

# Icodextrin

Icodextrin (INN, USAN) is a [colloid](#) osmotic agent, derived from maltodextrin, used in form of an aqueous solution for peritoneal dialysis under the trade name Extraneal, and after gynecological laparoscopic surgery for the reduction of post-surgical adhesions (fibrous bands that form between tissues and organs) under the trade name Adept.

The intraabdominal instillation of icodextrin, can decrease the rate of [shunt dysfunction](#) in a [ventriculoperitoneal shunt](#) by preventing formation of intraperitoneal fibrosis in a rat model <sup>1)</sup>.

see [Sclerosing encapsulating peritonitis](#).

<sup>1)</sup>

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