



#### **TECHNOLOGY OVERVIEW**

# **Transforming trauma with** polymer composites

- PEEK-OPTIMA Natural reinforced with continuous carbon fibers
- Provides strength and fatigue resistance<sup>1</sup> demanded by high-load implant applications







**Tailored Stiffness** 

Carbon Fiber & PEEK-OPTIMA Polymer

PEEK-OPTIMA Ultra-Reinforced Tape

# **Benefits of Carbon Fiber PEEK** compared to metal

- Modulus similar to bone
- Tailored stiffness<sup>1</sup>
- Greater material fatigue life<sup>1</sup>
- ▶ Radiolucency and artifact-free imaging<sup>2</sup>
- Reduced tissue adhesion without bone ongrowth<sup>3</sup>
- ▶ No cold welding reported³

#### PRE-CLINICAL EVIDENCE

#### Potential to enhance healing

Complications related to non-unions, delayed unions and implant failures continue to be a challenge, 4 especially in high risk patient populations<sup>5-7</sup>

### Compared to metal plates PEEK-**OPTIMA Ultra-Reinforced provides:**

- > 360° fracture visibility<sup>2</sup> Radiolucency offers circumferential visibility of the fracture site during and after the procedure
- Callus formation observed by radiograph in ovine healing study8



PEEK-OPTIMA **Ultra-Reinforced Tibia Nail** 

**Metallic Tibia** Nail

- Earlier and greater callus formation8
  - May improve secondary bone healing
- Greater material fatigue life<sup>1</sup>

May provide an increased window of opportunity for healing to occur before fatique-induced implant failure could occur

RESISTANCE

**FORMATION** 

#### **CLINICAL EVIDENCE**

## Clinical history demonstrated with:

- Devices receiving:
  - FDA 510(k) clearance
  - CE mark approval
  - ANVISA and TFDA approval
- Growing number of peer-reviewed publications

Outcome	PEEK-OPTIMA Ultra-Reinforced Plates	S. Metallic Plates
Better union rate <sup>9</sup>	100%	75%
Fewer hardware failures <sup>9</sup>	0%	8%
Better reduction - Joint line restored <sup>10</sup>	98%	95%
Quicker Procedures <sup>2</sup>	18% reduction in operative time	

# **Potential** advantages in orthopedic oncology

- Compared to metal, Carbon Fiber PEEK devices have been demonstrated to:
  - Improve accuracy of radiotherapy dosing<sup>11</sup>
  - Reduce MRI and CT artifact12





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