TISSEEL Ready to use
Solutions for Sealant
Human fibrinogen, human thrombin, synthetic aprotinin, calcium chloride dihydrate

Please read all of this leaflet carefully before you start using this medicine.
- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

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1. WHAT TISSEEL IS AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR
What TISSEEL is
The name of your medicine is TISSEEL Ready to use. Throughout this leaflet TISSEEL Ready to use will be called TISSEEL. TISSEEL is a two-component tissue sealant, and it contains two of the proteins that make blood clot. These proteins are called fibrinogen and thrombin. When these proteins mix during application, they form a clot where the surgeon applies them. TISSEEL is prepared as two solutions (Sealer Protein Solution and Thrombin Solution), which mix when applied.

What TISSEEL is used for
TISSEEL is a fibrin or tissue sealant. During surgery, tissues may bleed and it may not be possible for the surgeon to control this bleeding using stitches, or by applying pressure. TISSEEL is applied to the surface of tissues, either to control bleeding, or to stop (or prevent) leaks of other types of fluid, by creating a watertight seal. TISSEEL is used even if your blood does not clot properly, e.g. when you are being treated with heparin against thrombosis. It is also used as a tissue glue to achieve adhesion/sealing or as suture support in surgery. In addition, TISSEEL is used to fix mesh during hernia repair surgery. The clot produced by TISSEEL is very similar to a natural blood clot and this means that it will dissolve naturally and leave no residue. However, aprotinin is added to increase the longevity of the clot and to prevent its premature dissolution.

2. WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU USE TISSEEL
Do not use TISSEEL in the following situations:
• TISSEEL must not be used for massive or brisk bleeding.
• TISSEEL MUST NOT be injected into blood vessels (veins or arteries), or into tissues. As TISSEEL forms a clot where it is applied, injecting TISSEEL may cause serious reactions. TISSEEL should only be applied to the surface of tissues as a thin layer where it is needed. If you are going to have a coronary bypass surgery, special care needs to be taken to avoid injecting TISSEEL into blood vessels
• If you are allergic (hypersensitive) to any of the active substances or any of the other ingredients of this medicine.
• Life-threatening/fatal air or gas embolism (air getting into the blood circulation which can be serious or life-threatening) has occurred very rarely with the use of spray devices employing pressure regulators to administer fibrin sealants. This appears to be related to the use of the spray device at higher than recommended pressures and/or in close proximity to the tissue surface. The risk appears to be higher when fibrin sealants are sprayed with air, as compared to CO₂, and therefore cannot be excluded with TISSEEL when sprayed in open wound surgery.
• Spray devices and the accessory tip provide instructions for use with recommendations for pressure ranges and to the spraying distance from the tissue surface.
• TISSEEL should be administered strictly according to the instructions and only with devices recommended for this product.
• When spraying TISSEEL, changes in blood pressure, pulse, oxygen saturation and end tidal CO₂ should be monitored for possible occurrence of gas embolism.
• If you have ever received TISSEEL or aprotinin before, your body may have become sensitive to it. It is possible you may be allergic to this material, even if there was no reaction to the first application. If you think you have received either product in a previous operation, you have to inform your doctor about this.
• If the surgeon or operating team sees any sign of an allergic reaction during the application of TISSEEL, they will stop using TISSEEL immediately and will take the adequate measures.

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Taking or using other medicines

There are no known interactions between TISSEEL and other medicinal products. Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription. Oxidised cellulose containing preparations may reduce the efficacy of TISSEEL and should not be used as carrier materials.

TISSEEL with food and drink

Please ask your doctor. The doctor will decide if you are allowed to eat and drink before the application of TISSEEL.

Pregnancy, breast-feeding and fertility

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine. Your doctor will decide if you can use TISSEEL during pregnancy or breast-feeding. The effects of TISSEEL on fertility have not been established.

Driving and using machines

TISSEEL will not affect your ability to drive or operate other types of machines.

Important information about some of the ingredients of TISSEEL

Polysorbate 80 may cause locally limited skin irritations such as contact dermatitis.

Important information about the potential risk of infection from donor human plasma

When medicines are made from human blood or plasma, certain steps are taken to prevent infections being passed on to patients. Blood and plasma donors are carefully selected to make sure that those at risk of carrying infections are excluded. In addition, each donation and plasma pool is tested for signs of viruses or infections. Manufacturers of these products also include steps in the processing of the blood or plasma that can inactivate or remove viruses.

Despite these measures, when medicines prepared from human blood or plasma are administered, the possibility of passing on infection cannot be totally excluded. This also applies to any unknown or emerging viruses or other types of infections.

3. HOW TO USE TISSEEL

- TISSEEL is only applied during a surgical operation. The use of TISSEEL is restricted to experienced surgeons who have been trained in the use of TISSEEL.

The amount of TISSEEL that will be used depends on a number of factors, including but not limited to the type of surgery, the surface area of tissue to be treated during your operation and the way TISSEEL is applied. The surgeon will decide how much is appropriate, and will apply just enough to form a thin, even layer over the tissue. If this does not seem to be enough, a second layer can be applied. However, avoid a reaplication of TISSEEL to a pre-existing polymerized TISSEEL layer as TISSEEL will not adhere to a polymerized layer. Separate, sequential application of the two components of TISSEEL must be avoided.

- During your operation, the surgeon will apply TISSEEL onto the relevant tissue surface, using the special application device provided. This device ensures that equal amounts of both components are applied at the same time – which is important for the optimal effect of TISSEEL.

- For hernia repair surgery the surgeon will apply Tisseel using spray or drops to fix the mesh in place.

- Prior to applying TISSEEL the surface area of the wound needs to be dried by standard techniques (e.g. intermittent application of compresses, swabs, use of suction devices).

- Pressurised air or gas must not be used for drying the site.

- TISSEEL must be sprayed only onto application sites that are visible.

When applying TISSEEL using a spray device be sure to use a pressure and a distance from the tissue within the range recommended by the manufacturer as follows:

| Recommended pressure, distance and devices for spray application of TISSEEL |
|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Surgery         | Spray set to be used | Applicator tips to be used | Pressure regulator to be used | Recommended distance from target tissue | Recommended spray pressure |
| Open wound      | Tisseel / Artiss Spray Set | n.a. | EasySpray | 10-15 cm | 1.5-2.0 bar (21.5-28.5 psi) |
| Open wound      | Tisseel / Artiss Spray Set 10 pack | n.a. | EasySpray | 10-15 cm | 1.5-2.0 bar (21.5-28.5 psi) |
Recommended pressure, distance and devices for spray application of TISSEEL

| Laparoscopic minimally invasive procedures | Duplospray MIS Applicator 20cm | Duplospray MIS Applicator 30cm | Duplospray MIS Applicator 40cm | Spray Set 360 Endoscopic Applicator with Snaplock | Spray Set 360 Endoscopic Applicator with Tether | Replaceable tip | Duplospray MIS Regulator 1.5 bar | 2 – 5 cm | 1.2 – 1.5 bar (18 – 22 psi) |

When spraying TISSEEL, changes in blood pressure, pulse, oxygen saturation and end tidal CO₂ should be monitored because of the possibility of occurrence of air or gas embolism (see section 2).

If you take more TISSEEL than you should
TISSEEL is only applied during a surgical operation. It is applied by the surgeon and the amount of TISSEEL is determined by the surgeon.

If you have any further questions on the use of this product, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Use in children
Safety and efficacy of the product in children have not been established.

4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

Like all medicines, TISSEEL can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. If any of the side effects gets serious or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

Side effects have been evaluated on the basis of the following frequency categories:

**Very common:** Affects more than one in 10.

**Common:** Affects 1 to 10 users in 100.

**Uncommon:** Affects 1 to 10 users in 1,000.

**Rare:** Affects 1 to 10 users in 10,000.

**Very rare:** Affects fewer than 1 out of 10,000 patients treated.

**Not known:** The frequency cannot be estimated from the available data.

The following side effects have been observed in treatment with TISSEEL:

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<td>Pain in extremities</td>
<td>Common</td>
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### General disorders and administration site conditions
- **Pain caused by the procedure**: Uncommon
- **Pain**: Common
- **Increased body temperature**: Common
- **Reddening of the skin**: Not known
- **Swelling through the accumulation of fluid in the body tissue (oedema)**: Not known

### Injury, poisoning and procedural complications
- **Accumulation of lymph or other clear bodily fluids near the operation site (seroma)**: Very common
- **Rapid swelling of dermis, subcutaneous tissue, mucosa and submucosa (angioedema)**: Not known

*The introduction of air or gas bubbles in the vascular system have occurred when fibrin sealants are applied with devices using pressurized air or gas; this is believed to be caused by inappropriate use of the spray device (e.g. at higher than recommended pressure and in close proximity to the tissue surface.)*

In patients who are treated with fibrin sealant, hypersensitivity reactions or allergic reactions may occur. Although they are rare, they may be severe.

The first signs of an allergic reaction may include:
- transient reddening of the skin (“flushing”)
- itching
- hives
- nausea, vomiting
- headache
- drowsiness
- restlessness
- burning and stinging at the application site
- tingling
- chills
- tightness of the chest
- swelling of lips, tongue, throat (which may result in difficulty to breathe and/or swallow)
- breathing difficulties
- low blood pressure
- increase or drop in pulse rate
- loss of consciousness due to a drop in blood pressure

In isolated cases, these reactions may progress to severe allergic reactions (anaphylaxis). Such reactions may be seen especially if the preparation is applied repeatedly, or administered to patients who have previously shown hypersensitivity to aprotinin or any other component of the product.

Even if repeated treatment with TISSEEL was well tolerated, a subsequent administration of TISSEEL or an infusion of aprotinin may result in severe allergic (anaphylactic) reactions.

The attending surgical team is well aware of the risk of reactions of this type and will immediately interrupt the application of TISSEEL on the occurrence of the first signs of hypersensitivity. In the case of severe symptoms emergency measures may be required.

The injection of TISSEEL into soft tissues may lead to local tissue damage.

The injection of TISSEEL into blood vessels (veins or arteries) may lead to the formation of clots (thromboses).

Intravascular application might increase the likelihood and severity of acute hypersensitivity reactions in susceptible patients.

As TISSEEL is derived from plasma from blood donations, the risk of an infection cannot be excluded completely. However, the manufacturers take numerous measures to reduce this risk (see section 2).

### Antibodies against components of the fibrin sealant may occur in rare cases.

### Reporting side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme. Website: www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store.

By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

### 5. HOW TO STORE TISSEEL

- Keep out of the sight and reach of children.
- Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the container after “EXP”.
- Store at ≤–20°C (in a freezer). The cold storage chain must not be interrupted until use.
- Store in the original package in order to protect from light
- After thawing, the solution must not be refrozen or refrigerated!

### 6. CONTENTS OF THE PACK AND OTHER INFORMATION

#### What TISSEEL contains

TISSEEL contains two components:

**Component 1 = Sealer Protein Solution:**

The active substances contained in 1ml of the Sealer Protein solution are:

- Human Fibrinogen, 72 - 110 mg/ml
- Aprotinin (synthetic), 3000 KIU/ml

The excipients are Human Albumin, L-Histidine, Niacinamide, Polysorbate 80, Sodium Citrate Dihydrate and Water for Injections.
Component 2 = Thrombin Solution:
The active substances contained in 1 ml of the Thrombin Solution are:
- Human Thrombin, 500 IU/ml
- Calcium Chloride Dihydrate, 40 µmol/ml
The excipients are Human Albumin, Sodium Chloride and Water for Injections.

What TISSEEL looks like and the contents of the pack
Both components of TISSEEL Sealer Protein Solution and Thrombin Solution are filled in single-use double-chamber syringes made of polypropylene. Both components are colourless or pale yellow.

Each pack of TISSEEL contains
- One pre-filled double-chamber syringe with Sealer Protein Solution (with aprotinin), deep-frozen, in one chamber; and Thrombin Solution (with calcium chloride dihydrate), deep frozen, in the other chamber.
- One set of sterile accessory devices (device with 2 joining pieces and 4 application cannulas).

TISSEEL is available in the following pack sizes:
- TISSEEL 2 ml (containing 1 ml of Sealer Protein Solution and 1 ml of Thrombin Solution)
- TISSEEL 4 ml (containing 2 ml of Sealer Protein Solution and 2 ml of Thrombin Solution)
- TISSEEL 10 ml (containing 5 ml of Sealer Protein Solution and 5 ml of Thrombin Solution)

TISSEEL is available in pack sizes of 2 ml, 4 ml and 10 ml
Not all pack sizes may be marketed.

Marketing Authorisation Holder and Manufacturer
Marketing Authorisation Holder:
- Baxter Healthcare
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- UK

Manufacturer
- Baxter AG
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- Austria

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The following information is intended for medical or healthcare professionals only:

Instructions for use and handling and disposal

General
Before administering TISSEEL, take care that parts of the body outside the intended application area are adequately covered, so that the medicine does not adhere to tissue at undesired sites.

For surgical procedures that require minimal volumes of fibrin sealant, do not use the first few drops of Tisseel Ready to use. In order to ensure complete blending of the sealer protein component and the thrombin component, express the first few drops of the product from the application cannula immediately before use and dispose of them.

To prevent TISSEEL from adhering to gloves and instruments, wet these with saline before contact.

Some solutions that contain alcohol, iodine or certain types of metals (these are normally found in disinfectants or antiseptics) may reduce the ability of TISSEEL to work normally. These substances should be removed, as far as possible, before TISSEEL is applied.

The guideline for sealing surfaces is: One package of TISSEEL 2 ml (i.e., 1 ml sealer protein solution plus 1 ml thrombin solution) is sufficient for a surface of at least 10 cm².

The dose depends on the size of the surface to be sealed.

Do NOT apply the two components of TISSEEL separately. Both components must be applied together.

Do NOT expose TISSEEL to temperatures above 37°C. Do NOT microwave.

Do NOT thaw the product by holding it in your hands.

Do NOT use TISSEEL until it is completely thawed and warmed to 33°C - 37°C.

Remove the protective cap of the syringe only when thawing and warming is complete. To facilitate removal of the tip cap from the syringe, rock the tip cap by moving it backward and forward, then pull the protective cap off the syringe.

Expel all air from the syringe then attach the joining piece and application cannula.

It is strongly recommended that every time you receive a dose of TISSEEL, the name and batch number of the product are recorded. This maintains a record of the batches used.
Handling and Preparation
The pre-filled double-chamber syringe is packed and hermetically sealed in two sterilized plastic bags under aseptic conditions. The inner bag and its contents are sterile unless the integrity of the outside package is compromised.

Using sterile technique, transfer the sterile inner pouch and contents onto the sterile field.

Tisseel in the PRIMA syringe may be thawed AND warmed using one of the following methods:
1. Rapid thawing/warming (sterile water bath) - **Recommended method**
2. Thawing/warming in a non-sterile water bath
3. Thawing/warming in an incubator
4. The ready-to-use syringe may also be thawed and kept at room temperature (not above 25°C) for up to 72 hours. Warming is required prior to use.

1) Rapid thawing/warming (sterile water bath) - **Recommended method**
It is recommended to thaw and warm the two sealant components using a sterile water bath at a temperature of 33 - 37°C.
- The water bath must not exceed a temperature of 37°C. In order to monitor the specified temperature range, control the water temperature using a thermometer and change the water as necessary.
- When using a sterile water bath for thawing and warming, remove the pre-filled syringe from the bags before placing it in the sterile water bath.

**Instructions:**
Bring the inner bag into the sterile area, remove the ready-to-use syringe from the inner bag and place it directly in the sterile water bath. Ensure that the content of the ready-to-use syringe is completely immersed in the water.

**Table 1 - PRIMA Syringe: Minimum thawing and warming times using a sterile water bath**

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<th>Minimum Thawing/Warming Times 33°C to 37°C, Sterile Water Bath Product without bags</th>
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<td>2 ml</td>
<td>5 minutes</td>
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<td>4 ml</td>
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<td>10 ml</td>
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2) Thawing/warming in a non-sterile water bath

**Instructions:**
Leave the ready-to-use syringe inside both bags and place it in a water bath outside the sterile area for the appropriate length of time (see Table 2). Ensure that the bags remain immersed in the water during the entire thawing time. After thawing, remove the bags from the water bath, dry the outer bag and bring the inner bag with the ready-to-use syringe and the plunger into the sterile area.

**Table 2 - PRIMA Syringe: Minimum thawing and warming times using a non-sterile water bath**

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<td>2 ml</td>
<td>15 minutes</td>
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<td>4 ml</td>
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<td>10 ml</td>
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3) Thawing/warming in an incubator

**Instructions:**
Leave the ready-to-use syringe inside both bags and place it in an incubator outside the sterile area for the appropriate length of time (see Table 3). After thawing/warming, remove the bags from the incubator, remove the outer bag and bring the inner bag with the ready-to-use syringe into the sterile area.

**Table 3 - PRIMA Syringe: Minimum thawing and warming times in an incubator**

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<th>Pack Size</th>
<th>Minimum Thawing/Warming Times 33°C to 37°C, Incubator Product in bags</th>
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<td>2 ml</td>
<td>40 minutes</td>
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<td>4 ml</td>
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<td>10 ml</td>
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4) Thawing at room temperature (not above 25°C) BEFORE warming

**Instructions:**
Leave the ready-to-use syringe inside both bags and thaw it at room temperature outside the sterile area for the appropriate length of time (see Table 4). Once thawed, in order to warm the product for use, warm it in the outer bag in an incubator.
Table 4 - PRIMA Syringe: Minimum thawing times at room temperature outside of the sterile field and additional warming times in an incubator to 33°C to 37°C

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<th>Pack Size</th>
<th>Minimum thawing times of product at room temperature (not above 25°C) product in bags</th>
<th>Warming times prior to use to 33°C to a maximum of 37°C in the incubator after thawing at RT product in bags</th>
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<td>2 ml</td>
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<td>4 ml</td>
<td>90 minutes + 13 minutes</td>
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<td>10 ml</td>
<td>160 minutes + 25 minutes</td>
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After thawing at room temperature, the product must be used within 72 hours of removing from the freezer.

**Stability after thawing**

After thawing and warming (at temperatures between 33°C and 37°C, methods 1, 2 and 3), chemical and physical product stability has been demonstrated for 12 hours at 33°C to 37°C.

For product thawed at room temperature in the unopened bag (method 4), chemical and physical product stability has been demonstrated for 72 hours at temperatures no more than 25°C. Warm to 33°C to 37°C immediately before use.

From a microbiological point of view, unless the method of opening/thawing precludes the risks of microbial contamination, the product should be used immediately after being warmed to 33°C to 37°C.

If not used immediately, in-use storage times and conditions are the responsibility of the user.

Do not re-freeze or refrigerate once thawing has been initiated.

**Administration**

To achieve optimal blending of the two solutions and optimal solidification of the fibrin sealant, maintain the two sealant components at 33°C - 37°C until application. The Sealer Protein and the Thrombin Solutions should be clear or slightly opalescent. Do not use solutions that are cloudy or have deposits. Before use, check the thawed product visually for particles, discoloration or other changes in its appearance. If one of the above occurs, dispose of the solutions.

The thawed sealer protein solution should be liquid but slightly viscous. If the solution has the consistency of a solidified gel, it must be assumed to have become denatured (possibly due to an interruption of the cold storage chain or by overheating during warming). In this case, do NOT use TISSEEL on any account.

- Remove the syringe from the bags shortly before use.
- Use TISSEEL only when it is thawed and warmed completely (liquid consistency).
- Remove the protective cap from the syringe immediately before application.

To facilitate removal of the tip cap from the syringe, rock the tip cap by moving it backward and forward, then pull the protective cap off the syringe.

For application of TISSEEL use the pre-filled double-chamber syringe with the accessory devices provided with the product.

**Operating Instructions**

For application, connect the double-chamber syringe with the Sealer Protein Solution and the Thrombin Solution to a joining piece and an application needle as provided in the accompanying set of devices. The common plunger of the double-chamber syringe ensures that the equal volumes are fed through the joining piece before being mixed in the application needle and ejected.

- Expel all air from the syringe prior to attaching any application device.
- Connect the double-chamber syringe nozzles to the joining piece and secure it by fastening the tether strap to the double-chamber syringe. If the pull strap tears, use the spare joining piece. If none is available, further use is still possible but check that the connection is tight, to prevent any risk of leaking.
- Fit an application cannula onto the joining piece.
- Do not expel the air remaining inside the joining piece or application needle until you start actual application, as otherwise the aperture of the needle may clog.
- Apply the mixed Fibrin Sealer Protein - Thrombin Solution onto the recipient surface or surfaces of the parts to be sealed.
- When Tisseel is used for mesh fixation it may be applied as drops and/or by a spray technique depending on the preference of the surgeon. Usually drops of Tisseel are applied where surgeons routinely position staples and the layer of fibrin sealant achieved with spraying allows the entire mesh to be fixed in place without shrinking and folding.
• If application of the fibrin sealant components is interrupted, clogging occurs immediately in the needle. Only replace the application needle with a new one only immediately before application is resumed. If the apertures of the joining piece are clogged, use the spare joining piece provided in the package.

**Note:** After mixing of the sealant components, the fibrin sealant starts to set within seconds, because of the high Thrombin concentration (500 IU/ml). Application is also possible with other accessories supplied by BAXTER that are particularly suited for, e.g., endoscopic use, minimally invasive surgery, application to large or difficult-to-access areas. When using these application devices, strictly follow the Instructions for Use of the devices.

After the two components have been applied, position the wound areas. Fix or hold the glued parts with continuous gentle pressure in the desired position for about 3–5 minutes to ensure that the setting fibrin sealant adheres firmly to the surrounding tissue.

In certain applications biocompatible material, such as collagen fleece, is used as a carrier substance or for reinforcement.

**Disposal**

Any unused product or waste material should be disposed of in accordance with local requirements.

When applying TISSEEL using a spray device be sure to use a pressure and a distance from the tissue within the range recommended by the manufacturer as follows:

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<th>Surgery</th>
<th>Spray set to be used</th>
<th>Applicator tips to be used</th>
<th>Pressure regulator to be used</th>
<th>Recommended distance from target tissue</th>
<th>Recommended spray pressure</th>
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<td>Open wound</td>
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<td>n.a.</td>
<td>EasySpray</td>
<td>10-15cm</td>
<td>1.5-2.0 bar (21.5-28.5 psi)</td>
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<td>n.a.</td>
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**When spraying the TISSEEL**, changes in blood pressure, pulse, oxygen saturation and end tidal CO₂ should be monitored because of the possibility of occurrence of air or gas embolism (see section 2).