Suture Size

**Smallest**

10-0 Typically used in the most delicate surgeries. Common in both Ophthalmic (eye)
9-0 surgery and for repairing small damaged nerves often due to lacerations in the
8-0 hand.

7-0 Used for repairing small vessels and arteries or for delicate facial plastic surgery.
6-0 Common for use in vascular graft sewing such a carotid endarterectomy.

5-0 Used for larger vessel repair such as an Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm or
4-0 skin closure.

3-0 Skin closure when there is a lot of tension on the tissue, closure of muscle layers
2-0 or repair of bowel in general surgery.

0 For closing of the fascia layer in abdominal surgery, the joint capsule in knee and
1 hip surgery or deep layers in back surgery.

2 For repair of tendons or other high tension structures in large orthopedic
5 surgeries.

**Largest**

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