IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

ETHICON LLC,)
ETHICON ENDO-SURGERY, INC., and)
ETHICON US, LLC.)
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Plaintiffs,) C.A. No. 1-17-cv-871 (LPS) (CJB)
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v.) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
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INTUITIVE SURGICAL, INC., INTUITIVE)
SURGICAL OPERATIONS, INC., and)
INTUITIVE SURGICAL HOLDINGS, LLC)
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Defendants.)
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ETHICON'S TECHNOLOGY TUTORIAL DESK REFERENCE BOOK

Plaintiffs Ethicon LLC, Ethicon Endo-Surgery, Inc., and Ethicon US, LLC ("Ethicon") submit this desk reference book to accompany the interactive technology tutorial that is being submitted concurrently. The images, text, and slide numbers in this desk reference book correspond to the presentation in the interactive technology tutorial.

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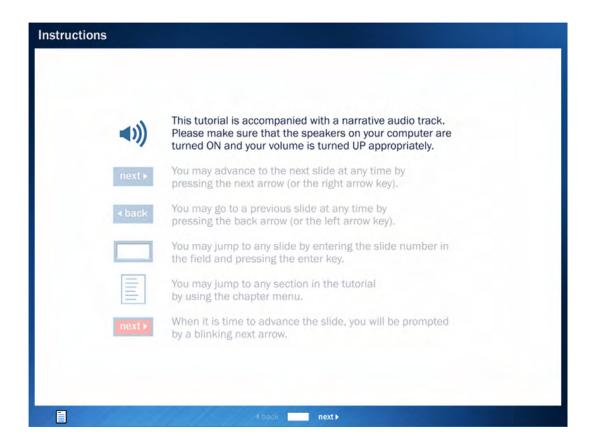
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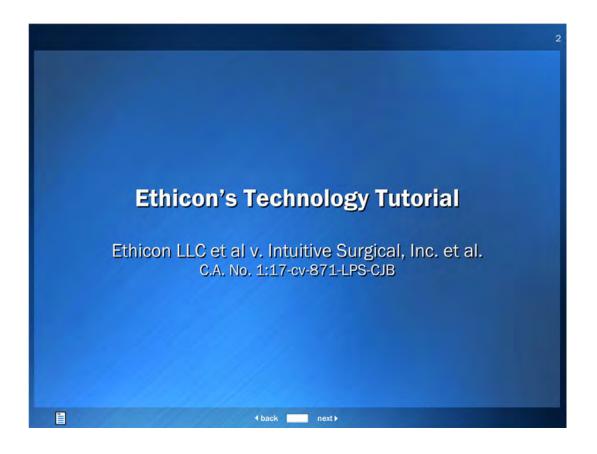
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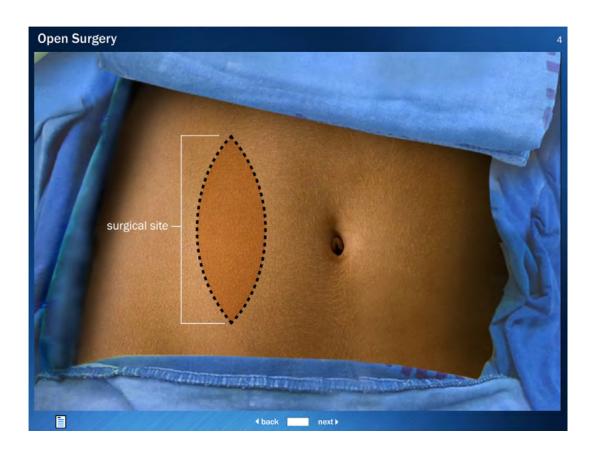
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This is Ethicon's technology tutorial in the matter of *Ethicon LLC et al. v. Intuitive Surgical, Inc. et al.*, Civil Action No. 1:17-cv-871-LPS-CJB. There are seven patents asserted in this case. Each patent concerns surgical tools for use in laparoscopic surgical procedures. My name is Elizabeth Weiswasser, and I am an attorney representing Ethicon. I will be addressing some background concepts to provide context for the patented technology. My colleague Anish Desai will then discuss the asserted patents in more detail.



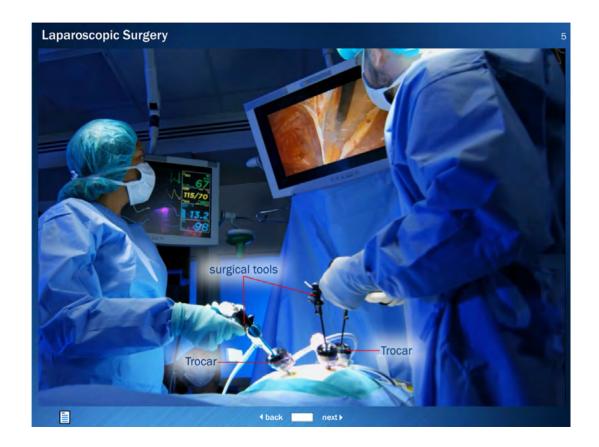
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The first topic we will discuss is the difference between open surgery and laparoscopic surgery.



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Traditional surgery is commonly referred to as open surgery. In open surgery, incisions are made that are large enough to allow the surgeon to view the surgical site. Because the surgeon has direct access to the surgical site, the surgeon can use tools of varying sizes and geometries. The benefit of direct access to the surgical site comes at the cost of a relatively long recovery time and increased pain for the patient.

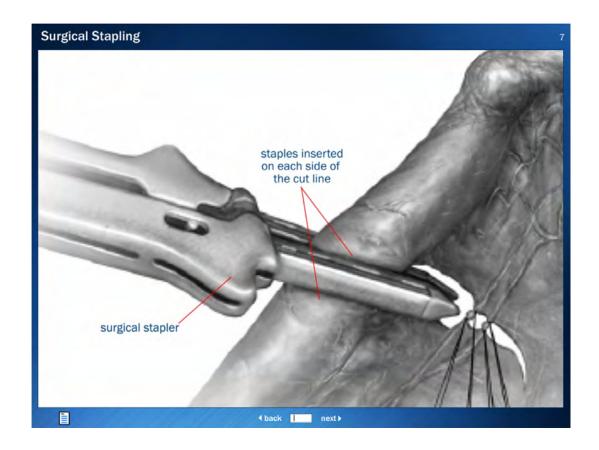


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Laparoscopic surgery is an alternative to open surgery. Laparoscopic surgery replaces one large incision with several smaller incisions. The terms "laparoscopic" and "minimally invasive" are commonly used interchangeably. We'll use the term laparoscopic for convenience. In a laparoscopic procedure, a small camera is inserted through one of the incisions, and the surgical site is displayed on a monitor. Devices called trocars are inserted through the incisions, and surgical tools are inserted through the trocars. The smaller incisions in laparoscopic surgery offer the potential benefits of reduced recovery time and pain, but they come at the cost of reduced access to the surgical site.

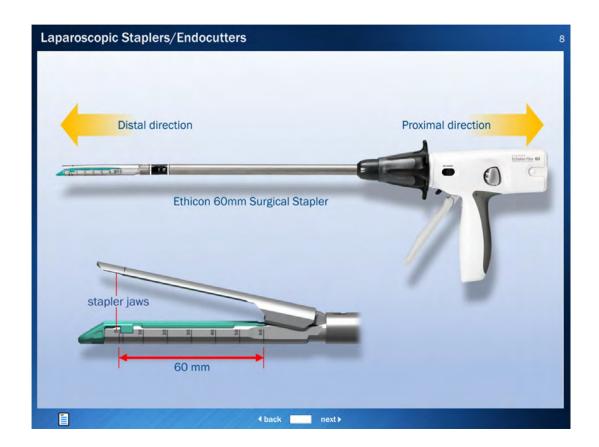


Slide 6We will next describe some background concepts concerning surgical stapling.



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The surgical staplers at issue in this case cut tissue and simultaneously staple the tissue on each side of the cut line. This type of surgical stapler can be used to remove tissue from the body, such as a tumor, a piece of the intestine, or a piece of the stomach. A surgical stapler for use in open surgery is shown here.



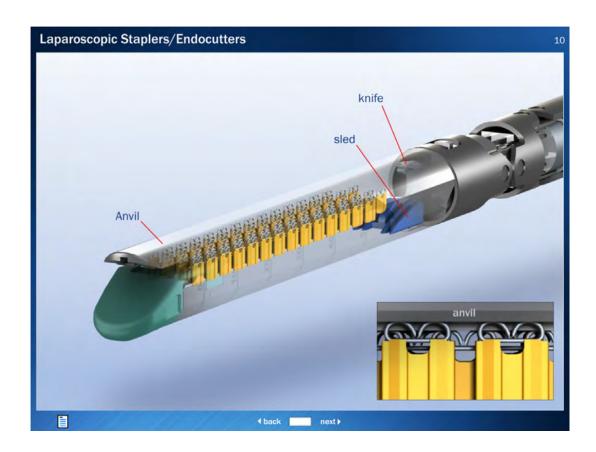
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A laparoscopic surgical stapler is also called an endocutter. We will use the terms "stapler" and "endocutter" interchangeably in this tutorial to refer to this type of device. Unlike an open instrument, an endocutter must be inserted through a trocar. This requires a shaft that fits within the trocar and runs from the handle of the endocutter to the stapler jaws. The direction pointed toward the stapler jaws is called the "distal" direction and the opposite direction is called the "proximal" direction. An Ethicon 60mm endocutter is shown here. Endocutters are commonly referred to by the length of the staple line they produce. For example, it is common for endocutters to be referred to as 35mm endocutters, 45mm endocutters, or 60mm endocutters. We will next describe the basics of surgical stapling in more detail.



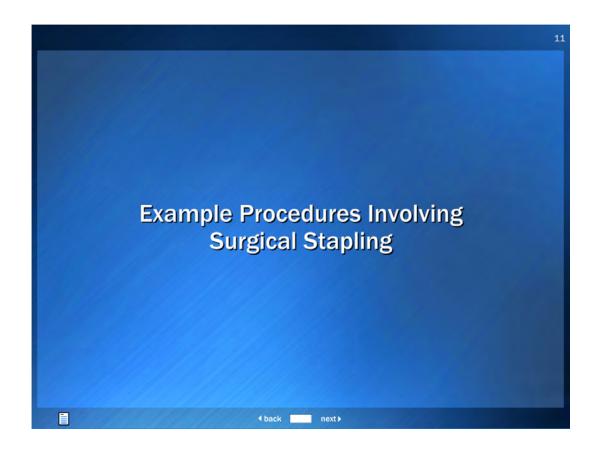
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This is a depiction of the shaft and stapler jaws of an endocutter. The stapler has two jaws, which can also be referred to as the end effector. Because endocutters are operated through trocars and in tight spaces, they typically include controls that allow the surgeon to position the stapler jaws without moving the handle. For example, the endocutters will include controls that spin the shaft and stapler jaws. This is also called "roll" motion. The endocutters also include controls to articulate the stapler jaws. By articulate, we mean rotating the jaws side to side, which is called "yaw" motion, and up and down, which is called "pitch" motion.

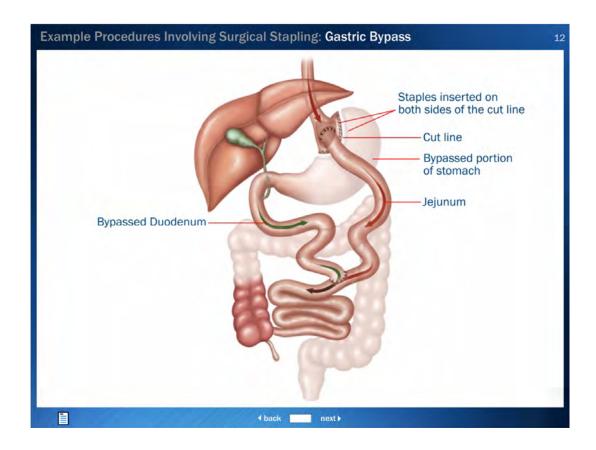


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We will now describe how an endocutter clamps, cuts, and staples tissue. Prior to use, a stapler reload cartridge is inserted into a pocket in one of the stapler jaws. The surgeon then positions the jaws and clamps them around tissue. The surgeon is now ready to cut and staple. This is also referred to as "firing" the endocutter. When the surgeon fires, a knife connected to a sled advances forward in the cartridge toward the end of the jaws. The knife cuts the tissue, and the sled pushes staples upwardly on both sides of the knife into the opposite jaw. This jaw is referred to as the anvil. When the staples strike the anvil, the staples are bent inwardly to form a "B" shaped staple around the tissue. In this way, tissue on either side of the cut line is stapled.

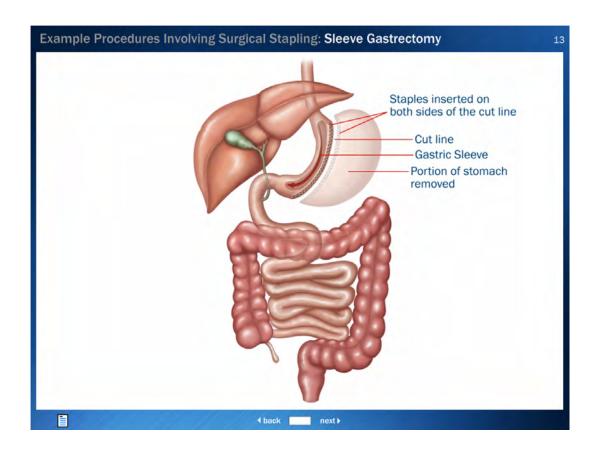


Slide 11We'll now discuss some example procedures involving surgical stapling.



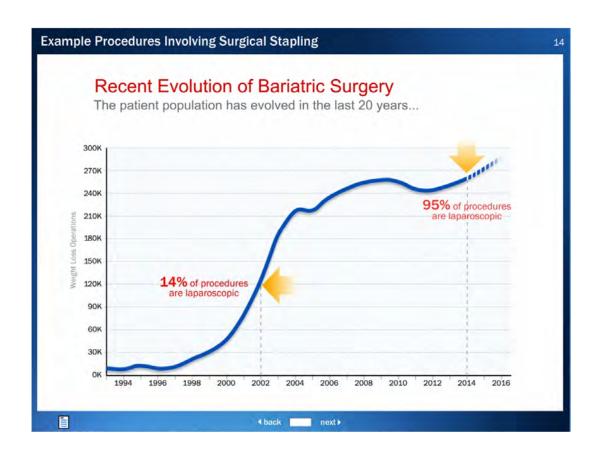
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Bariatric surgery is an example procedure that involves cutting and stapling tissue in the body. Specific types of bariatric surgery include gastric bypass and gastric sleeve surgery. In the illustrated gastric bypass procedure, an endocutter is used to simultaneously cut stomach tissue and staple on both sides of the cut line, sealing the tissue after the cut.



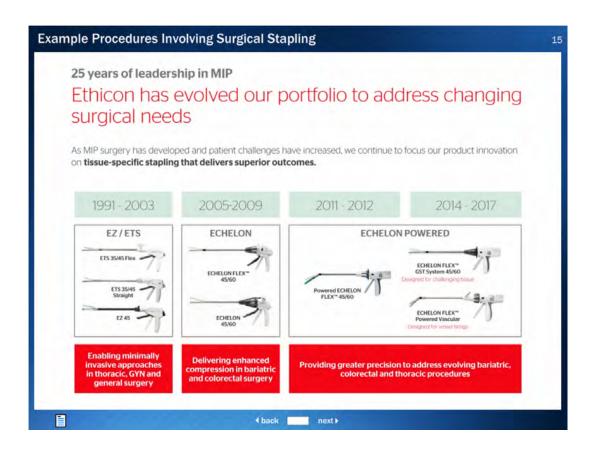
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In a sleeve gastrectomy procedure illustrated here, portions of stomach tissue are cut using an endocutter, resulting in separate sealed sections after stapling on both sides of the cut. The narrow portion that is retained is called the gastric sleeve, and the remaining section is removed.



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With growing evidence of the positive health outcomes associated with bariatric surgeries, the procedure volume has grown substantially over the past 20 plus years. The procedures have also gone from being predominantly open procedures in the early 2000s to nearly entirely laparoscopic procedures as of 2014.



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Since the early 1990s, Ethicon has worked to develop numerous endocutters to address changing surgical needs, including surgical needs in bariatric procedures. In 2011, Ethicon introduced its first motor-powered endocutter — the ECHELON FLEXTM Powered ENDOPATH® Stapler. Ethicon's motor-powered endocutters dramatically reduce the force required to operate an endocutter, thereby minimizing unwanted movement of the device during procedures that could result in increased tissue trauma. In 2014, Ethicon introduced its ECHELON FLEXTM Stapler with Gripping Surface Technology (also known as GST), which greatly reduces tissue slippage while firing the stapler.