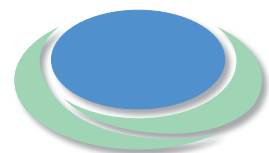
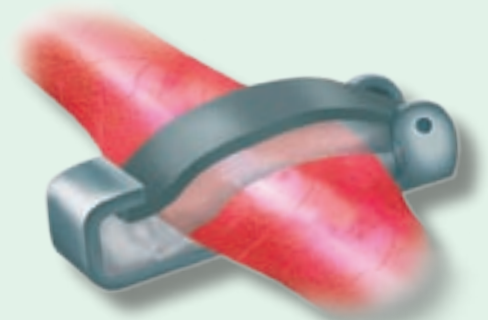


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The **Filshie Clip System** is recognised around the world as the number one choice for female sterilisation. The system is a market leader in many countries, accounting for 82%<sup>1</sup> of sterilisations performed in England and 85%<sup>2</sup> in Canada.

The **Filshie Clip System** consistently outperforms alternative methods in both efficacy and reliability and is described by **Canadian gynaecologist Dr Jacques Rioux** as:

**“...the easiest and most efficacious method of female sterilisation”<sup>2</sup>**

Gynaecologists around the world have come to rely on the **Filshie Clip System** for three simple reasons:

### 1. Favourable failure rates

The Crest 10-years follow-up study<sup>3</sup> indicates the following sterilisation failure rates for comparative methods:

	Patients	Failure Rate
Method	(No)	(%)
Bi-Polar	2,267	2.48
Yoon Ring	3,329	1.77
Hulka Clip	1,595	3.65

(Note: the Filshie Clip was not available in the US when the CREST Study was carried out) Source: Penfield<sup>4</sup>

The **Filshie Clip System procedure has demonstrated a failure rate of just 0.27%<sup>5</sup>** (2.7 per 1000) and significantly less when applied by experienced clinicians, a figure supported by the successful application of over 4 million pairs of Clips worldwide.

Long-term follow-up studies of the **Filshie Clip System** confirm these enviably low failure rates:

Investigator	Patients (No.)	Follow up (Yr's)	Failures (No.)	Failure Rate (%)
Filshie	434	6-15	1	0.23
Heslip	467	10	1	0.21
Yupze (Rioux et al)	497	10	0	0
Puraviappan et al	796	7	3	0.37

Source: Penfield<sup>4</sup>

The Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists recommend laparoscopic mechanical occlusion with Filshie Clips as the preferred method of choice for female sterilisation<sup>6</sup>.

### 2. Reduced risk of ectopic failure

Failure of mechanical methods of sterilisation typically result in a 4%<sup>7</sup> risk of ectopic pregnancy, compared to a 50-60%<sup>7</sup> risk for bipolar and a 50%<sup>8</sup> risk for other long-term methods of birth control such as some of the newer IUD's.

### 3. Higher reversal rates

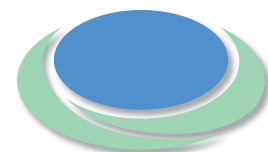
Because the Filshie Clip damages just 4mm of the Fallopian tube, reversal by reanastomosis is simplified and success rates enviably high. In a study of 130 reversals carried out, a **90% uterine pregnancy rate** was recorded.<sup>2</sup>

**If you are searching for the most simple, safe and effective method of tubal occlusion, contact Femcare-Nikomed or your local distributor for more information about the Filshie Clip System.**

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