## FOOTNOTES for Core77 2021 Awards Entry for ECHELON ENDOPATH™ Staple Line Reinforcement (SLR)

1. Based on coverage after manipulation assessment on porcine tissue.

2. Ethicon ECHELON ENDOPATH<sup>™</sup> Staple Line Reinforcement. Value Analysis Summary. 2020. pg. 5. Publication 133989-200304.

3. Ethicon ECHELON ENDOPATH<sup>™</sup> Staple Line Reinforcement. Value Analysis Summary. 2020. pg. 6. Publication 133989-200304.

4. ECHELON ENDOPATH<sup>™</sup> Staple Line Reinforcement vs. GORE<sup>®</sup> SEAMGUARD<sup>®</sup> Staple Line Reinforcement. Hemostasis: evaluated via gross observations of firings requiring intervention in 1.38mm to 2.32mm thick porcine ileum and jejunum tissues, evaluated via a 5-point Likert scale resulting in statistically no difference in Likert scores. Material: based on average total surface area measurements (26.79cm2 vs. 49.21cm2).

5. In a tissue test ECHELON ENDOPATH<sup>™</sup> Reinforcement covered all staple legs in (40/40) applications compared to GORE<sup>™</sup> SEAMGUARD<sup>™</sup> (11/40), p<0.05.

6. https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC6996221/.

7. Ethicon ECHELON ENDOPATH<sup>™</sup> Staple Line Reinforcement. Value Analysis Summary. 2020. pg. 8. Publication 133989-200304.

8. Comparison of average buttress thickness for ECHELON ENDOPATH<sup>™</sup> Staple Line Reinforcement (0.1631 mm) vs GORE<sup>®</sup> SEAMGUARD<sup>®</sup> Staple Line Reinforcement (0.1937 mm), p<0.01.

9. ECHELON ENDOPATH<sup>™</sup> Staple Line Reinforcement essentially absorbed at 17 weeks based on histologic preclinical testing. GORE<sup>®</sup> SEAMGUARD<sup>®</sup> Staple Line Reinforcement absorbed between 25-30 weeks and Endo GIA<sup>™</sup> Reinforced Reload with Tri-Staple<sup>™</sup> Technology absorbed at 15 weeks per IFUs.

10. In a tissue test ECHELON ENDOPATH<sup>™</sup> Staple Line Reinforcement fully covered staple legs in (15/15) applications compared to Endo GIA<sup>™</sup> Reinforced Reload with Tri-Staple<sup>™</sup> Technology (0/15), p<0.05).

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17. Assumes 6 buttressed firings per case with an average of 63 seconds time savings per firing. OR cost per minute of \$31.24 determined in Brian P. Chen, Jeffrey W. Clymer, Adrian P. Turner & Nicole Ferko (2019): Global hospital and operative costs associated with various ventral cavity procedures: a comprehensive literature review and analysis across regions, Journal of Medical Economics, DOI:10.1080/13696998.2019.1661680.)