

[*Based on evaluable patients with no further surgical intervention. Loffer FD, Grainger D. Five year follow up of patients participating in a randomized trial of uterine balloon therapy versus rollerball ablation for treatment of menorrhagia. J Am Assoc Gynecol Laparosc. 2002; 9 (4): 429-435.]

In addition, clinical studies show that 78% of women evaluated three years after treatment with the original device are free from significant menstrual pain and cramping.

Approximately 20 percent of the 600,000 hysterectomies performed annually in the United States treat menorrhagia. The GYNECARE THERMACHOICE system, which has been used to treat more than 250,000 women worldwide, offers a less invasive option that allows women to preserve their uterus. It is used in a simple outpatient procedure that can be completed in under 30 minutes. Compared with hysteroscopic procedures, uterine balloon therapy is much simpler for a physician to perform.

During the procedure using the GYNECARE THERMACHOICE device, a balloon catheter is inserted into the uterus and inflated with a small amount of sterile fluid that is heated for eight minutes to break down the uterine lining. When the treatment cycle is completed, all the fluid is withdrawn from the balloon and the catheter is removed. Nothing stays in the uterus. The uterine lining has been treated and will slough off like a period in the next seven to 10 days. Women typically return to their normal activity the day after treatment.

GYNECARE THERMACHOICE is not recommended for women who still want to have children. Rare but possible safety risks include blood loss, burn of internal organs, perforation (hole) or rupture of the wall of the uterus, and leakage of heated fluid from the balloon or tissue into the cervix.



ETHICON Women's Health & Urology, a division of JOHNSON & JOHNSON MEDICAL LIMITED, is a global health care company dedicated to advancing healthcare for women worldwide. The company offers less-invasive options for the treatment of menorrhagia (excessive menstrual bleeding), fibroids, pelvic adhesions, and female urinary incontinence.

Visit www.womenshealthsolutions.co.uk to learn more

* trademark of ETHICON, INC.