Case 154: New Circumareolar Suture

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For some time I have been performing mastopexy and reduction using a CV-3 Gore-Tex suture as a circumareolar purse string.

Recently, this suture has been impossible to procure in Australia so I asked my friends at Dynek (a local suture assembler) for a solution. Since then, I have used a 3-0 yellow monofilament nonabsorbable Radene (polyvinylidene fluoride

PVDF) on a straight cutting needle for the purse string. This has proven easier to use and is less elastic than the Gore-Tex, which I think is a good thing in preventing scar stretching.

Figure 109.1 shows the Radene in use.

Bezic

Thanks for the info, Michael (Higgs). I will definitely get a box.

Walker: December 8, 2012

Can they send us some?

Higgs

Dear John (Walker) and Group,

Go to www.dynek.com and 'contact us'. Email address is dynek@dynek.com.

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Fig. 109.1 Circumareolar Radene suture