# Hydlobarrier



## WHY USE HYALOBARRIER GEL?

- ⊘ 100% natural product consisting of pure hyaluronic acid auto-crosslinked. (1-12)
- Highly viscous, sticks firmly to the application site, thus fulfilling the essential function of these devices to stay where it is needed. (1-12)
- Hyalobarrier remains in the area of application for 7 days, protecting the organism during the 3-5 days of adhesion risk and completely degrades within 30 days (bioabsorbable). (1-12)
- **⊘** Significant reduction of post-surgical <u>adhesions</u>. (14)
- **⊘** Significant reduction of post-surgical intrauterine adhesions. (15,16)
- **⊘**Significant increase in the pregnancy rate. (18)
- ©Effectiveness in laparotomy, laparoscopy and hysteroscopy. (13-23)
- © Completely safe tested in over 500,000 patients since year 2000 with no adverse effects being reported.



# Hyalobarrier gel (6,45)

# **Product information sheet**

### Characteristics

Hyalobarrier\* is a bioabsorbable, transparent and highly viscous gel, composed of 100% pure hyaluronic acid auto-crosslinked without the introduction of any foreign substances.

Thanks to its viscosity, Hyalobarrier\* adheres perfectly to the tissue surface and to the abdominal wall, creating an anti-adhesion barrier which keeps the adjacent tissues separated during the repair phase subsequent to a surgical procedure.

### Indications

Hyalobarrier\* is indicated to prevent or reduce the post-surgical adhesion.

### Instructions for use

- Take the product out of refrigeration and let it warm at room temperature. Open
  the pouch and introduce the syringe into the operating field, adopting the normal
  aseptic techniques used in the surgical theatre.
- Remove the protective cap on the tip of the syringe and connect the enclosed cannula to the luer-lock end of the syringe. The cannula for Hyalobarrier\* gel endo has been designed to be utilized with a 0.5 cm diameter trocar.
- 3. Apply the gel inside the wound site by pushing the plunger.
- Cover the areas to be treated with the gel. It is recommended to apply a 1-2 mm thick layer of gel. The thickness of the gel layer does not influence the efficacy of the product.
- 5. Do not irrigate the surgical field after application of the product.

### Contraindications

Known hypersensitivity to the product, like other implant materials, the device must not be used in patients with active infection or contamination of the surgical site.

### Storage

Keep refrigerated (2-8°C).

Do not freeze.

### **Shelf life**

Three years.

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### **Warnings and precautions**

Even if the effcacy of the product is not compromised in the presence of difficult haemostasis, the use of Hyalobarrier\* on patients affected by alterations of blood coagulation, severe allergies or previous recognized anaphylaxis episodes is at total discretion of the surgeon.

Hyalobarrier® does not have intrinsic bacteriostatic or bactericidal activity.

The concomitant use of the product together with other anti-adhesion devices or with solutions instilled intraperitoneally, has not been evaluated.

The safety of Hyalobarrier\* has not been evaluated in patients affected by malignant tumours.

The syringes are single-use. Non-utilized portions of the product must be discarded. The cannula is single-use.

To avoid damage to the luer-lock connection, it is recommended not to use the cannula-syringe system as a manipulating laparoscopic instrument, e.g, for displacing tissues and organs.

### **Presentations**

### Hyalobarrier® gel

Indicated for use in open surgery procedures.

The package includes:

- · three individually-packaged, single-use, sterile syringes, each containing 10ml of gel
- three individually-packaged, sterile, 5 cm-cannulae.

### Hyalobarrier° gel endo

Indicated for use in laparoscopic and hysteroscopic surgical procedures.

The package includes:

- three individually-packaged, single-use, sterile syringes, each containing 10ml of gel
- three individually-packaged, sterile, 30cm-cannulae. These cannulae have been designed to be utilized with a 0.5cm diameter trocar.

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