

*(Vinylite
(See Polyethylene-
Surgical)*

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Dr. Robert Alan Franklyn
7851 Sunset Boulevard
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Dear Dr. Franklyn:

Your letter of June thirtieth to our Bakelite Company has been referred to me for answering. We do not have or manufacture a silicone sheeting, and we do not know of a nontoxic vinyl film as far as implantation in human tissue is concerned.

We would refer you to Dr. B. S. Oppenheimer's most recent article, "Further Studies of Polymers as Carcinogenic Agents in Animals," which appeared in CANCER RESEARCH, Volume 15, pages 333-40, June, 1955. We have followed Dr. Oppenheimer's work quite carefully and, therefore, question the safety of implanting such films in humans.

Very truly yours,

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