Claims

1. A surgical sponge including:

   multiple plies of gauze having one or more open sides; and

   stitches being made with one or more contrasting threads and adapted to fasten or close the open sides;

   wherein the contrasting threads are made with one or more non-absorbing materials in a soft or subdued fluoro colour.

2. The surgical sponge of claim 1, wherein the threads are in contrast to the gauze in terms of one or more of the following: colour, physical composition and structure.

3. The surgical sponge of either claim 1 or 2, wherein the gauze is white in colour.

4. The surgical sponge of any one of the preceding claims, wherein the one or more contrasting threads are selected from one or a combination of the following: fluoro-lime, fluoro-green or fluoro-yellow.

5. The surgical sponge of any one of the preceding claims, which is five-ply or six-ply.

6. The surgical sponge of claim 5, which, in the case of being five-ply, includes a sheet of cotton gauze folded in half to form top and bottom plies and three intermediate plies made out of non-woven viscose and/or polyester.

7. The surgical sponge of claim 5, which, in the case of being six-ply, includes six plies of cotton gauze.

8. The surgical sponge of any one of claims 5 to 7, which is partially formed by a sheet of cotton gauze being divided into three equal portions which are folded onto one another.

9. The surgical sponge of any one of claims 5 to 8, wherein each ply is rectangular or square in shape.

10. The surgical sponge of any one of claims 5 to 9, wherein the plies of the sponge are sewn together by the one or more threads creating stitches along and around the open sides.

11. The surgical sponge of claim 10, wherein further stitches are provided diagonally across the surface of the sponge.