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ENGLISH **IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON THE SP-FLEX™ INTERSPINOUS STABILIZATION SYSTEM**

DESCRIPTION SP-FLEX™ InterSpinous Stabilization System is a posterior, interspinous stabilization device that fits between the spinous processes of the lumbar/lumbar (L1-S1) spine. SP-FLEX™ is a sutureless spacer designed to help decompress the spine segment while aiding in stabilization of the segment. The SP-FLEX™ implant consists of a polycarbonate urethane (PCU) core with two polyethylene terephthalate (PET) bands, and two commercially pure titanium (ASTM F67) crimpes. The core also has titanium alloy (ASTM F295 or ASTM F190) or tantalum (ASTM F560) markers for radiographic visualization. The implant is provided sterile and must be implanted in a sterile environment. The sutures are pre-sterilized and must be cut before being crimped, the needles are detached and are not intended to be implanted.

INDICATIONS SP-FLEX™ InterSpinous Stabilization System is a posterior, interspinous stabilization device that fits between the spinous processes of the lumbar/lumbar (L1-S1) spine. SP-FLEX™ is a sutureless spacer designed to help decompress the spine segment while aiding in stabilization of the segment. The core also has titanium alloy (ASTM F295 or ASTM F190) or tantalum (ASTM F560) markers for radiographic visualization. The implant is provided sterile and must be implanted in a sterile environment. The sutures are pre-sterilized and must be cut before being crimped, the needles are detached and are not intended to be implanted.

WARNINGS One of the potential risks identified with this system is death. Other potential risks which may require additional surgery, include:

- injury to nerves, vessels, and organs;
- adhesion or tissue reaction to implant materials;
- hematoma and impaired wound healing;
- migration or loosening of the device;
- infection or tissue reaction to the device;
- heterotopic ossification and fusion;
- venous thrombosis, lung embolism; and
- other complications.

This warning does not include all adverse effects which could occur with surgery in general, but are important considerations particular to this device. The surgeon should be aware of the following conditions:

The implants are provided sterile and for single use only. Surgical implants must never be reused. An explanted implant must never be reimplanted. Even though the device appears undamaged, it may have small defects and internal stress patterns which may not be visible to the naked eye.

Adverse events related to the patient, Mental or physical impairment which comprises a patient's ability to comply with necessary limitations or precautions may place that patient at a particular risk during postoperative rehabilitation.

For optimal implant performance, the surgeon should consider the levels of implantation, patient weight, patient activity level, other patient conditions, etc., which may impact on the performance of this system.

MR SAFETY INFORMATION

SP-FLEX™ InterSpinous Stabilization System is MR Conditional. A patient with this device can be safely scanned in an MR system meeting the following conditions:

- Static magnetic field of 1.5 Tesla and 3.0 Tesla only
- Maximum spatial field gradient of 3.000 gauss/cm (30 T/m) or less
- Maximum MR system reported, whole body averaged specific absorption rate (SAR) of 2 W/kg (Normal Operating Mode)
- Quadrature Body Coil only

Under the scan conditions defined above, the SP-FLEX™ InterSpinous Stabilization System is expected to produce a maximum temperature rise of less than or equal to 3.5°C after 15 minutes of continuous scanning.

The image artifact is not expected to extend beyond 55mm from the device when imaged with a gradient echo pulse sequence on a 3.0 Tesla MR system.

CONTRAINDICATIONS Use of the SP-FLEX™ InterSpinous Stabilization System is contraindicated in patients with the following conditions:

1. Active systemic infection, infection localized to the site of the proposed implantation, or when the patient has demonstrated alergic/foreign body sensitivity to any of the implant materials.

2. Severe osteoporosis, which may prevent adequate fixation.

3. Conditions that may place excessive stresses on bone and implants, such as severe obesity or degenerative diseases, and relative contraindications.

4. Patients whose activity, mental capacity, mental illness, alcohol abuse, drug abuse, or lifestyle may interfere with their ability to follow postoperative restrictions and who may place undue stresses on the implant during healing and recovery.

5. Any condition described in the indications for use.

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