POST-SURGICAL ADHESIONS: A COMMON AND COSTLY CHALLENGE

CLINICAL PROBLEMS^{1,2}

- Post-operative pain
- Loss of range of motion
- Need for repeat surgeries

COMPLICATIONS^{1,2}

Result in nearly



additional days of inpatient care annually

TREATMENT COSTS^{1,2}

\$2.5 billion

annually in the U.S.

ADHESION FORMATION FACTORS

Fibrous bands form as a result of dysregulated tissue repair processes^{1.3}

Proliferation of fibroblasts/ myofibroblasts Induction of local inflammatory response



USING NUSHIELD® TO SUPPORT THE PREVENTION OF ADHESIONS

EXPANDING BARRIER OPTIONS

- Biomaterials are often used as surgical adhesion barriers to separate tissues^{1,4}
- Placental allografts are an emerging barrier option⁵⁻⁸
- Placental allografts have been trusted for over a century⁹

COMPLETE LAYERS SET NUSHIELD APART

- NuShield is a shelf-stable, dehydrated placental allograft that undergoes a unique preservation method and retains all layers of the placental membrane, including the spongy layer¹⁰⁻¹²
 - NuShield retains its ECM scaffold and growth factors/cytokines^{10,13}
- NuShield has been used for surgical implantation for nearly a decade¹⁴

ECM=extracellular matrix

NuShield

ORGANOGENESIS

NUSHIELD[®] EVIDENCE AS A SURGICAL BARRIER

STUDY 1

IN VITRO BARRIER MODEL

Overview: Fibrous connective cells were seeded onto the epithelial (amnion) side of NuShield and assayed for adhesion¹⁵

KEY FINDINGS

- NuShield acted as a barrier¹⁵
- Demonstrated fibroblast attachment without significant infiltration through the product¹⁵



No seeding of fibrous connective cells

Seeding of fibrous connective cells



H&E imaging of NuShield with and without seeding of fibrous connective cells on the epithelial side

STUDY 2 IN VIVO DWELL TIME

Overview: Using a Lewis rat model, NuShield was implanted subcutaneously. Animals were assessed for implantation size and inflammation over the course of the study¹⁶

KEY FINDINGS

- NuShield remained intact for up to 84 days¹⁶
- Local inflammatory response decreased over time, with minimal inflammation noted at 84 days¹⁶
- Serum samples displayed no signs of systemic inflammation¹⁶



Day 14

Day 84

Representative Masson's Trichrome stained images from day 14 and day 84 post-implantation

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