunctive hemostats, surgical stapling and instruments, and robotics and digital solutions. These changes will allow us to continue bringing new, innovative solutions to our customers and their patients – as well as shift our resources quickly to make those innovations more readily available when and where they are needed.

We recognize that changes to our portfolio may impact some of the products you rely on today. These decisions were made thoughtfully, with a clear goal: to accelerate meaningful innovation and better meet the evolving needs of patients and healthcare.

For over 135 years, we've partnered with you to advance the science of surgery. That commitment continues, with a sharper focus on the technologies and solutions that will shape the next era of care.

With this strategic vision in mind and following a thorough evaluation, I am sharing the following changes to our surgical portfolio. In the US, we will be discontinuing sales of:

- ENDOPATH™ Electrosurgery PROBE PLUS™ II System
- MEGADYNE™ Electrosurgical Generator
- Select PERMA-HAND® Silk Suture
- Select SURGIFOAM® Absorbable Gelatine Products and SURGIFOAM® POWDER Kits
- Fast Absorbing, Chromic and Plain Gut Sutures
- Skin Staplers and additional SKUs of other surgical accessories and products
- Select MONOCRYL™, VICRYL™, and PDS™ Sutures

Please know that there is no immediate change for our customers as we work to ensure patient access and continuity of care. There is also no change in the safety or efficacy of these products.

We have included further information about each product below. We are deeply committed to working with you to navigate this process.

Should you have any questions in the meantime, do not hesitate to contact 1-877-ETHICON (384-4266) for clinical and technical support.

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Thank you for your continued collaboration and support of our business.

Sincerely,



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## Final Sales Dates for Discontinued Products

**ENDOPATH™ Electrosurgery PROBE PLUS™ II System**

We are discontinuing sales of ENDOPATH™ Electrosurgery PROBE PLUS™ II System and expect final sales to occur by June 30, 2026, or until our available supply is depleted, whichever comes first.

**MEGADYNE™ Electrosurgical Generator**

We are discontinuing sales of the MEGADYNE™ Electrosurgical Generator and expect final sales to occur by September 30, 2026, or until our available supply is depleted, whichever comes first. We are continuing to provide service, repair, and support for MEGADYNE™ Electrosurgical Generators purchased prior to September 30, 2026, for 7-years from the date of purchase.

**MONOCRYL™, VICRYL™, and PDS™ Sutures**

We are discontinuing certain MONOCRYL™, VICRYL™, and PDS™ sutures and will work to support a transition to alternatives, including Plus Antibacterial Sutures such as MONOCRYL™ Plus, Coated VICRYL™ Plus and PDS™ Plus, as appropriate. We will exit these sutures and expect final sales to occur by September 30, 2026, or until our available supply is depleted, whichever comes first.

**PERMA-HAND® Silk Suture**

We are discontinuing select PERMA-HAND® Silk Suture SKUs. As part of that process, we will exit these sutures and expect final sale to occur by September 30, 2026, or until our available supply is depleted, whichever comes first.

**SURGIFOAM™ Absorbable Gelatine Products and SURGIFOAM™ Powder Kits**

We are discontinuing certain SURGIFOAM™ Absorbable Gelatin Products and SURGIFOAM™ POWDER Kits.

We will retain a streamlined, differentiated SURGIFOAM™ sponge portfolio. We will exit these SURGIFOAM™ codes and expect final sale to occur by September 30, 2026, or until our available supply is depleted, whichever comes first.

**Gut Sutures**

We are discontinuing Fast Absorbing, Chromic, and Plain Gut Sutures. As part of that process, we will exit these sutures and expect final sale to occur by September 30, 2026, or until our available supply is depleted, whichever comes first. Sales representatives will be reaching out to discuss transitioning customers to alternative products, including Ethicon Plus Antibacterial Sutures and other Synthetic Absorbable Sutures, where appropriate.

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**Skin Staplers, and additional SKUs of other surgical accessories and products**

Skin Staplers and additional SKUs are identified in the attached file, along with the range of final sale dates for each specific product identified.

Importantly, there is no change in the safety or efficacy of any of the impacted products. Our customers can continue to use these products, and we will provide support for the products listed above through their labeled expiration date.

**Order Monitoring**

We have put in place a variety of order monitoring processes with the goal of ensuring that we reach as many customers as possible when fulfilling product orders and limiting any potential impact on patients. Orders will be monitored and, because of this, you may see delays against flagged orders as they will be placed on hold for additional validation.

- As part of these validation efforts, Customer Service agents will attempt to reach out to customers if any adjustments and/or cancelations are needed.
- Continue using your typical ordering channels.