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DESCRIPTION

The AUTOBAHN™ Nailing System is a family of intramedullary nails and screws designed to be used for internal bone fixation. The implants are available in various lengths and diameters to accommodate a wide range of patient anatomy. The nails are secured with locking screws and all devices are manufactured from medical grade titanium alloy, cobalt chromium molybdenum alloy, or titanium molybdenum alloy, and may include radiolucent PEEK polymer inserts.

INDICATIONS

The AUTOBAHN™ Tibial Nail is indicated for stabilization of fractures in skeletally mature patients, specifically fractures of the proximal and distal tibia and the tibial shaft, open and closed tibial shaft fractures, certain pre- and postisthmus fractures, non-unions, malunions, pseudarthrosis, corrective osteotomies, prophylactic nailing of impending pathological fractures, tumor resections, simple long bone fractures, severely comminuted, spiral, large oblique and segmental fractures, polytrauma and multiple fractures, reconstruction, following tumor resection and grafting, supracondylar fractures, and bone lengthening and shortening.

The AUTOBAHN™ Trochanteric Nail is indicated for treatment of fractures in adults and adolescents (12-21 years of age) in which the growth plates have fused for the following indications: basal neck fractures, fixation of stable and unstable intertrochanteric, pertrochanteric, and subtrochanteric fractures, pathologic fractures (including prophylactic use) in both trochanteric and diaphyseal regions, combinations of pertrochanteric, intertrochanteric, basal neck fractures, long subtrochanteric fractures, tumor resections, fractures resulting from trauma, nonunions, malunions, and revision procedures.

AUTOBAHN™ Antegrade/Retrograde Femoral Nails are indicated for long bone fracture fixation in skeletally mature patients, specifically femoral fracture fixation, which may include the following: open and closed femoral fractures, pseudarthrosis and correction osteotomy, pathologic fractures, impending pathologic fractures, tumor resections, supracondylar fractures, including those with intra-articular extension, ipsilateral hip/shaft fractures, ipsilateral femur/tibia fractures, fractures proximal to a total knee arthroplasty, fractures distal to hip joint, nonunions and malunions, poly trauma patients, fractures in the morbidly obese, fractures involving osteopenic and osteoporotic bone, compound and simple shaft fractures, proximal, metaphyseal, and distal shaft fractures, segmental fractures, closed supracondylar fractures, fractures involving femoral condyles, comminuted fractures, fractures with bone loss, and periprosthetic fractures.

WARNINGS

The correct implant selection is extremely important. Failure to use the appropriate implant for the fracture condition may accelerate clinical failure. Failure to use the proper component to maintain adequate blood supply and provide rigid fixation may result in loosening, bending, cracking or fracture of the implant and/or bone. The correct implant size for a given patient can be determined by evaluating the patient's height, weight, functional demands and anatomy. Every implant must be used in the correct anatomic location, consistent with accepted standards of internal fixation.

PRECAUTIONS

The implantation of intramedullary nail devices should be performed only by experienced surgeons with specific training in the use of this system because this is a technically demanding procedure presenting a risk of serious injury to the patient. Preoperative planning and patient anatomy should be considered when selecting implant size.

Surgical implants must never be reused. An explanted implant must never be re-implanted. Even though the device appears undamaged, it may have small defects and internal stress patterns which could lead to breakage. AUTOBAHN™ Nails have not been evaluated for safety and compatibility in the MR environment. AUTOBAHN™ Nails have not been tested for heating or migration in the MR environment.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Use of these implants is contraindicated in patients with the following conditions:

- Any active or suspended latent infection or marked local inflammation, or when the patient has demonstrated allergy or foreign body sensitivity to any of the implant materials.
- Compromised vascularity that would inhibit adequate blood supply to the fracture or the operative site.
- Bone stock compromised by disease, infection or prior implantation that cannot provide adequate support and/or fixation of the devices.
- A medullary canal obliterated by a previous fracture or tumor.
- Skeletally immature patients.
- Material sensitivity, documented or suspected.
- Obesity. An overweight or obese patient can produce loads on the implant that can lead to failure of the device itself.
- Patients having inadequate tissue coverage over the operative site.
- Any mental or neuromuscular disorder which would create an unacceptable risk of fixation failure or complications in postoperative care.
- Other medical or surgical conditions which would preclude the potential benefit of surgery.

CAUTIONS

Pre-operative

- These implants are single use only.
- Implants that came in contact with body fluids should never be reused.
- Ensure that all components needed for surgery are available in the surgical suite.
- Inspection is recommended prior to surgery to determine if implants have been damaged during storage.
- While rare, intra-operative fracture or breakage of instruments can occur. Instruments which have experienced excessive use or excessive force are susceptible to fracture. Instruments should be examined for wear or damage prior to surgery.

Intra-operative

- Avoid surface damage of implants.
- Discard all damaged or mishandled implants
- Contouring or bending of an implant should be avoided where possible, because it may reduce its fatigue strength and can cause failure under load.
- Implants are available in different versions, varying for example in length, diameter, material and number of drilled holes. Select the required version carefully.
- During the course of the operation, repeatedly check to ensure that the connection between the implant and the instrument, or between the instruments, is secure.
- Implants which consist of several components must only be used in the prescribed combination (refer to the AUTOBAHN™ Surgical Technique Guides).
- After the procedure check the proper positioning of all implants using the image intensifier.
- Do not use components from this system in conjunction with components from any other manufacturer's system unless otherwise specified (refer to the AUTOBAHN™ Surgical Technique Guides).

Post-operative

- Post-operative patient activity: These implants are neither intended to carry the full load of the patient acutely, nor intended to carry a significant portion of the load for extended periods of time. For this reason post-operative instructions and warnings to patients are extremely important. External immobilization (e.g. bracing or casting) may be employed until X-rays or other procedures confirm adequate bone consolidation.
- The injured limb should be kept elevated.
- For stable fractures that are locked statically or dynamically, full weight bearing walking may be started immediately.
- In the event of a delay in bone consolidation, or if such consolidation does not take place, or if explantation is not carried out, complications may occur, for example fracture or loosening of the implant or instability of the implant system. Regular post-operative examinations (e.g., X-ray checks) are advisable.
- Patients that are obese and/or cannot follow the recommendations of the physician because of any mental or neuromuscular disorder must have additional post-operative follow-up.
- Implant removal should be followed by adequate postoperative management to avoid fracture or refracture of the bone.

Informing the Patient

The implant affects the patient's ability to carry loads and her/his mobility and general living circumstances. The surgeon must counsel each patient individually on correct behavior and activity after the implantation.

The surgeon must warn patient that the device cannot and does not replicate a normally healthy bone, that the device can break or become damaged as a result of strenuous activity, trauma, mal-union or non-union and that the device has a finite expected service life and may need to be removed at some time in the future.

ADVERSE EFFECTS

In many instances, adverse results may be clinically related rather than device related. The following are the most frequent adverse effects involving the use of internal fracture fixation devices:

- Delayed union or non-union of the fracture site.
- These devices can break when subjected to the increased loading associated with delayed unions and/or non-unions. Internal fixation devices are load sharing devices which are intended to hold fracture bone surface in a position to facilitate healing. If healing is delayed or does not occur, the appliance may eventually break due to metal fatigue. Loads on the device produced by load bearing and the patient's activity level will dictate the longevity of the device.
- Conditions attributable to non-union, osteoporosis, osteomalicia, diabetes, inhibited revascularization and poor bone formation can cause loosening, bending, cracking, fracture of the device or premature loss of rigid fixation with the bone.
- Improper alignment can cause a malunion of the bone and/or bending, cracking or even breakage of the device.
- Increased fibrous tissue response around the fracture site due to unstable comminuted fractures.
- Early or late infection, deep or superficial.
- Deep venous thrombosis.
- Avascular necrosis.
- Shortening of the effected bone/fracture site.
- Subclinical nerve damage may possibly occur as a result of the surgical trauma.
- Material sensitivity reactions in patients following surgical implantation have rarely been reported, however their significance awaits further clinical evaluation.
- Fat embolism or adult respiratory distress from reaming the medullary canal.

PACKAGING

These implants and instruments may be supplied pre-packaged and sterile, using gamma irradiation. The integrity of the sterile packaging should be checked to ensure that sterility of the contents is not compromised. Packaging should be carefully checked for completeness and all components should be carefully checked to ensure that there is no damage prior to use. Damaged packages or products should not be used, and should be returned to Globus Medical. During surgery, after the correct size has been determined, remove the products from the packaging using aseptic technique.

These implants and instruments may also be provided nonsterile are steam sterilized prior to use, as described in the STERILIZATION section below. Following use or exposure to soil, instruments and instrument trays and cases must be cleaned, as described in the CLEANING section below.

HANDLING

All instruments and implants should be treated with care. Improper use or handling may lead to damage and/or possible malfunction. Instruments should be checked to ensure that they are in working order prior to surgery.

Implants and sterile-packed instruments are single use devices and should not be cleaned. Re-cleaning of single use implants might lead to mechanical failure and/or material degradation. Discard any implants that may have been accidentally contaminated.

CLEANING

Instruments should be cleaned separately from instrument trays and cases. Lids should be removed from cases for the cleaning process, if applicable. All instruments that can be disassembled must be disassembled for cleaning. All handles must be detached. Instruments may be reassembled following sterilization. The products should be cleaned using neutral cleaners before sterilization and introduction into a sterile surgical field or (if applicable) return of the product to Globus Medical.

Cleaning and disinfecting can be performed with aldehyde-free solvents at higher temperatures. Cleaning and decontamination must include the use of neutral cleaners followed by a deionized water rinse. Note: certain cleaning solutions such as those containing formalin, glutaraldehyde, bleach and/or other alkaline cleaners may damage some devices, particularly instruments; these solutions should not be used.

The following cleaning methods should be observed when cleaning instruments and instrument trays and cases after use or exposure to soil, and prior to sterilization:

1. Immediately following use, ensure that the instruments are wiped down to remove all visible soil and kept from drying by submerging or covering with a wet towel.
2. Disassemble all instruments that can be disassembled.
3. Rinse the instruments under running tap water to remove all visible soil. Flush the lumens a minimum of 3 times, until the lumens flush clean.
4. Prepare Enzo[®] (or a similar enzymatic detergent) per manufacturer's recommendations.
5. Immerse the instruments in the detergent and allow them to soak for a minimum of 2 minutes.
6. Use a soft bristled brush to thoroughly clean the instruments. Use a pipe cleaner for any lumens. Pay close attention to hard to reach areas.
7. Using a sterile syringe, draw up the enzymatic detergent solution. Flush any lumens and hard to reach areas until no soil is seen exiting the area.
8. Remove the instruments from the detergent and rinse them in running warm tap water.
9. Prepare Enzo[®] (or a similar enzymatic detergent) per manufacturer's recommendations in an ultrasonic cleaner.
10. Completely immerse the instruments in the ultrasonic cleaner and ensure detergent is in lumens by flushing the lumens. Sonicate for a minimum of 3 minutes.
11. Remove the instruments from the detergent and rinse them in running deionized water or reverse osmosis water for a minimum of 2 minutes.
12. Dry instruments using a clean soft cloth and filtered pressurized air.
13. Visually inspect each instrument for visible soil. If visible soil is present, then repeat cleaning process starting with Step 3.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Globus Medical may be contacted at 1-866-GLOBUS1 (456-2871). A surgical technique manual may be obtained by contacting Globus Medical.

STERILIZATION

These implants and instruments may be available sterile or nonsterile.

Sterile implants are sterilized by gamma radiation, validated to ensure a Sterility Assurance Level (SAL) of 10⁻⁶. Sterile products are packaged in a heat sealed tray. The expiration date is provided on the package label. These products are considered sterile unless the packaging has been opened or damaged. Sterile implants meet pyrogen limit specifications.

Nonsterile implants and instruments have been validated following ISO 17665-1:2006 Sterilization of health care products – Moist heat to ensure an SAL of 10⁻⁶. The use of a wrap is recommended, per the Association for the Advancement of Medical Instrumentation (AAMI) ST79, *Comprehensive Guide to Steam Sterilization and Sterility Assurance in Health Care Facilities*. It is the end user's responsibility to use only sterilizers and accessories (such as sterilization wraps, sterilization pouches, chemical indicators, biological indicators, and sterilization cassettes) that are designed for the selected sterilization cycle specifications (time and temperature).

When using a rigid sterilization container, the following must be taken into consideration for proper sterilization of Globus Medical devices and loaded graphic cases:

- Recommended sterilization parameters are listed in the table below.
- Only rigid sterilization containers for use with pre-vacuum steam sterilization may be used.
- When selecting a rigid sterilization container, it must have a minimum filter area of 176 in² total, or a minimum of four (4) 7.5in diameter filters.
- No more than one (1) loaded graphic case or its contents can be placed directly into a rigid sterilization container.
- Stand-alone modules/racks or single devices must be placed, without stacking, in a container basket to ensure optimal ventilation.
- The rigid sterilization container manufacturer's instructions for use are to be followed; if questions arise, contact the manufacturer of the specific container for guidance.
- Refer to AAMI ST79 for additional information concerning the use of rigid sterilization containers.

For implants and instruments provided NONSTERILE, sterilization is recommended (wrapped or containerized) as follows:

Method	Cycle Type	Temperature	Exposure Time	Drying Time
Steam	Pre-vacuum	132°C (270°F)	4 minutes	30 minutes

These parameters are validated to sterilize only this device. If other products are added to the sterilizer, the recommended parameters are not valid and new cycle parameters must be established by the user. The sterilizer must be properly installed, maintained, and calibrated. Ongoing testing must be performed to confirm inactivation of all forms of viable microorganisms.