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Tissue Approximation Device Ethicon, a global medical device company within the Johnson & Johnson family of companies, has been a leader in surgical wound closure (sutures) for more than 100 years. Today, they have expanded their expertise into wound management, women's health, and cardiovascular surgery. As a leader in the worldwide market, they are constantly exploring new technologies and techniques for improving surgical wound closure.

The focus of this IPD project is to identify alternative methods for approximating tissue that will lead to better surgical wound healing (i.e., faster, stronger, less scarring) as well as reduced patient discomfort and recovery time. The result may be a product, technique, or surgical system to either aid in the use of, or replace sutures in deep tissue closure. The solution should be innovative; easy and intuitive to use; cost-effective; and offer the same sense of security surgeons have come to trust in Ethicon products.