
Instructions for Use Connecting Rods

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Please read these instructions for use, the Synthes brochure "Important Information" and the corresponding surgical techniques carefully before use. Ensure that you are familiar with the appropriate surgical technique.

Material

Material:	Standard:
TAN (Ti-6Al-7Nb)	ISO 5832-11
Commercially Pure Titanium (CPTi)	ISO 5832-2
CoCrMo (Co-28Cr-6Mo)	ISO 5832-12

Intended use

Connecting Rods are intended to facilitate the connection of qualified posterior spinal stabilization systems together.

Note: For use of the Connecting Rods in conjunction with the qualified posterior spinal stabilization systems, please refer to the corresponding system's directions for specific information on its compatibility, use, precautions, warnings and side effects.

Indications

For use in conjunction with the qualified posterior spinal stabilization systems, please refer to the corresponding indications and contraindications.

Potential adverse events

As with all major surgical procedures, risks, side effects and adverse events can occur. While many possible reactions may occur, some of the most common may include:

Problems resulting from anesthesia and patient positioning (e.g. nausea, vomiting, dental injuries, neurological impairments, etc.), thrombosis, embolism, infection, excessive bleeding, iatrogenic neural and vascular injury, damage to soft tissues incl. swelling, abnormal scar formation, functional impairment of the musculoskeletal system, Complex regional pain syndrome (CRPS), allergy/hypersensitivity reactions, side effects associated with implant or hardware prominence, malunion, non-union, ongoing pain; damage to adjacent bones (e.g. subsidence), disc (e.g. adjacent level degeneration), or soft tissue, dural tear or spinal fluid leak; spinal cord compression and/ or contusion, partial displacement of the graft, vertebral angulation.


Sterile device

STERILE R Sterilized using irradiation

Store implants in their original protective packaging, and do not remove them from the packaging until immediately before use.

Prior to use, check the product expiration date and verify the integrity of the sterile packaging. Do not use if the package is damaged.

Single-use device

 Do not re-use

Products intended for single-use must not be re-used.

Re-use or reprocessing (e.g. cleaning and resterilization) may compromise the structural integrity of the device and/or lead to device failure, which may result in patient injury, illness or death.

Furthermore, re-use or reprocessing of single-use devices may create a risk of contamination e.g. due to the transmission of infectious material from one patient to another. This could result in injury or death of the patient or user.

Contaminated implants must not be reprocessed. Any Synthes implant that has been contaminated by blood, tissue, and/or bodily fluids/matter should never be used again and should be handled according to hospital protocol. Even though they may appear undamaged, the implants may have small defects and internal stress patterns that may cause material fatigue.

Precautions

The general risks associated with surgery are not described in these instructions for use. For more information, please refer to the Synthes brochure "Important Information".

The Connecting Rods are an addition to the qualified posterior spinal stabilization systems below. Be aware that you need both, the implants and instruments of all qualified posterior spinal stabilization systems that will be used to perform the procedure.

Indicated Posterior Spinal Stabilization Systems Rod Diameter

- Synthes Posterior Spinal Stabilization Systems \varnothing 3.5/ \varnothing 4.0/ \varnothing 5.0/ \varnothing 5.5/ \varnothing 6.0 mm
- DePuy EXPEDIUM Spine System \varnothing 5.5 mm

Ensure the matching Connecting Rod diameters are used with the corresponding posterior spinal stabilization system.

Cobalt chrome (Co-Cr-Mo) Connecting Rods are not intended to connect to the DePuy EXPEDIUM Spine System.

Warnings

It is strongly advised that the Connecting Rods are implanted only by operating surgeons who are familiar with the general problems of spinal surgery and who are able to master the product-specific surgical techniques. Implantation is to take place with the instructions for the recommended surgical procedure. The surgeon is responsible for ensuring that the operation is carried out properly.

The manufacturer is not responsible for any complications arising from incorrect diagnosis, choice of incorrect implant, incorrectly combined implant components and/or operating techniques, the limitations of treatment methods, or inadequate asepsis.

Combination of medical devices

Synthes has not tested compatibility with devices provided by other manufacturers and assumes no liability in such instances.

For use of the Connecting Rods in conjunction with the DePuy EXPEDIUM Spine system, please refer to the corresponding system's directions for specific information.

Magnetic Resonance environment

MR Conditional:

Non-clinical testing of the worst-case scenario has demonstrated that a Connecting Rod construct with Synthes Posterior Spinal Stabilization Systems is MR conditional. These articles can be scanned safely under the following conditions:

- Static magnetic field of 1.5 Tesla and 3.0 Tesla.
- Spatial gradient field of 300 mT/cm (3000 Gauss/cm).
- Maximum whole body averaged specific absorption rate (SAR) of 1.5 W/kg for 15 minutes of scanning.

Based on non-clinical testing, a Connecting Rod construct with Synthes Posterior Spinal Stabilization Systems will produce a temperature rise not greater than 5.7°C at a maximum whole body averaged specific absorption rate (SAR) of 1.5 W/kg, as assessed by calorimetry for 15 minutes of MR scanning in a 1.5 Tesla and 3.0 Tesla MR scanner.

MR Imaging quality may be compromised if the area of interest is in the exact same area or relatively close to the position of the implant.

For information on the use of a Connecting Rod construct with DePuy EXPEDIUM Spine system in a MR environment, please refer to the DePuy EXPEDIUM Spine system directions for specific information.

Treatment before device is used

Synthes products supplied in a non-sterile condition must be cleaned and steam-sterilized prior to surgical use. Prior to cleaning, remove all original packaging. Prior to steam-sterilization, place the product in an approved wrap or container. Follow the cleaning and sterilization instruction given by the Synthes brochure "Important Information".

Processing/reprocessing of the device

Detailed instructions for processing implants and reprocessing reusable devices, instrument trays and cases are described in the Synthes brochure "Important Information". Assembly and disassembly instructions of instruments "Dismantling Multipart Instruments" can be downloaded from:
<http://emea.depuyssynthes.com/hcp/reprocessing-care-maintenance>



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