

# HIGH-QUALITY SURGICAL GLOVES: A GLOBAL PERSPECTIVE



## 95%

of surgeons have either **experienced a needlestick injury** or seen a colleague experience one<sup>1</sup>

## 2 million

needlestick injuries occur among health workers each year, resulting in increased exposure to Hepatitis B, Hepatitis C, HIV and other blood-borne viruses<sup>2</sup>



## 93%

of surgeons said that **high-quality surgical gloves reduce the chances of exposure** to blood-borne viruses<sup>1</sup>

## 83%

of surgeons **feel more protected from needlestick injuries** when using high-quality gloves<sup>1</sup>

## 87%

of surgeons agree that **glove failure increases the risk of exposure** to blood-borne viruses<sup>1</sup>

## 92%

of surgeons agree **high-quality gloves improve clinician safety** in the operating theatre<sup>1</sup>



**89%** of surgeons agree **high-quality gloves improve patient safety** in the operating theatre<sup>1</sup>



**76%** of surgeons agree that **glove failures increase the risk of surgical site infections**<sup>1</sup>



**81%** of surgeons agree that high-quality surgical gloves can **positively impact overall patient outcomes**<sup>1</sup>

## DID YOU KNOW?

High quality gloves mean fewer glove failures<sup>3</sup>

A study showed that non-Biogel gloves are at least 3.5 times as likely to fail compared to Biogel gloves<sup>3</sup>

'Superior tactile sensitivity' is the most important characteristic of high-quality surgical gloves - followed by superior fit, feel and comfort<sup>1</sup>

1. Survey conducted by SERMO. 510 actively practicing UK, US, German, Swedish, Japanese and Australian surgeons responded to a survey on the importance of surgical gloves. April 2019.

2. <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4145516/>

3. In Use Surgical Gloves Failure Rate Comparison. Study G009-005. 2009. Data on file.

## THE SERMO SURVEY:

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In April 2019, Mölnlycke commissioned a first of its kind survey from SERMO, the largest global social network for physicians.

The survey gathered the views of 510 practicing surgeons from a range of specialities.

Respondents were recruited from across six countries: the UK, US, Germany, Australia, Japan and Sweden.

Of the survey respondents, the top three surgical specialty were:

- Orthopaedic Surgery – 32.5%
- General Surgery – 32%
- Reconstructive and plastic surgery – 9.6%

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