

VANDERBILT HEART AND VASCULAR INSTITUTE STUDY WITH THE TYRX™ ABSORBABLE AND NON-ABSORBABLE ANTIBACTERIAL ENVELOPES

High-Risk Patients with the TYRX Antibacterial Envelopes Experienced Fewer Cardiac Implantable Electronic Device (CIED) Infections Versus Patients Without These Envelopes^{1,2}

DESIGN

A retrospective, matched-cohort study was performed to compare the incidence of CIED Infection in patients receiving a CIED with or without the TYRX Absorbable Antibacterial Envelope or the TYRX Non-Absorbable Antibacterial Envelope.^{1,2}

METHODS

Surgical procedures, medications, and patient characteristics significantly increase the risk of CIED-related Infection.^{1,2}

- The following risk factors were used to identify patients at high-risk for CIED Infection: generator change or device/lead revision; early pocket re-entry < 72 hours; renal insufficiency (serum creatinine ≥ 1.5 mg/dL); diabetes mellitus; systemic anticoagulation with heparin, warfarin or novel oral anticoagulants; chronic corticosteroid use; the presence of ≥ 3 leads (cardiac resynchronization or abandoned leads); prior CIED Infection; fever ($\geq 100.5^\circ$ F) or leukocytosis ($\geq 11,000$ WBCs/ μ L) at time of implantation; and pacemaker dependence.^{1,2}
- Patients with ≥ 2 risk factors received either the TYRX Absorbable Antibacterial Envelope, the TYRX Non-Absorbable Antibacterial Envelope, or no TYRX Envelope in the control group.^{1,2}

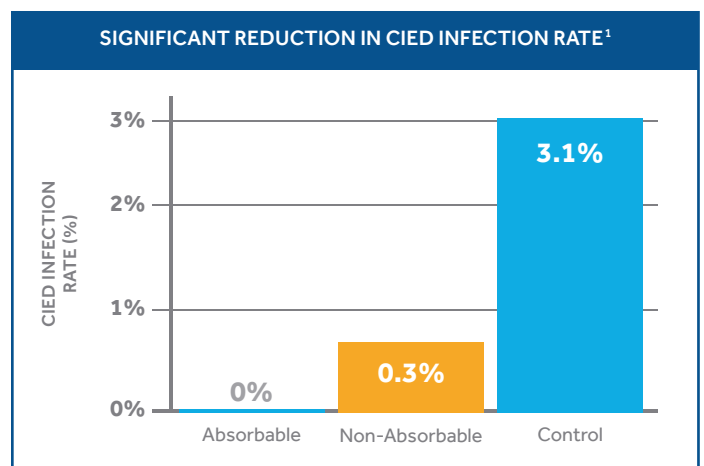
A total of 488 TYRX Absorbable and Non-Absorbable Antibacterial Envelopes were implanted from November 1, 2009 to June 30, 2014.^{1,2}

- The incidence of CIED Infection in 488 TYRX Envelope recipients (135 receiving the Absorbable Envelope, 353 receiving the Non-Absorbable Envelope) was compared to 638 controls.^{1,2}
- While the incidence of individual risk factors differed between the groups, the mean (standard deviation) number of risk factors was equivalent among the groups: 3.1 (1.4) for the Absorbable Envelope, 3.2 (1.3) for the Non-Absorbable Envelope, and 3.1 (1.3) for the control group, $p=0.30$.^{1,2}

RESULTS

After a minimum of 90 days post-implantation, the incidence of CIED Infection was significantly lower in the groups that received either the TYRX Absorbable or TYRX Non-Absorbable Envelope, compared to the control group:^{1,2}

- 0 (0%) infection in the TYRX Absorbable Antibacterial Envelope group ($p=1$)
- 1 (0.3%) infection in the TYRX Non-Absorbable Antibacterial Envelope group ($p=0.03$)
- 20 (3.1%) infections in the control group ($p=0.002$)



The results were adjusted using Propensity Score Matching (PSM) to control for risk factors as a confounding factor.

- **All TYRX Envelope recipients vs. control:** In a PSM cohort of 334 TYRX Antibacterial Envelope recipients (either Absorbable or Non-Absorbable) and 334 controls, the incidence of CIED Infection was 0 (0%) and 11 (3.3%) respectively, $p=0.001$.^{1,2}
- **TYRX Absorbable Envelope recipients vs. control:** In a PSM cohort of 125 TYRX Absorbable Envelope recipients and 125 controls, the incidence of CIED Infection was 0 (0%) and 6 (4.8%) respectively, $p=0.03$.²

CONCLUSIONS

There was a 90% to 100% reduction in CIED Infection in high-risk patients who received either the TYRX Absorbable Antibacterial Envelope or the TYRX Non-Absorbable Antibacterial Envelope compared to those who did not. Using PSM to control for risk factors, there was a 100% reduction in CIED Infection.^{1,2}

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