

# The **SurgiCount** Promise



**SurgiCount**  
**Safety-Sponge**  
**System**  
**Risk-Sharing and**  
**Indemnification**  
**Program**

# The Promise

Despite efforts by hospitals nationwide, retained surgical items (RSIs) continue to be the #1 reported surgical never event.<sup>1</sup> Nearly 70% of all RSIs are retained surgical sponges,<sup>2</sup> however these types of adverse events – leaving sponges behind in patients – are preventable. With the adoption of our SurgiCount Safety-Sponge System, our current comprehensive list of SurgiCount customers have all been able to achieve the same amazing outcome: zero reported retained surgical sponges!

Protect your reimbursement, quality rankings and patient outcomes. Let SurgiCount technology verify removal of each individually-barcoded sponge; heightening your safety efforts and providing auditable reports to back it up.

We're confident our SurgiCount Safety-Sponge System can help protect your patients, your staff and your bottom line – and we hope you'll take advantage of this risk sharing and indemnification program.



## Let's put an end to retained surgical sponge never events!

### Stryker promises to:<sup>3</sup>

- Shift product cost risk from you
- Review any retained surgical sponge event submission and notify you of the outcome
- Provide up to \$5 million in product liability indemnification
- Rebate you the incremental cost of implementing the SurgiCount Safety-Sponge System over your previous sponge spend (three year maximum)

### Customer promises to:<sup>3</sup>

- Install and use the SurgiCount Safety-Sponge System on every procedure where x-ray detectable sponges are utilized and hospital policy requires sponge counts be performed
- Use Stryker SurgiCount and Safe-T Lap sponges in 100% of procedures
- Install SurgiCount360 Software with e-mail alerts turned on and monitored
- Submit your SurgiCount360 patient report to Stryker for validation

**To learn more about the SurgiCount Safety-Sponge System, call 800 253 3210 or visit [www.strykersurgicount.com](http://www.strykersurgicount.com)**

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