






Table 1**Characteristics of Knitted, Braided, and Twisted Cord¹⁰**

TYPE OF CORD	RECOMMENDED PACKING INSTRUMENT	COMMENTS
Knitted	Nonserrated (smooth) 	Easy to place, expands when wet. Knitted weave minimizes unraveling after cutting and during cord placement.
Braided	 Serrated or nonserrated 	Tight and consistent weave, easy to place. Some brands may have a modified weave for less memory and more precise placement with less tissue damage, more absorbency.
Twisted	 Serrated or nonserrated 	Twisted cords can be hand-twisted before placement, allows the cord to be tighter when placed in the sulcus; as the cord untwists within the sulcus it expands to create improved access.