

Classification of surgical sewing materials according to their diameter

Classification of surgical sewing materials according to the European Pharmacopoeia (EP) and corresponding terminology according to the American system (USP). In the European system, 1 unit represents 0.1 mm in diameter.

EP	USP	Ø (mm)
0.2	10/0	0.020–0.029
0.3	9/0	0.030–0.039
0.4	8/0	0.040–0.049
0.5	7/0	0.050–0.069
0.7	6/0	0.070–0.099
1	5/0	0.100–0.149
1.5	4/0	0.150–0.199
2	3/0	0.200–0.249
2.5	–	0.250–0.299
3	2/0	0.300–0.349
3.5	0	0.350–0.399
4	1	0.400–0.499
5	2	0.500–0.599
6	3+4	0.600–0.699
7	5	0.700–0.799
8	6	0.800–0.899