

Use of FLOSEAL Matrix as a Hemostatic Agent for Nasal/Sinus Bleeding:

FLOSEAL Matrix has been used as a hemostatic agent for the control of operative and post-operative bleeding (epistaxis) during nasal/sinus surgery in 18 patients (30 application sites). Patients were followed for 24 hours following surgery and all complications and episodes of epistaxis were recorded during this period. Intraoperative bleeding stopped in 30 of 30 (100%) application sites. No intraoperative complications were reported in this group. One patient presented with epistaxis 6 hours postoperatively; this patient was treated uneventfully and released from the hospital on the first postoperative day.

Use of FLOSEAL Matrix as a Hemostatic Agent in Cardiovascular Surgery

FLOSEAL Matrix was tested in a prospective randomized controlled trial¹ in 209 patients and compared to 206 control patients treated with either oxidized regenerated cellulose SURGICEL hemostat, or purified porcine skin gelatin GELFOAM[®] hemostat. Patients underwent elective cardiac and/or thoracic aortic operations.

Study endpoints included rate of successful intraoperative hemostasis, time required for hemostasis (defined as operative time comprised between decantulation and closure of the sternum), overall postoperative bleeding, rate of transfusion of blood products, rate of surgical revision for bleeding, postoperative morbidity and intensive care unit stay. Patients were followed-up for 96 hours postoperatively.

In the cohort of patients having intraoperative bleeding treated with FLOSEAL Matrix (n=110), a decreased hemostasis time was observed (32.1 ± 5.4 minutes vs. 56.3 ± 8 minutes, p < 0.001) as compared to control n=104). Furthermore a decrease in transfusion of blood products (28.2% vs. 60.6%, p < 0.001), revision rate (4.5% vs. 13.5%, p=0.04) and minor complications (20.9% vs. 33.6%, p = 0.04) was observed in the FLOSEAL Matrix group as compared to control. Minor complications were defined as either renal failure, respiratory insufficiency or inotropic support lasting more than 24 hours.

No difference in major complications (stroke, shock, sepsis or myocardial infarction) or ICU stay was observed between groups. Reference

1. Nasso G, Piancone F, Bonifazi R, et al. Prospective, randomized clinical trial of the FloSeal matrix sealant in cardiac surgery. Ann Thorac Surg 2009;88(5):1520-1526.

How Supplied:

FLOSEAL Matrix is provided in the configuration shown in the table below.

FLOSEAL Hemostatic Matrix Kit Configuration		
Gelatin Matrix	Thrombin Component	Ampoule Component
5 mL Configuration		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x 5 mL syringe with Gelatin Matrix 1 x 5 mL syringe for Matrix Preparation with integral female Luer connector 2 x Applicator tips 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x vial Sodium Chloride (Human), Vapor Heated, Solvent / Detergent treated, 2500 IU 1 x Needle-free vial adaptor 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 x 0.9% Sodium Chloride Solution Ampoule, 5 mL

The package also includes this FLOSEAL Matrix instructions for Use.

Directions for Use:

Thrombin must be added to the Gelatin Matrix prior to use.

Inspect the integrity of the contents of the FLOSEAL kit. If the packaging or vials have been damaged or opened, do not use.

Opening the package

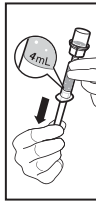
- Open the outer package containing the Thrombin component and deliver the sterile inner package to the sterile field. Items in this package will be used to reconstitute the Thrombin prior to mixing with the Gelatin Matrix. Once placed in the sterile field, the inner package may be opened at any time.
- Open the package containing the Sodium Chloride solution ampoule and deliver the ampoule to the sterile field.
- Open the outer package containing the Gelatin Matrix Component and deliver the sterile inner package to the sterile field. Once placed in the sterile field, the inner package may be opened at any time.

Preparing the Thrombin solution

- Remove the lid from the vial adapter packaging. Remove the plastic twist-off cap from the Sodium Chloride solution ampoule. While gripping the vial adapter packaging, attach the Sodium Chloride solution ampoule to the luer connector of the vial adapter and remove the remaining packaging from the vial adapter. To prevent diluent loss, do not squeeze ampoule during connection.
- Remove the plastic flip-off cap from the Thrombin vial. While holding the vial adapter, pierce the rubber stopper of the Thrombin vial. Transfer the entire contents of Sodium Chloride solution ampoule into the Thrombin vial. If needed, the ampoule may be squeezed to expel the remaining contents into the vial.
- Remove the ampoule and attach the empty syringe provided in the kit. Gently swirl the Thrombin vial with the vial adapter and syringe attached until the thrombin is completely dissolved. Once reconstituted, the Thrombin Solution can be used to prepare FLOSEAL Matrix immediately or may be stored in the vial up to four (4) hours.



- Aspirate the Thrombin solution up to the fill line on the syringe. NOTE: Draw up 4 mL Thrombin solution (approximately 1mL solution will remain in the vial).

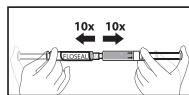


- Disconnect the Thrombin syringe from the vial adapter and proceed to mix with the Gelatin Matrix granules following the steps in the next section.

- Discard the ampoule, the remaining Thrombin solution, Thrombin vial and vial adapter appropriately.

Mixing the Thrombin Solution into the Gelatin Matrix

- Remove the Luer cap from the Gelatin Matrix Syringe carefully to avoid spilling the Gelatin Matrix granules. Connect this syringe to the syringe containing the Thrombin solution.
- Quickly push the plunger of the Thrombin solution syringe to fully pass the solution into the syringe containing the Gelatin Matrix and back again. This constitutes "one pass." Transfer the Gelatin Matrix-Thrombin solution mixture back and forth between the syringes for a total of 10 passes. It may take several passes for all the Gelatin Matrix granules to hydrate. Do not use excessive force to push the dry granules through the Luer connection during the first few passes as it may clog. Ensure the syringe labeled FLOSEAL contains the FLOSEAL Matrix at the completion of mixing.



- Keep syringes connected until ready to use. Allow 30 seconds after preparation before product is applied to help ensure optimal product consistency and performance. To prevent premature drying of FLOSEAL matrix, syringes can be kept connected until product is required.
- FLOSEAL Matrix may be used up to eight (8) hours after mixing with the Thrombin solution.
- When ready to use, remove the mixing syringe and discard appropriately. If desired, connect an Applicator tip to the FLOSEAL Matrix syringe. FLOSEAL Matrix may also be extruded directly from the syringe.
- If necessary, remove residual FLOSEAL Matrix from the tip using an equivalent amount of saline. Do not use air to apply the residual FLOSEAL Matrix.
- After use, properly dispose of the FLOSEAL Matrix device with tip attached.

FLOSEAL Matrix Placement/Application Steps:

Do not inject FLOSEAL Matrix into blood vessels. See the Contraindications, Warnings, Precautions, and Adverse Events sections contained in these Instructions for Use.

For best results, FLOSEAL Matrix should be in complete contact with the actively bleeding tissue surface.

The particles of FLOSEAL Matrix swell approximately 10-20% upon contact with blood or other fluids. Maximum swell volume is achieved within about 10 minutes.

Application Technique

Key Application Steps

- Apply FLOSEAL Matrix directly to the source of bleeding.
- Maintain FLOSEAL Matrix at the site (source of bleeding) for two (2) minutes with gentle approximation.
 - For ease of application, steps 1 and 2 may be combined by applying FLOSEAL Matrix onto a moist gauze or cottonoid and use it to deliver FLOSEAL Matrix directly to the source of bleeding.
- Use adequate amounts of FLOSEAL Matrix to completely cover the tissue defect.
- Work quickly.
- Always irrigate excess FLOSEAL Matrix away gently so as not to disturb the new clot and use suction to remove excess.

Detailed Application Steps

- Identify the source of bleeding at the tissue surface. This is the target site for FLOSEAL Matrix application.
- Manually approximate a gauze sponge moistened with sterile (non-heparinized) saline against the bleeding surface and use the Applicator tip (or syringe tip) to dispense FLOSEAL Matrix between the sponge and the bleeding surface. The gauze sponge will hold FLOSEAL Matrix in place against the bleeding surface in the presence of active bleeding. Apply enough FLOSEAL Matrix to create a small "mound" of material at the source of bleeding.
- For tissue defects ("divots" or "craters"), begin applying FLOSEAL Matrix at the deepest part of the lesion, and continue applying material as the syringe (or Applicator tip, if used) is withdrawn from the lesion. This "back-filling" action will ensure that FLOSEAL Matrix comes into contact with the entire bleeding surface at the tissue defect.
- Apply a gauze sponge moistened with sterile (non-heparinized) saline to approximate the FLOSEAL Matrix against the bleeding surface, conforming it to the lesion.
- After approximately two (2) minutes, lift the gauze sponge and inspect the wound site. Once bleeding has ceased, excess FLOSEAL Matrix (not incorporated in the hemostatic clot) should always be removed by gentle irrigation and suctioned away from the treatment site.
- If the gauze sponge adheres to the newly formed clot, irrigate with non-heparinized saline to minimize disruption of the clot.

- In cases of persistent bleeding, indicated by saturation and bleeding through the granules, insert the Applicator tip through the center of the mass of previously placed FLOSEAL Matrix to deliver fresh FLOSEAL Matrix as close as possible to the tissue surface. After re-application of FLOSEAL Matrix, resume approximation with a gauze sponge for up to another two (2) minutes, and then inspect the site again. Repeat re-application if necessary.
- Once bleeding has ceased, excess FLOSEAL Matrix, material not incorporated in the hemostatic clot, should always be removed by gentle irrigation and suctioned out of the wound.
- Do not disrupt the FLOSEAL Matrix clot by physical manipulation. FLOSEAL Matrix incorporated in the hemostatic clot should be left *in situ*.

Storage Conditions:

The FLOSEAL Matrix kit should be stored at 2 - 25°C (36 - 77°F). Do not freeze.

Definition of Symbols:



Consult instructions for use



Do not reuse



Sterilized using steam or dry heat



Sterilized using ethylene oxide



Sterilized using irradiation



Do not inject into blood vessels



Do not use if package is damaged

2°C (36°F) 25°C (77°F)

Temperature Limitations



Not made with natural rubber latex.

Rx ONLY

Caution: Federal Law (United States) restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a licensed healthcare practitioner



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