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The Rotium™ Bioresorbable Scaffold Wick for Rotator Cuff Repair

ANIMAL STUDIES

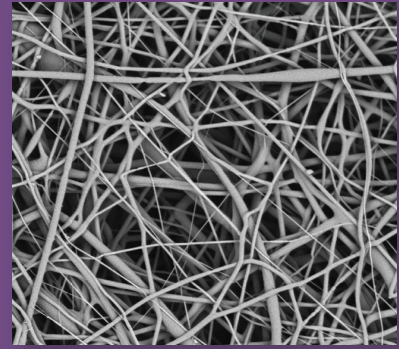


ROTIVM™ SEM IMAGES

Fibers act as a scaffold that support cellular ingrowth and proliferation. The Rotivm™ Wick supports and encourages the regeneration of healthy tendon and Sharpey fibers.



SEM image of native tendon ECM

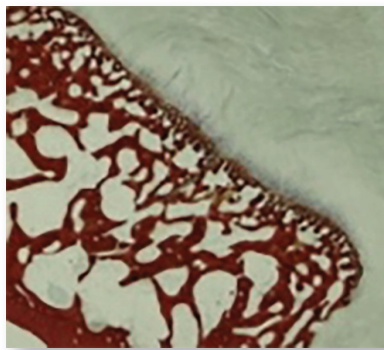


SEM image of Rotivm™ Wick

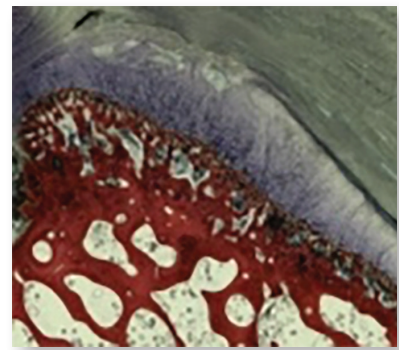
ROTIVM™ ACUTE REPAIR

12-Week Histology

Collagen fibers, similar to Sharpey, extend through calcified fibrocartilage and attach to remnant scaffold, humeral head.



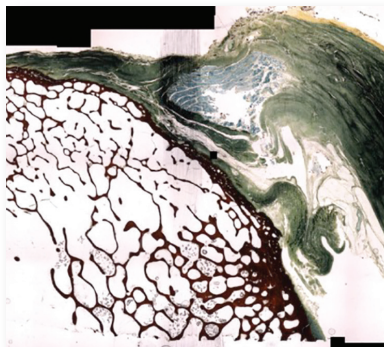
Control anchor only rotator cuff repair



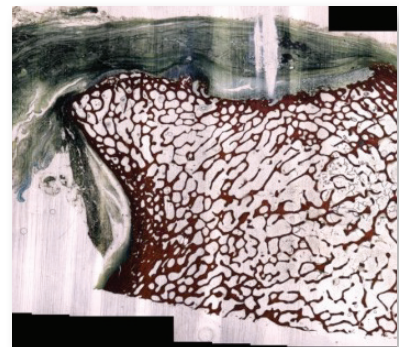
Rotivm™ Wick rotator cuff repair

ROTIVM™ CHRONIC REPAIR

12-Week Histology



Sharp transection with anchor only repair



Sharp transection with Rotivm™ Wick repair

Mechanical Data

ROTIUM™ ACUTE REPAIR MODEL: Ultimate Strength at Failure Data

Acute Repair Sheep Model at Colorado State University

CONTROL:

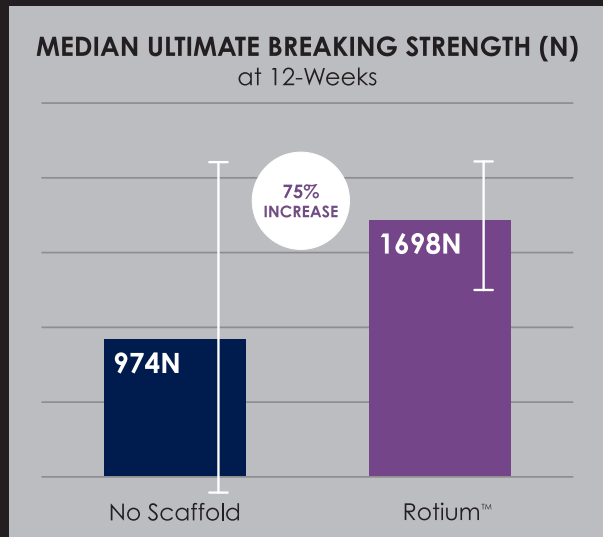
Repaired with four Arthrex 4.75 Swivel Lock suture anchors in a Speed Bridge configuration

EXPERIMENTAL GROUP:

Control repair method, plus the Rotium™ as an inlay between the bone and tendon

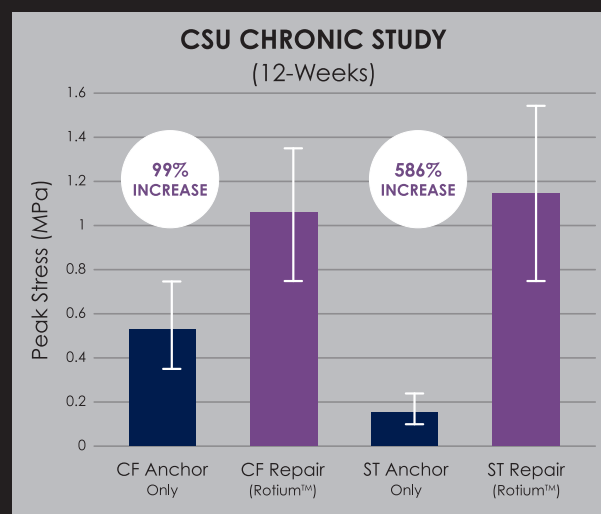
RESULTS:

At 12 weeks, the tendon/bone was tested to determine the ultimate strength at failure. The Rotium™ Wick provided **increased strength** with more **consistent results**



ROTIUM™ CHRONIC REPAIR MODEL: Peak Stress at 8% Strain Data

Chronic Repair Sheep Model at Colorado State University



Two different methods of chronic injury:

- combed fenestration (CF)
- sharp transection (ST)

CONTROL:

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EXPERIMENTAL GROUP:

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Tested to determine peak stress at 8% strain

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A scanning electron micrograph (SEM) showing a dense, interconnected network of thin, fibrous structures, likely representing a bioresorbable scaffold. The fibers are light gray and set against a darker background, creating a complex, web-like pattern.

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Product Composition

VERSATILITY

- Rotium™ is FDA indicated to be used in conjunction with over 40 commonly used anchors. Similar products on the market only have one suture anchor product configuration.
- Ease of use allows for incorporation into existing repair techniques without adding time.
- No change is required in placement configuration for existing anchors or procedures. Furthermore, no special instrumentation is required.
- Can be used in open or arthroscopic procedures.

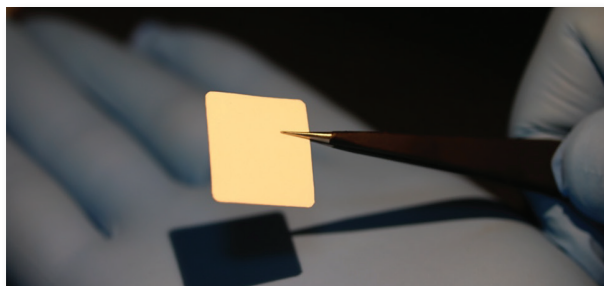
COVERAGE

- The Rotium™ Wick provides over **9 times** the surface area coverage than a comparable product, with a surface area of 400 sq. mm.
- Rotium™ provides optimum coverage of the supraspinatus footprint of 368sq. mm.

AFFORDABILITY

- Rotium™ benefits patients, surgeons, and insurers by providing a lower overall cost per procedure than comparable products while offering greater benefits, such as increased wick retention and strength. Currently, alternative scaffold products cost significantly more than Rotium™ per procedure.





PRODUCT STRUCTURE

Fibers Designed to Mimic Physical Structure of Extracellular Matrix

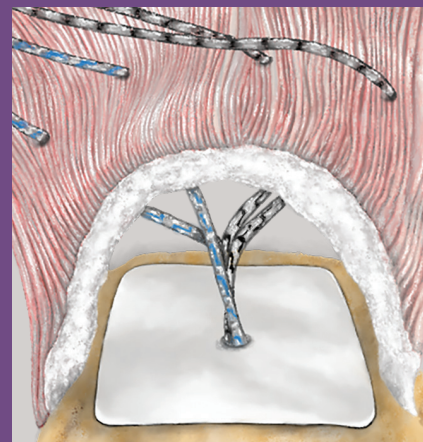
- Rotium™ is composed of two types of polymer fibers: PLCL and PGA, with the intent to mimic the extracellular matrix of the rotator cuff tendon.
- Rotium™ is approximately 85% porous to promote rapid cellular infiltration.



VERSATILE POSITIONING

Bioresorbable Scaffold Wick

- Arthroscopically deployed between bone and tendon.
- Scaffold is placed at the bone-tendon interface.
- Anchor sutures are passed through the Rotium™ device.



The Rotium™ Bioresorbable Wick is comprised of biodegradable polymer fibers that replicate the structure of the native extracellular matrix and are designed to completely resorb after 3-4 months. The fibers are designed to act as a scaffold that supports cellular ingrowth and facilitates healthy tissue regrowth, such as Sharpey fibers. Traditional rotator cuff repair results in high levels of scar tissue at the bone-tendon interface, resulting in weaker connection of the tendon to the bone. The Rotium™ Wick is engineered to support and encourage the regeneration of healthy tendon at the bone-tendon interface.

**Claims as supported by animal studies and are not necessarily predictive of human results.*

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