



Suture needs

not skin

skin

clean

contaminated

Nonabsorbable unless  
unable to remove later

teat lumen

tendons/ligaments

body wall

pexy

everything  
else

slow healing (fascia,  
tendons, body wall)

rapid healing (gut,  
bladder, uterus, SQ,  
muscle)

Staples, nylon, prolene,  
vetafil

PDS (not monocryl)

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long duration (PDS)  
and/or big (3 vicryl)

chromic gut or nylon or  
vetafil (length)

about anything

PDS

monocryl