Precision Dissection Electrodes

**Epitome® Scalpel**

The patented Epitome® Scalpel electrode uses a fine wire element at the edge of a non-conductive ceramic core to focus the current at the edge of the blade, resulting in clean tissue dissection with minimal thermal injury. Comparative histology (at right) of porcine skin incisions shows that Epitome (1) yields significantly reduced thermal injury and fibroplasia as compared to a standard electrosurgical tip incision (2). Providing the cutting precision exceeding that of a cold scalpel, cosmetic results comparable to a cold scalpel, and hemostasis of the electrosurgical modality, only Epitome can potentially provide:

- Rapid and precise cutting through dense breast tissue during reduction mammaplasty and mastectomy
- Rapid elevation of the abdominal flap that often eliminates seroma in abdominoplasty
- Reduced thermal tissue injury, yet easily dissects adipose tissue without increased power settings
- Minimized necrotic zone for reduced circulation complications in flaps

**OptiMicro™ Needle**

The OptiMicro™ Needle ultra-fine tip electrosurgical electrodes are designed to provide precise dissection without adverse thermal effects to yield excellent cosmetic results for small-scale procedures. These micro-needles have the finest geometry available. Because of their extremely small surface area, high current densities are achieved with very low power settings.

Utah Medical Products designed and manufactures the OptiMicro Needle to exacting standards, providing the discerning surgeon with important clinical benefits:

- Thermal tissue injury is virtually eliminated, allowing excellent healing results.
- Output power settings are very low, minimizing nerve and muscle cell stimulation and stray electrosurgical currents.
- Tungsten electrode withstands high current densities, and maintains sharpness throughout procedure.
- Substantially reduces smoke plume and odor compared to standard blade geometry tips.
- Provided sterile for immediate use.

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1 US Patents 5,860,976, 6,126,656

“Epitome represents a notable advance in electrosurgical technology. It provides a superior surgical tool compared with earlier model electroscalps in terms of handling and control and exhibits measurable improvements in post-operative incisional healing closely approaching characteristics of the traditional [brand name] cold scalpel blade.”

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Epitome and OptiMicro are excellent choices that offer the healing characteristics of a cold scalpel combined with the hemostasis of the electrosurgical modality. Improve surgical results in the following specialties and procedures:

**Plastic and Cosmetic Surgery:**
- Abdominoplasty
- Blepharoplasty
- Body Contouring
- Breast Augmentation
- Breast Reconstruction
- Breast Reduction
- Capsulectomy
- Face Lift

**ENT/Head and Neck Surgery:**
- Head and Neck Dissection
- Parotidectomy
- Thyroidectomy
- Tonsillectomy
- Turbinates
- UPPP

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Select Epitome Scalpels have a malleable tip configuration, and feature ZapGuard™ to protect the patient from peripheral burns.