

SUTUREGARD® Medical, Inc. is granted another U.S. patent

In June, 2019, the United States Patent Trademark Office (USTPO) granted SUTUREGARD® issued SUTUREGARD® Medical Inc. to US Patent No. 10,327,762 entitled "Suture Locks." It is a patent relating to novel suture locks based on the work of Dr. William Lear, and serves as another in the field for SUTUREGARD® and places SUTUREGARD™ Medical Inc. as a top innovation leader securing devices, systems and methods to improve wound closure outcomes for patients.

Dr. William Lear is the co-founder and CTO of SUTUREGARD® Medical Inc. He received a fellowship from the University of Washington for Procedural Dermatology and Mohs Surgery. In addition to his work with SUTUREGARD® Medical Inc., he has also worked as the director of dermatological surgery for Silver Falls Dermatology and Allergy. As a long-standing member of SUTUREGARD® Medical Inc., his contributions in the field of surgical devices have helped countless patients across the United States.

Suture Locks can provide stress-relaxation of wounds and tissue expansion in a timely manner. Surgeons who use "Suture Locks" will find faster and more efficient healing for their patients. This suture lock allows for sutures to be secured without tying a knot and/or elevating a portion of the patient's skin above the wound during closure. "Suture Locks" is Dr. William Lear's tenth out of thirteen patents with the USTPO. The patent was granted to Dr. Lear on June 25, 2019 after it was filed on January 7th, 2016.

Other patents filed with SUTUREGARD® Medical Inc. include US Patent 10,064,616 titled "Variable stiffness suture bridges compatible with various suture patterns" and is currently awaiting patents for devices concerning variable stiffness suture bridges and deformable suture bridges. Additionally, other devices available through SUTUREGARD® such as the ISR Retention Suture Device have a wide variety of clinical benefits, such as fewer deeps, no skin rip or damage, and no dog ear removal, for surgeons and surgeons' patients across the country.

Based in Portland, Oregon, SUTUREGARD® Medical, Inc is a private firm that provides surgical equipment for surgeons to provide quality high-tension wound closure on patients around the country. With a wide variety of devices available to surgeons, SUTUREGARD® medical devices are intended to provide minimal wound trauma and reduce the healing period after surgery, providing better results for patients overall. The

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