

Introducing **ULTRAPRO *ADVANCED***™ Macroporous Partially Absorbable Mesh  
for inguinal and ventral hernia repair

Designed to help advance  
patient outcomes and ease of use



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## ULTRAPRO *ADVANCED*™ Macroporous Partially Absorbable Mesh

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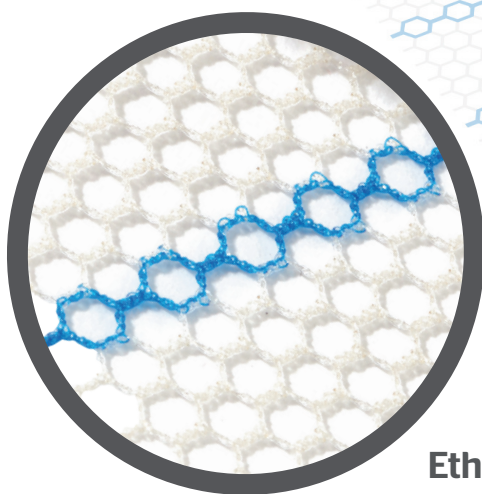
### Advanced features of ULTRAPRO *ADVANCED* Mesh

- **Physiologically designed for comfortable healing**

- Flexible in a way that approximates the natural movement of the abdominal wall, with 2:1 stretch<sup>1-3\*</sup>
- Unique knitted mesh construction promotes good tissue ingrowth/tissue integration<sup>4†</sup>

- **Balanced strength for strong and lasting repair**

- High suture pullout strength<sup>3</sup>
- High tensile strength<sup>3</sup>
- Withstands ~2x maximum intraabdominal pressure in healthy adults<sup>3,5,6</sup>
- No bulge visible in a preclinical study at 28 days and 91 days<sup>4†</sup>



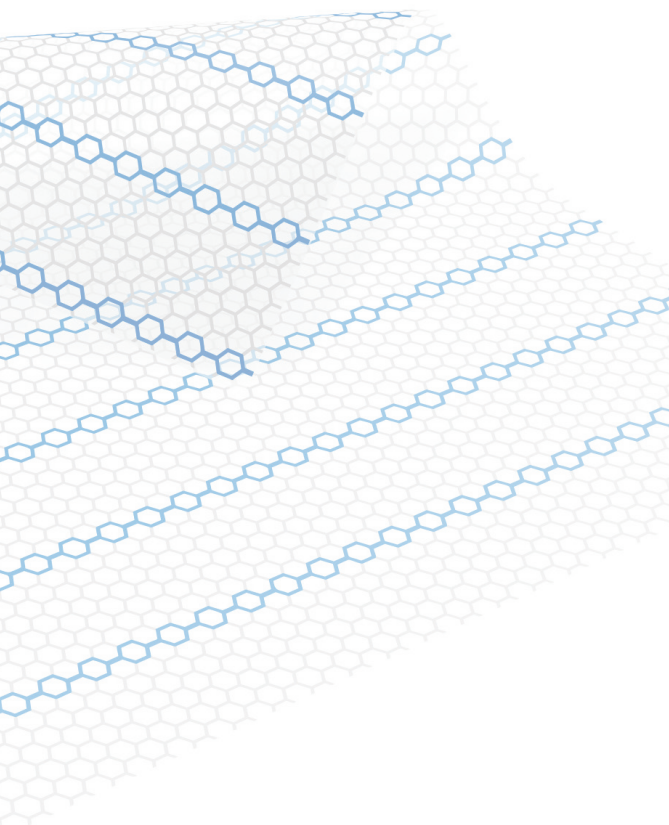
**Ethicon's honeycomb pore design accommodates multiple fixation devices<sup>7</sup>**

\*The abdominal wall stretches 2:1 at the linea alba (longitudinal to transversal).

†Compared with ULTRAPRO® Macroporous Partially Absorbable Mesh, which has 4:1 stretch.

‡Evidence shown in an animal model.

§34% stiffer in transverse direction and 144% stiffer in longitudinal direction.



- **Designed for exceptional intraoperative handling**

- Increased initial stiffness for easier handling<sup>35</sup>
- Springs open for easier deployment in laparoscopic repairs
- Packaged flat, without folds, for easier positioning
- Blue stripes facilitate orienting and positioning the mesh<sup>8</sup>
- Trimmable based on surgeon's discretion, while leaving sufficient overlap to help prevent recurrence<sup>8</sup>

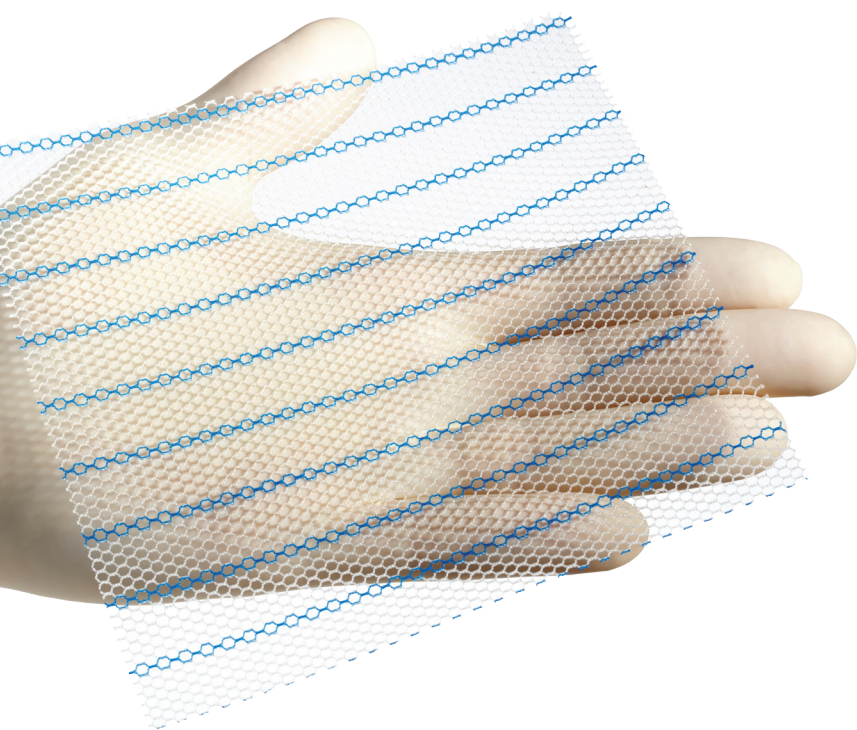


**ULTRAPRO ADVANCED Mesh is designed to achieve the appropriate balance between flexibility and strength to help optimize patient outcomes and ease of use.<sup>3</sup>**



## ULTRAPRO *ADVANCED*™ Macroporous Partially Absorbable Mesh

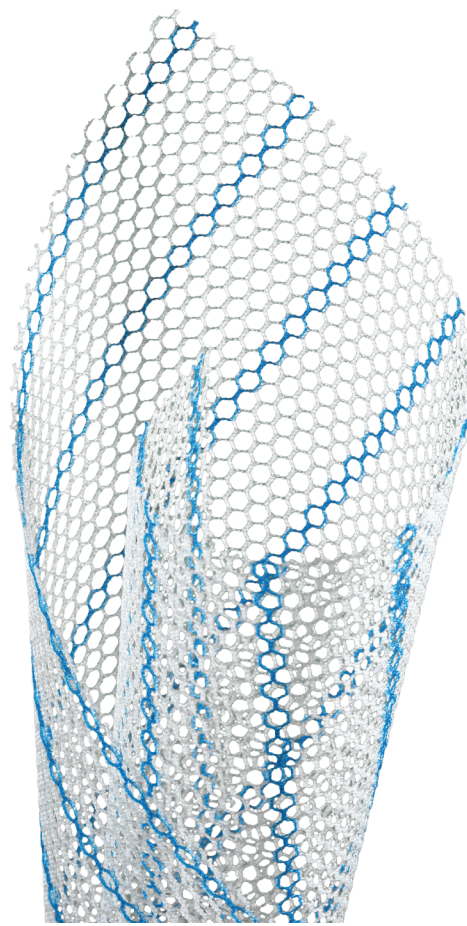
# Designed for exceptional intraoperative handling



- Blue orientation stripes facilitate orientation and placement and provide clear visualization of the underlying anatomy<sup>8</sup>

- Springs open when passed through a trocar in laparoscopic repairs for easier handling and placement

**Surgeons rated ULTRAPRO *ADVANCED* Mesh highest in overall handling in open and laparoscopic repairs versus other meshes studied.<sup>9\*</sup>**



\*After performing an open and laparoscopic handling evaluation (n=10). Study compared ULTRAPRO *ADVANCED* Mesh, ULTRAPRO® Macroporous Partially Absorbable Mesh, and Bard® Soft Mesh.

†Compared with ULTRAPRO Mesh, which has 4:1 stretch. The abdominal wall stretches 2:1 at the linea alba

\*As received" mesh (mesh with absorbable component)

§"Naked" mesh (mesh after absorption)

|| Evidence shown in an animal model.

# Balanced strength for strong and lasting repair

## ULTRAPRO *ADVANCED* Mesh versus ULTRAPRO Mesh

ULTRAPRO *ADVANCED* Mesh has 2:1 stretch to approximate the natural movement of the abdominal wall and withstands  $\approx 2\times$  maximum intraabdominal pressure in healthy adults.<sup>1-3,5,6†</sup>

### Tensile strength

Ratio of transverse to longitudinal is more evenly balanced (ie, 2:1 versus 5:1)<sup>3‡</sup>

### Suture pullout strength

Transverse: **24%** stronger<sup>3‡</sup>

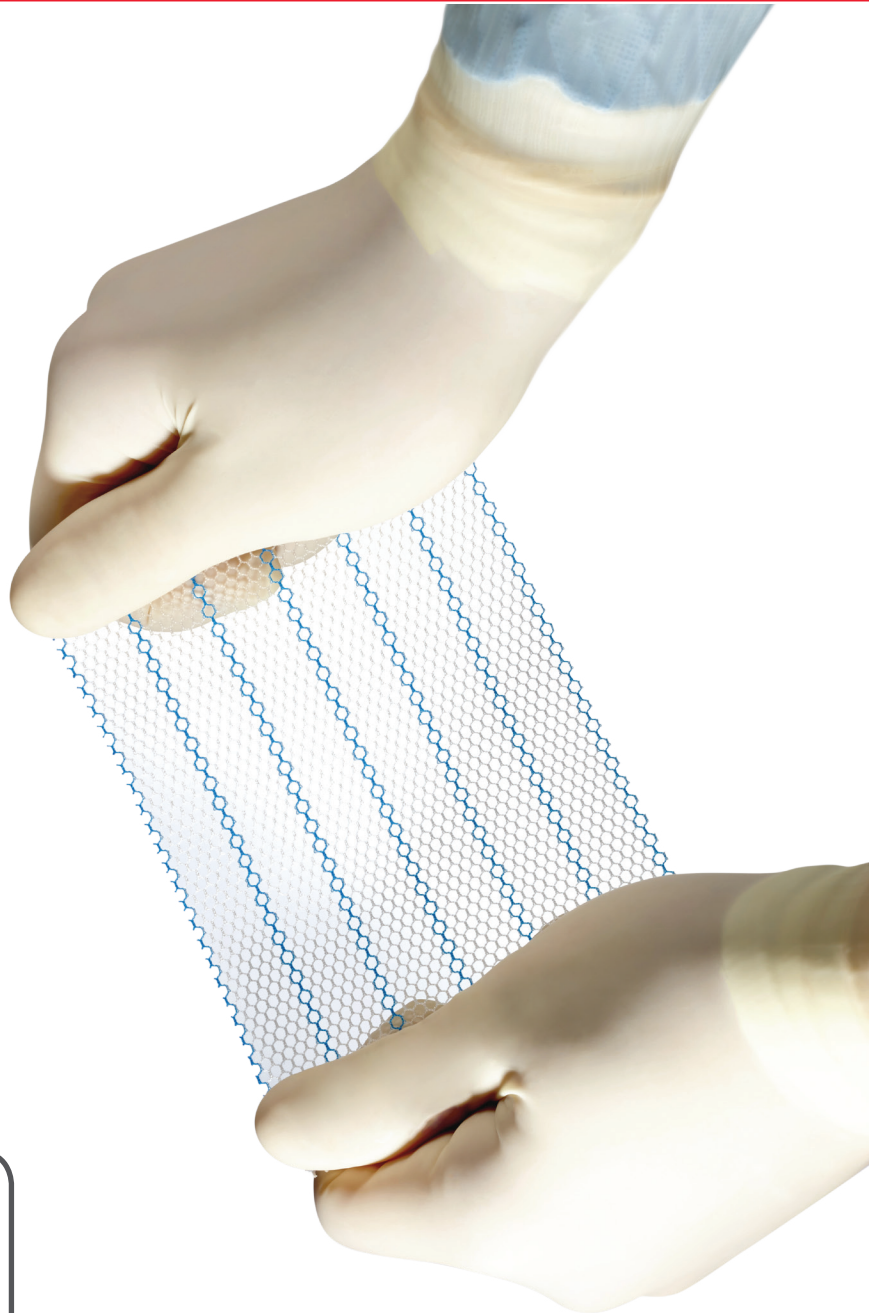
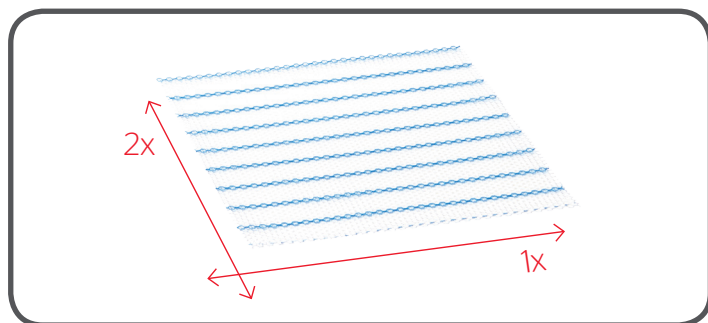
Longitudinal: **9%** stronger<sup>3‡</sup>

### Density

Increased density of **14%**<sup>3§</sup>

## ULTRAPRO *ADVANCED* Mesh is designed to reduce the potential for mesh bulging

No bulge visible in a preclinical study at 28 days and 91 days<sup>4||</sup>

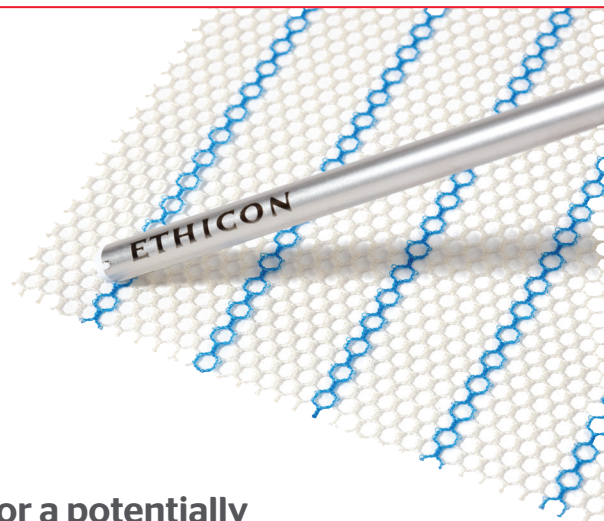


## ULTRAPRO *ADVANCED*™ Macroporous Partially Absorbable Mesh

# Good tissue ingrowth with low foreign body mass

### Demonstrated results from a study of ULTRAPRO *ADVANCED* Mesh\* at 28 days and 91 days<sup>4†</sup>

- Good tissue ingrowth/tissue integration
- No evidence of mesh migration/compression, based on absence of wrinkling and folding at necropsy



### ULTRAPRO *ADVANCED* Mesh has low foreign body mass for a potentially more comfortable repair

- ULTRAPRO *ADVANCED* Mesh is designed to leave behind low foreign body mass after partial absorption<sup>3</sup>
  - Macroporous design promotes host tissue penetration and fibrin fixation of the mesh to the tissue, helping to eliminate dead space and reduce the risk of seroma formation<sup>10</sup>
- Macroporous thin-filament design helps prevent bridging fibrosis<sup>2</sup>

### Low surface area may help reduce bacterial colonization

- Microporous meshes and multifilament meshes may pose a higher risk of infection<sup>11</sup>

**ULTRAPRO *ADVANCED* Mesh has a macroporous, thin-filament design that is partially absorbable, for low foreign body mass and comfortable healing.<sup>2,12</sup>**

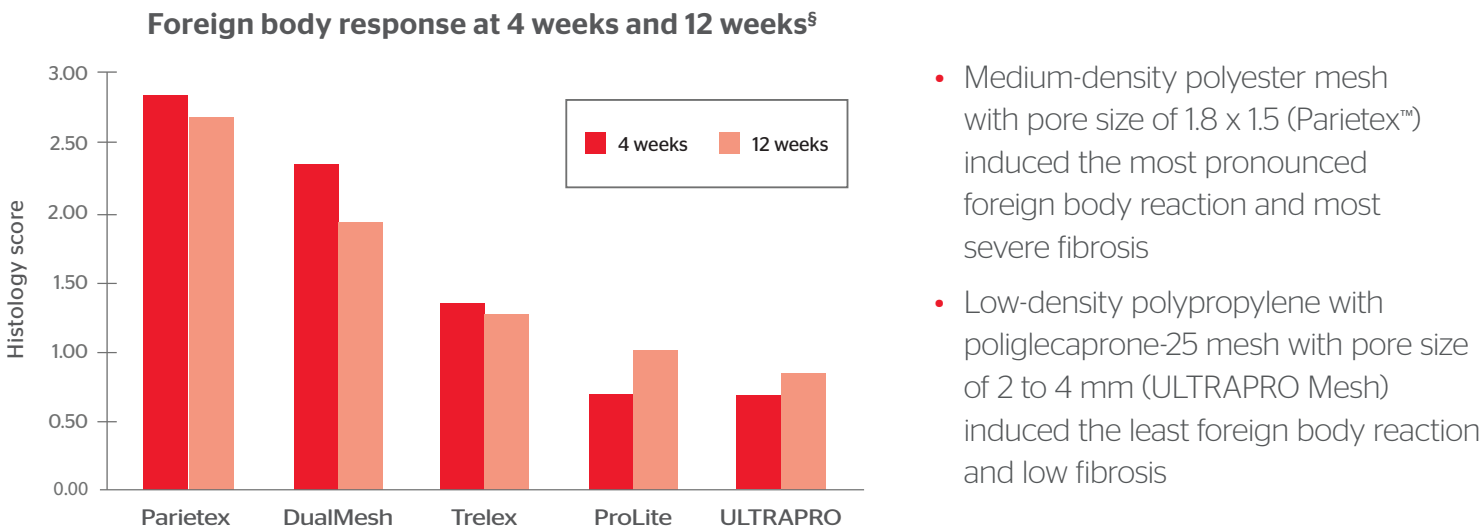
\*Approximately equal parts absorbable MONOCRYL® (poliglecaprone-25) monofilament fiber to stiffen the mesh structure and nonabsorbable PROLENE® (polypropylene) monofilament fiber for permanent support.

†Evidence shown in an animal model.

# Built on the proven technology of ULTRAPRO® Macroporous Partially Absorbable Mesh<sup>13,14</sup>

In a study of 5 meshes, which included ULTRAPRO Mesh

## ULTRAPRO Mesh showed the highest biocompatibility at the implant site versus competitor meshes tested<sup>15‡</sup>



<sup>1</sup>Parietex™ (polyester), DualMesh™ (ePTFE), Trelex® (polypropylene), ProLite™ (polypropylene), and ULTRAPRO Mesh (polypropylene with polyglecaprone).

<sup>§</sup>Foreign body response based on quantity of infiltrating foreign body giant cells.

- Low-density macroporous ULTRAPRO Mesh showed the highest biocompatibility at the implant site versus competitor meshes tested, based on foreign body response and fibrosis parameters
- Histology score: 0=none, 1=minimal/mild, 2=moderate, 3=severe

## ULTRAPRO® Macroporous Partially Absorbable Mesh

Physiologically designed to get patients back to their prehernia lives

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### Real-world, ongoing results since 2007

The Ethicon-sponsored International Hernia Mesh Registry (IHMR) is the largest international data registry with a vision to advance hernia repair. The IHMR provides prospective, longitudinal, patient-reported data on ventral, incisional, and inguinal hernia repairs for more than 4000 patients and reflects patient outcomes as seen in clinical practice.<sup>16</sup>

- The IHMR includes Ethicon products and non-Ethicon products
- IHMR data are independently collected and managed by a third party

### Proven to reduce patients' pain and improve movement limitation

In 2 studies from the IHMR<sup>13,14\*†‡</sup>

- Patients receiving hernia repair with ULTRAPRO Mesh reported a statistically significant improvement in pain and movement limitation scores at 12 months postsurgery versus presurgery ( $P < 0.001$ )<sup>13,14\*†‡</sup>

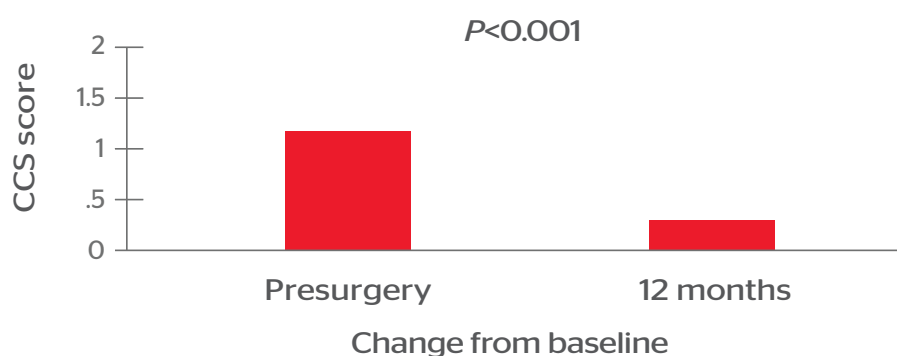
\*Data from a prospective, longitudinal study of 151 patients receiving open hernia repair with ULTRAPRO® Partially Absorbable Lightweight Mesh from the International Hernia Mesh Registry (IHMR). Hernia types ; 53.0% incisional /ventral, 39.7% inguinal, 4.0% epigastric, 2.6% umbilical and 0.7% femoral. Common techniques utilized; 34.4% Lichtenstein, 29.8% Retro-rectus and 23.8% Preperitoneal. Fixation methods; 90.1% sutures , 6.0% sutures + glue, 2.0% glue, 1.3% tackers+ sutures and 0.7% no fixation

†Data from a prospective, longitudinal study of 2792 patients receiving hernia repair with ULTRAPRO® Hernia System from the IHMR. Mostly large size direct or combined groin hernias. 91.76% were primary cases and 8.24% were recurrent cases.

‡Data from a prospective, longitudinal study of 71 patients receiving open hernia repair with ULTRAPRO® Plug from the IHMR. Two additional patient-reported recurrences could not be medically confirmed by a clinician. Hernia types: 90.2% inguinal; 8.7% umbilical; 1.1% femoral, 94.6% were primary repairs. Fixation methods: 97.8% sutures; 1.1 % sutures and glue; 1.1% none



## Significant reduction in pain score at 1 year postsurgery versus presurgery<sup>13\*</sup>



- The IHMR uses the Carolinas Comfort Scale (CCS), a **validated, hernia-specific** quality-of-life tool for assessing early and long-term symptoms following hernia repair<sup>17</sup>
- The CCS uses a 6-point scale from 0 (no symptoms) to 5 (disabling symptoms)<sup>17</sup>

**The increased call for registries worldwide shows a growing focus on the value of utilizing patient outcome measurements in hernia repair.<sup>17-19</sup>**

\*Data from a prospective, longitudinal study of 470 patients receiving laparoscopic hernia repair with ULTRAPRO flat mesh from the IHMR (96.6% inguinal, 3.4% other).

ULTRAPRO® Macroporous Partially Absorbable Mesh

Low rates of recurrence and complications

Low rate of recurrence demonstrates strong and lasting repair<sup>13,14</sup>

In 2 studies from the IHMR

- Patients demonstrated a rate of recurrence of <1% with ULTRAPRO Mesh<sup>13,14†</sup>

Recurrence rate of <1% at 1 year postsurgery<sup>13,14</sup>

In the same 2 studies

Low rates of complications, including infections,  
hematomas, and seromas<sup>13,14</sup>

Most common adverse events	Tollens et al.	Berrevoet et al.
Infection	NA	4.6%
Hematoma	1.3%	2.7%
Seroma	3.6%	9.9%

\*Data from a prospective, longitudinal study of 470 patients receiving laparoscopic hernia repair with ULTRAPRO flat mesh from the IHMR (96.6% inguinal, 3.4% other).

†Data from a prospective, longitudinal study of 151 patients receiving open hernia repair with ULTRAPRO flat mesh from the IHMR (39.7% inguinal, 53.0% ventral/incisional, 7.3% other).

# ULTRAPRO *ADVANCED*™ Macroporous Partially Absorbable Mesh is available in a range of sizes

## ULTRAPRO *ADVANCED* Mesh Product Specifications

Ordering code	Mesh size	How supplied
UPA3612	6 x 12 cm	Sterile, 3 per box
UPA37615	7.6 x 15 cm	Sterile, 3 per box
UPA31015	10 x 15 cm	Sterile, 3 per box
UPA31515	15 x 15 cm	Sterile, 3 per box
UPA1530	15 x 30 cm	Sterile, 1 per box
UPA3030	30 x 30 cm	Sterile, 1 per box



# ULTRAPRO ADVANCED™ Macroporous Partially Absorbable Mesh—an advanced solution to meet your inguinal and ventral hernia repair needs

- Physiologically designed for comfortable healing<sup>1,3</sup>
- Balanced strength for strong and lasting repair<sup>3,5,6</sup>
- Designed for exceptional intraoperative handling<sup>3,8,9</sup>
- Patient outcomes based on the proven technology of ULTRAPRO Mesh<sup>13,14</sup>



The IHMR is the world's largest international hernia registry.<sup>16</sup>

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**For more product information, go to [www.ethicon.com](http://www.ethicon.com).**

For complete indications, contraindications, precautions, and adverse reactions, please reference full package insert.

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