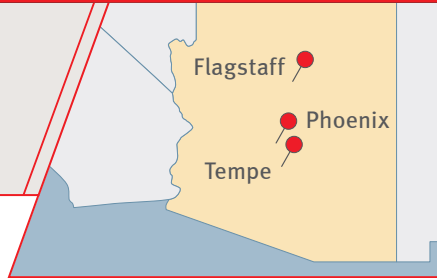


W. L. GORE & ASSOCIATES IN ARIZONA

MORE THAN 50 YEARS IN THE COMMUNITY



In Arizona, there are approximately:

2,800 Associates

30% of the Gore Global Workforce



1967

Arizona presence established to serve the region's wire and cable markets for computers, aerospace, and defense.



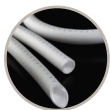
1969

Cable used in the seismographic equipment during the Apollo 11 moon landing was manufactured in Flagstaff.



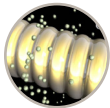
1972-76

Wire and cable in the Pioneer 10 spacecraft and Viking I Mars lander was made in Flagstaff.



1975

Gore's first medical product, a vascular graft, entered the market.



1995-97

Development and commercialization of Elixir® Strings, the world's # 1 selling acoustic guitar strings.



Today

Our Arizona operations are fully devoted to our Medical Products Division. We make vascular grafts, endovascular and interventional devices, and surgical meshes used by healthcare professionals to improve the lives of patients worldwide.

IMPROVING THE LIVES OF PATIENTS WORLDWIDE

INNOVATIVE MEDICAL SOLUTIONS

More than 40 million medical devices implanted worldwide

Known for our innovation and distinctive team culture, we work together with healthcare professionals to solve some of the most complex medical challenges with minimally invasive products for a wide range of patients.

Devices made in Arizona include products such as:



GORE® VIABAHN® Endoprosthesis

for treatment of peripheral artery disease.



GORE® CARDIOFORM Septal Occluder

for treatment of certain types of heart defects.



GORE® TAG® Thoracic Endoprosthesis

for treatment of certain thoracic aortic diseases.



GORE® EXCLUDER® AAA Endoprosthesis

for treatment of certain abdominal aortic diseases.



IMPROVING LIVES IN OUR COMMUNITIES

United Way

Gore is a significant contributor to the United Way of Arizona, giving an average of \$800,000 annually with Associate contributions and matching funds.

Volunteer Time

All Associates are eligible for up to 8 hours of paid time off to volunteer and can apply annually for up to \$500 in grant money for a non-profit organization of their choice.

Flagstaff Festival of Science

The event's mission is to connect and inspire the citizens of Northern Arizona, particularly youth, with the wonders of science and the joy of scientific discovery. Gore has sponsored and supported the festival since its inception in 1989.