

About Davol

Davol, a BARD Company, is the leader in hernia repair and is committed to providing the safest possible implants to our customers. Our tissue processing partner, RTI Biologics™ is the leading provider of sterilized tissue for surgeries around the world. RTI prepares donated human tissue for transplantation through extensive testing and screening; and proprietary, validated sterilization processes. Davol distributes the donated human tissue for hernia and complex abdominal wall repair.



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More than a million tissue implants sterilized with ZERO incidence of allograft associated infection.

Safety Is Our Goal
Featuring the ALLOMAX™ Surgical Graft



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While the human body is amazingly resilient, it can sometimes be pushed beyond its limits. If your doctor has told you that you need a human tissue implant to repair damage done to your body, we have some reassuring news.

The ALLOMAX™ surgical graft provided by Davol, a BARD Company, is processed using the Tutoplast® Tissue Processing Technique. The Tutoplast® process has been used on over 1.5 million implants without a documented case of donor-to-recipient disease transmission. We understand that you probably have many questions, so this pamphlet has been designed to help answer them.

What is an allograft?

An allograft is tissue taken from one person for transplantation into another. The ALLOMAX™ surgical graft is donated human skin.

Allografts have been used successfully in various medical procedures for more than 150 years. About 1 million allografts are transplanted each year in the United States.

Where does the tissue come from?

Tissue donation is a gift given to enhance the quality of life for others. It is strictly voluntary; the donor must have consented before death or the donor's family must consent to the donation after death.

After consent is obtained, potential donors are thoroughly screened for risk factors and medical conditions that would rule out donation. This screening includes interviews with family members, evaluation of medical and hospital records, and a physical assessment of the donor.

Recovery of the tissue is performed with respect for the donor using surgical techniques.

What are the benefits of allografts?

Your surgeon has several options for your treatment including synthetic grafts and allografts. Synthetic grafts are often used to repair hernias, but there are times when a synthetic graft may not be appropriate. Allografts are often used when there is a history of infection or a high risk of future infection. Your surgeon will decide the graft that is most appropriate for you based on your unique condition.

How do they work?

Allografts are a natural alternative to synthetic grafts. When they are placed in contact with well vascularized tissue they are designed to eventually incorporate into your body to help reinforce weak tissue.

How safe are allografts?

The ALLOMAX™ surgical graft is sterilized, just like other medical devices used in your surgery. Over 1.5 million implants have been processed with the same processes used on an ALLOMAX™ Surgical Graft without a documented case of donor-to-recipient disease transmission. That being said, as with any human tissue implant, the potential for transmission of infectious agents may exist. Processing shown to be capable of reducing the risk of any transmission, as well as strict donor screening and laboratory testing, are used to decrease the risk. Your surgeon will inform you of the risks associated with your treatment and the possibility of complications or adverse reactions. Make sure you discuss with your surgeon any general medical condition that would limit your blood supply or compromise your ability to heal.

Why is sterilization important to you?

Bacteria may be present in donated human tissue. Much like other human tissue products, different methods are used to reduce the level of bacteria in the ALLOMAX™ Surgical Graft during the cleansing process. The ALLOMAX™ Surgical Graft is unlike other human tissue products because the cleansing process includes terminal sterilization to ensure that any remaining bacteria in the tissue are destroyed, providing you with the highest quality product possible. If you are receiving an allograft implant, be sure to ask your surgeon for tissue from BARD.