

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

SAFETY

IS THE SURGI-SIGN FDA-APPROVED? Yes. The Surgi-Sign is registered with the FDA, and the facility in the U.S. where it is made and manufactured is also FDA approved. All inks used are registered with the FDA as "Food Grade Inks" and are 100% non-toxic.

WHERE IS THE SURGI-SIGN MADE? It is made and manufactured entirely in the USA using only US-based materials.

WILL IT CAUSE A SURGICAL SITE INFECTION? No. The tattoo is completely removed from the surgical site with gauze moistened with water or alcohol prior to surgical site prepping.

DOES THE SURGI-SIGN CONTAIN LATEX? No. The Surgi-Sign does not contain latex and can be safely used on anyone who is allergic to latex.

WHAT IS THE TATTOO MADE OF? The tattoo is a specially-formulated acrylic copolymer, like the surgical glue used to close incisions. All inks used are registered with the FDA as "Food Grade Inks" and are 100% non-toxic.



Pre-Op



Before Incision

APPLICATION/REMOVAL

HOW DO I APPLY THE TATTOO? Remove the clear plastic covering. Place the color side of the tattoo onto the skin in the surgical site. It is a little sticky and will stay in place on the skin while you cover the entire back of the tattoo with the saline wipe. No need to unfold the wipe. Press and hold the saline wipe on the back of the tattoo for 20 seconds. If placing on top of hair that will not be shaved, hold for 30 seconds.



*"This is what the hospital wants,
it's what the surgeon wants,
and it's obviously what the
patient wants."*

– Dr. James Boyle, MD
Orthopaedic Surgeon

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APPLICATION/REMOVAL - CONT'D

CAN THE SURGI-SIGN BE REMOVED AFTER IT IS APPLIED? No. The Surgi-Sign cannot be peeled away.

HOW DO I REMOVE THE TATTOO? The Surgi-Sign wipes away in 10-15 seconds using gauze moistened with water or alcohol.

WHAT IF THE SURGI-SIGN WAS PLACED IN THE WRONG SPOT? Our system is designed to identify this very error. If the wrong site was selected initially, simply remove that tattoo with gauze moistened with water or alcohol and apply a new tattoo in the correct surgical site.

HOW LONG CAN THE TEMPORARY TATTOO STAY ON THE SKIN? The Surgi-Sign can last on the skin between 3-5 days. It is designed to become more adherent on the skin if there is a delay in surgery. This means surgeons can apply the tattoo prior to surgery in their office.

THE TATTOO DOESN'T STICK IN AREAS WITH A LOT OF HAIR. WHAT CAN I DO? If placing the tattoo in an area where there is hair that won't be shaved prior to surgery, press and hold the saline wipe on the back of the tattoo for 30 seconds.

WHAT IF THE PATIENT CAN'T REACH THE TATTOO TO WRITE A CHECKMARK? The patient's healthcare proxy can confirm the correct site has been identified and mark the site.

HOW IS THE SURGI-SIGN DIFFERENT FROM OTHER TEMPORARY TATTOO MARKERS? The Surgi-Sign is the *only* marker that standardizes the surgeon's initials while also actively involving the patient and team in confirming the surgical site. Our most unique feature is that when the tattoo material is wiped away, all of the team marks remain visible on the skin, in the surgical field, ready for a robust time out.



- Surgeon and patient mark the site
- Nurse and anesthesia add crosscheck marks
- Tattoo comes off in seconds but the marks stay
- Customized designs for every type of surgery