Suprachoroidal Cyclosporine Implants for Equine Recurrent Uveitis (ERU) FAQ

How are the implants initially sterilized and can they be re-sterilized? Implants are gamma sterilized, however, they cannot be steam or gas re-sterilized.

What is the shelf life of the implants? Two years from the date of sterilization listed on the label. The implants are good as long as the pouch is intact.

How should the implants be stored? Store the implants at room temperature in a dark location with no direct light.

Are there any special surgical handling techniques for the implants? The implants become very slippery when wet, so be careful when handling them during surgery. We recommend having more on hand in case an implant is dropped or becomes non-sterile in the course of surgery.

If a new implant is required, should the old one be removed? No. Leave the original implant and choose an adjacent area for the new implant.

How long does medication delivery last? Approximately 48 months.

Is there a rejection rate associated with the implants? The implants and materials are generally very well tolerated and biocompatible, so “rejection” of the implants or a reaction to the materials are very uncommon.

How are the implants placed? The implants are generally placed while the horse is anesthetized. Most of the cost of the procedure is associated with the cost of anesthesia and related care.