
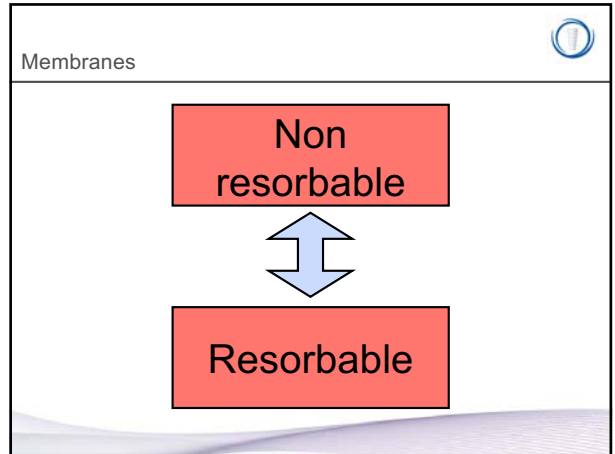


# GBR membranes



**IMPLANTOLOGY YEAR COURSE**  
Module 3

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## Membranes

**Requirements:**

- Occlude cells
- Biocompatible
- Good handling properties
- Low complication rate
- Tissue integration

## Membranes - cell occlusion

**Cell occlusion:**

Exclude connective tissue cell invasion but still allow nutrient transfer.

Studies have shown that macroporous membranes have lower complication rate than totally occlusive barrier membranes

## Membranes - biocompatibility

**In general:**

Inert materials less of an issue than degradable materials

## Membranes - biocompatibility

**Degradable materials:**

The material, the intermediate breakdown products and the final breakdown products all need to be taken into account

Membranes - tissue integration

**Tissue integration:**  
 Non-porous, non textured materials result in fibrous tissue capsulation - no tissue attachment  
 Materials which integrate with tissues allow the tissues to improve mechanical stability of membrane

# Non-resorbable membranes


Non-resorbable membranes ePTFA

**PTFE** - polytetrafluoroethene (Teflon)



PTFE (Teflon) – Roy Plunckett 1938

**1938** – working on refrigeration gases (CFCs)



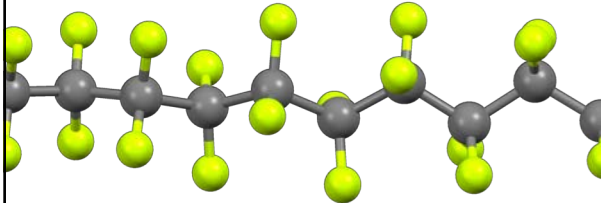
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PTFE (Teflon) – Manhattan Project




PTFE (Teflon) – Fishing Tackle



Non-resorbable membranes ePTFA

**Tefal**




- Extremely strong bonds C-F
- No known enzyme can cleave C-F bond
- Allows material to be biologically inert

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Non-resorbable membranes ePTFA

**ePTFE** - expanded polytetrafluoroethylene



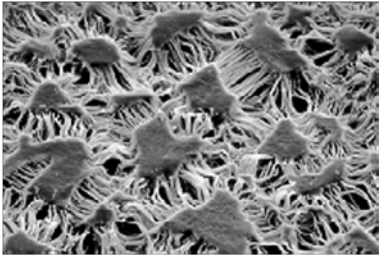
- William Gore - chemist
- Until 1957 worked for DuPont!
- Started a company in his basement in 1958, making PTFE insulated computer cabling.

Non-resorbable membranes - ePTFA




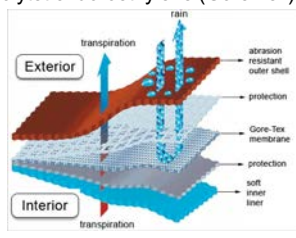
I decided to give one of these rods a huge stretch, fast, a jerk... and it stretched 1000%

Non-resorbable membranes - ePTFA



Non-resorbable membranes ePTFA


**ePTFE** - expanded polytetrafluoroethylene (Gore-Tex)

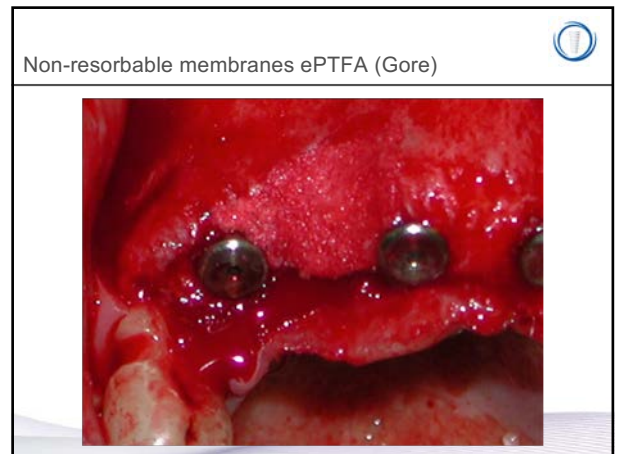
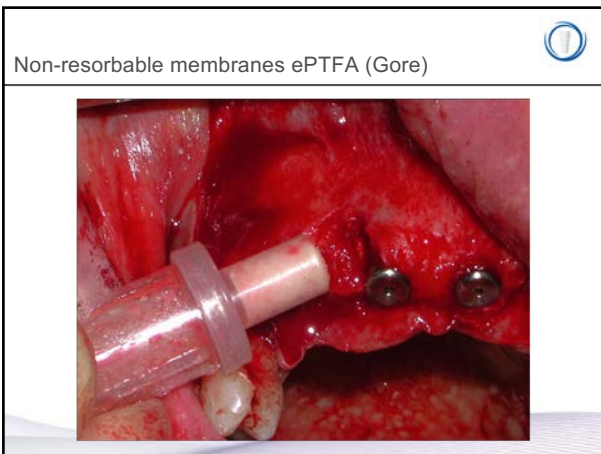
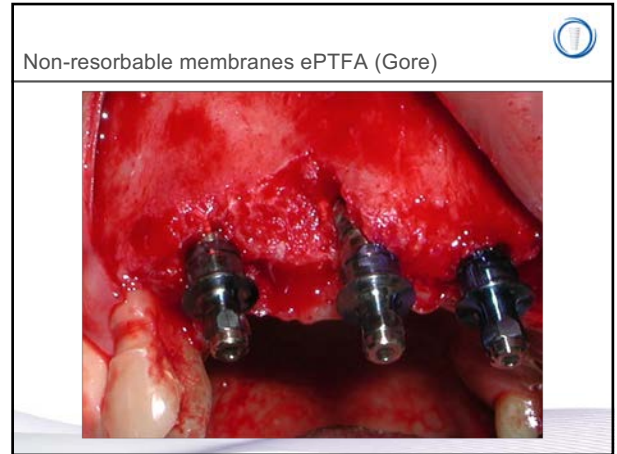
Allows passage of gases & vapour but not liquids

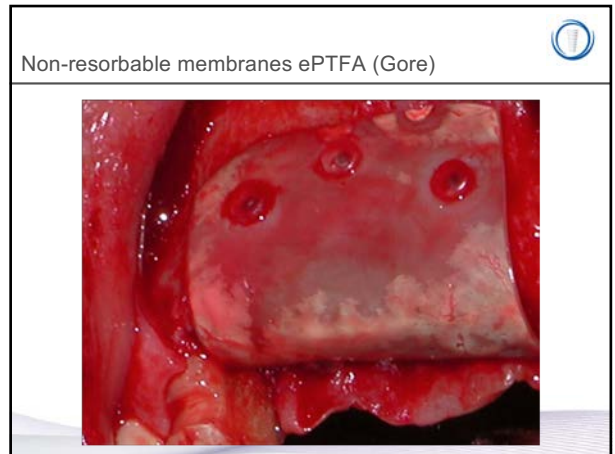
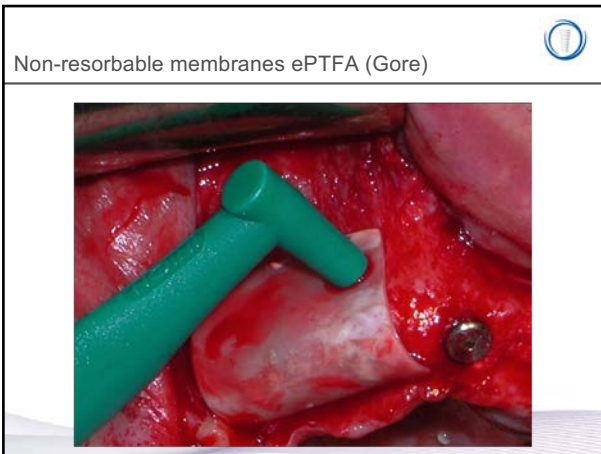
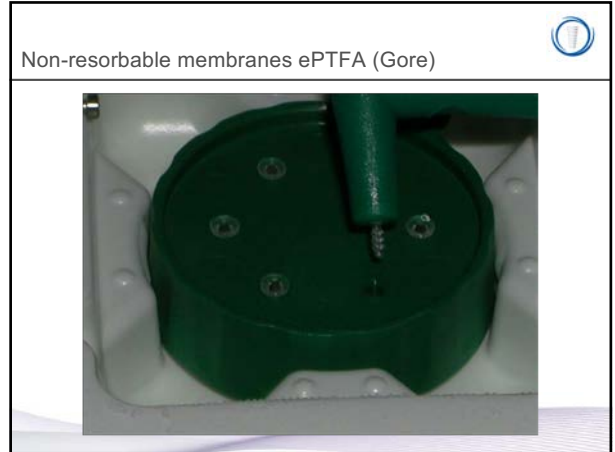
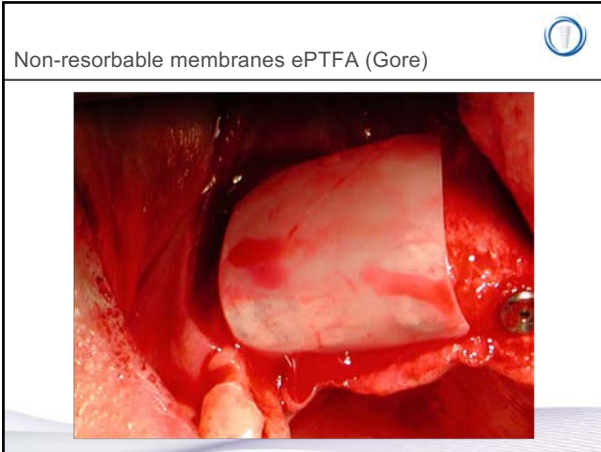


Non-resorbable membranes ePTFA (Gore)



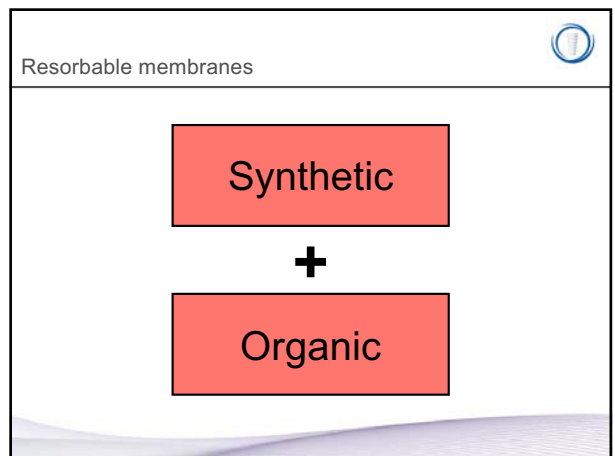
- Used in perio & oral surgery 1980s - early 1990s
- Wound dehiscences common
- Infections common
- Hydrophobic - difficult to handle
- Needed pins & tacks
- No tissue integration
- Second surgery to remove





Resorbable membranes

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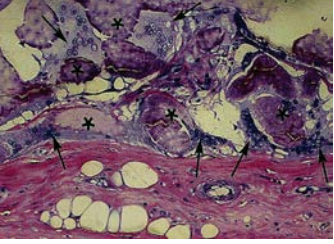
Resorbable membranes - synthetic

**Polymers** - PGA (polyglycolides)/PLA (polyactides)

- Synthetic - unlimited availability
- Fully degrade (Krebs cycle) to water & CO<sub>2</sub>
- Associated with foreign body reactions
- Associated with inflammatory responses

Resorbable membranes - synthetic

**Polymers** - PGA (polyglycolides)/PLA (polyactides)




Large multinucleated giant cells (arrowed)

Resorbable membranes - organic

**Collagen** - non cross linked/cross linked

- Type I or Type I & III
- Porcine dermis, equine, bovine dermis/tendon
- Bioresorbable
- Haemostatic
- Hydrophilic - handling properties
- Enzymic degradation by macrophages/PML



Resorbable membranes - organic

**Collagen** - Geistlich Bio-Gide



Resorbable membranes - organic

**Collagen** - Creos




Resorbable membranes - organic

**Collagen**

- Complete degradation 6 - 16 weeks
- Good nutrient permeability
- Low incidence of dehiscences/infections
- Resorbs quickly if exposed (soft tissues heal fast)
- Bilayer design

Resorbable membranes - organic


**Collagen** - double layer technique



For increased support in larger defects

Resorbable membranes - organic

**Collagen** - can be secured with resorbable tacks



For increased support in larger defects


Resorbable membranes - organic

**Collagen** - cross-linked

- Prolongs barrier function times (>12 weeks)
- Prolongs degradation
- Decreases nutrient permeability
- Increased incidence soft tissue dehiscences
- Associated with infections and severe inflammatory responses

Resorbable membranes - organic

**Collagen** - cross-linked showing dehiscence (canine)



- Resists bacterial enzymtic degradation
- Becomes infiltrated with bacteria and colonised

Conclusion – collagen membranes

**Advised collagen membranes:**

- Non cross-linked collagen material of choice
- Good handling characteristics
- Hydrophilic
- Stick to bone well (often no need to tack)
- Low risk of post operative complications
- Eliminates need for second surgery
- Can use double layer technique

**New Developments**

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Resorbable membranes - organic

**PRF** - Platelet Rich Fibrin



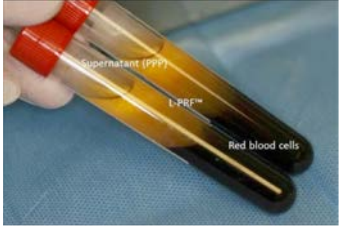
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**THE END**

