

## SureMAX™ Family of Cervical Spacers

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5. Known or suspected metal sensitivity.
6. Endocrine or metabolic disorders known to affect osteogenesis (e.g., Paget's disease, renal osteodystrophy, hypothyroidism).
7. Significant mental disorder or condition that could compromise the patient's ability to remember and comply with preoperative and postoperative instructions.
8. Neuromuscular disorder that would engender unacceptable risk of instability, implant fixation failure, or complications in postoperative care. Neuromuscular disorders include spina bifida, cerebral palsy, and multiple sclerosis.
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### Preoperative:

1. Only patients that meet the criteria as described in the indications should be selected.
2. When using the SureMAX™ Family of Cervical Spacers, the physician/surgeon should consider the levels of implantation, patient weight, patient activity level, other patient conditions, etc., which may adversely impact on the performance of this system.
3. Safety and effectiveness has not been established in patients with the following conditions: morbid obesity; symptomatic cardiac disease; pregnancy; signs of local inflammation; fever or leukocytosis; metal sensitivity/allergy to the implants materials; any medical or surgical condition which would preclude the potential benefit of spinal implant surgery, such as the elevation of sedimentation rate unexplained by other diseases, elevation of white blood count (WBC), or a marked left shift in the WBC differential count; grossly distorted anatomy due to congenital abnormalities; osteopenia, and/or osteoporosis (osteoporosis is a relative contraindication since this condition may limit the obtainable correction, the amount of mechanical fixation, and/or the quality of the bone graft); long term systemic corticosteroid use; active drug abuse; any case requiring the mixing of metals from different components; any patient having inadequate tissue coverage over the operative site or where there is inadequate bone stock, bone quality, or anatomical definition; any patient unwilling to cooperate with the postoperative instructions; or any time implant utilization would interfere with anatomical structures or expected physiological performance. Patient conditions and/or predispositions such as these should be avoided. Other conditions may exist where safety and effectiveness have not been established.
4. Care should be used in handling and storage of the implants and instruments. The implants should not be scratched or otherwise damaged. Implants and instruments should be protected during storage especially from corrosive environments.

Instrumentation should be routinely inspected; if they exhibit wear, damage, corrosion, or discoloration they should be returned to Additive Implants for further evaluation.

5. The type of construct to be assembled for the case should be determined prior to beginning the surgery.
6. The surgeon should be familiar with the various components before using the equipment and should personally assemble the implants to verify that all parts and necessary instruments are present before the surgery begins.
7. Proper implant selection and patient compliance to postoperative precautions will greatly affect surgical outcomes. Patients who smoke have been shown to have an increased incidence of nonunion. Therefore, these patients should be advised of this fact and warned of the potential consequences. Postoperative care is important. The surgeon should provide postoperative care and management instructions to the patient. The patient should be instructed that non-compliance with post-operative instructions may lead to compromised results including implant failure. The patient must be informed that, as with any spine surgery, multiple complications may develop.
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4. Bone graft must be placed in the device and the graft must be in contact with viable bone in order to achieve arthrodesis.
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- Step 5:** Load instruments into mesh wire basket and place into a mechanical washer for cleaning.
- Step 6:** Upon removal from the mechanical washer, inspect all instruments for functionality and that all markings are legible. Nonfunctional instruments and instruments with illegible markings should not be used in surgery. Please return them to Additive Implants for replacement.
- Step 7:** Load instrumentation into the supplied instrument tray/cadies. Place the loaded instrument tray into a steam sterilizer using the cycle times listed below.

**Sterilization**

The following recommended sterilization cycle has been validated to an SAL of 10<sup>-6</sup>. The use of an FDA cleared sterilization wrap is recommended.

Cycle	Temperature	Exposure Time	Dry Time
Steam Pre-vacuum	270°F(132°C)	4 Minutes	30 minutes

**WARNINGS**

- Surgery is not always successful. Preoperative symptoms may not be relieved or may worsen. Surgical knowledge of the procedure and the device are important, as is patient selection. Patient compliance is also important. Tobacco and or alcohol abuse may lead to unsuccessful results.
- Implants are single use only and should not be reused. Once a device has been implanted, it must never be reused. Reuse of a single use device that has come in contact with blood, bone, tissue or other body fluids may lead to patient or user injury. Possible risks associated with reuse of a single use device include, but are not limited to, mechanical failure and transmission of infectious agents.
- Appropriate endplate preparation and device selection is needed to obtain proper fit.
- Delayed healing can lead to fracture of the implants due to increased stress and material fatigue. Patients must be fully informed of all the risks associated with the implant and the importance of following postoperative instructions regarding weight bearing and activity levels to facilitate proper bone healing.
- The implant must be handled carefully, following the manufacturer's instructions, to prevent damage to the implant.
- Implants must not be modified or otherwise processed in any way.
- Care must be taken to avoid using dissimilar metals, in contact with one another, as corrosion may occur. Additional fixation instrumentation that is used to stabilize the affected level must be made of compatible materials, such as Titanium or Titanium alloy. Corrosion may accelerate metal fatigue and lead to failure of the implant.
- This surgical procedure requires the use of supplemental fixation systems to stabilize the fusion site.

**PRECAUTIONS**

- The implantation of an intervertebral body fusion device should be performed only by experienced spinal surgeons with specific training in the use of this device because this is a technically demanding procedure presenting a risk of serious injury to the patient.
- Based on the fatigue testing results, the physician/surgeon should consider the level of implantation, patient weight, patient activity level, other patient conditions, etc. which may impact on the performance of the system.
- The surgeon must have a thorough knowledge of the mechanical and material limitations of surgical implants made of Titanium Alloy and be thoroughly familiar with the surgical technique for implanting the SureMAX™ Family of Cervical Spacers for the given Indications for Use.
- The surgeon should be familiar with the various devices and instruments and verify that all are available before beginning the surgery. Additionally, the packaging and implant should be inspected for damage prior to implantation.
- In the event that removal of the implant is considered (e.g. due to loosening, fracture, migration of the implant; infection; increased pain, etc.), the risks versus benefits must be carefully weighed. Such events can occur even after healing, especially in more active patients. Appropriate postoperative care must be given following implant removal to avoid further complication.
- The surgeon must be thoroughly familiar with the options for supplemental internal fixation systems and the associated surgical techniques.
- Implants must be fully seated within the inserter prior to use. Care must be taken not to over-tighten the implant-inserter assembly. Additionally, care must be taken not to manipulate the inserter implant interface in a way not recommended by the surgical technique.
- The surgeon must ensure that the implant is properly seated prior to closing of the soft tissue.
- Extreme caution must be used around the spinal cord, nerve roots and blood vessels.

**SYMBOL DESCRIPTION:**

Reference number and symbol	Reference title	Description of symbol per Standard <sup>1</sup>
	Manufactured for	Indicates the medical device manufacturer, as defined in EU Directives 90/385/EEC, 93/42/EEC and 98/79/EC.
	Use-by date	Indicates the date after which the medical device is not to be used.
	Batch code	Indicates the manufacturer's batch code so that the batch or lot can be identified.
	Catalogue number	Indicates the manufacturer's catalogue number so that the medical device can be identified.
	Sterilized using irradiation	Indicates a medical device that has been sterilized using irradiation.
	Do not use if package is damaged	Indicates a medical device that should not be used if the package has been damaged or opened.
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	Consult Instructions for use	Indicates the need for the user to consult the instructions for use.

	Caution	Indicates the need for the user to consult the instructions for use for important cautionary information such as warnings and precautions that cannot, for a variety of reasons, be presented on the medical device itself.
	Prescription Only	CAUTION: Federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician. (21 CFR Part 801.109(b)(1))
<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise indicated, reference numbers and descriptions from ISO 15223-1:2016, <i>Medical Devices – Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied.</i>		

Some parts in the SureMAX™ product family are protected by US Patent No. 10,299,938 and other pending patents.

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- The surgeon should be familiar with the various devices and instruments and verify that all are available before beginning the surgery. Additionally, the packaging and implant should be inspected for damage prior to implantation.
- In the event that removal of the implant is considered (e.g. due to loosening, fracture, migration of the implant; infection; increased pain, etc.), the risks versus benefits must be carefully weighed. Such events can occur even after healing, especially in more active patients. Appropriate postoperative care must be given following implant removal to avoid further complication.
- The surgeon must be thoroughly familiar with the options for supplemental internal fixation systems and the associated surgical techniques.
- Implants must be fully seated within the inserter prior to use. Care must be taken not to over-tighten the implant-inserter assembly. Additionally, care must be taken not to manipulate the inserter implant interface in a way not recommended by the surgical technique.
- The surgeon must ensure that the implant is properly seated prior to closing of the soft tissue.
- Extreme caution must be used around the spinal cord, nerve roots and blood vessels.

**SYMBOL DESCRIPTION:**

Reference number and symbol	Reference title	Description of symbol per Standard <sup>1</sup>
	Manufactured for	Indicates the medical device manufacturer, as defined in EU Directives 90/385/EEC, 93/42/EEC and 98/79/EC.
	Use-by date	Indicates the date after which the medical device is not to be used.
	Batch code	Indicates the manufacturer's batch code so that the batch or lot can be identified.
	Catalogue number	Indicates the manufacturer's catalogue number so that the medical device can be identified.
	Sterilized using irradiation	Indicates a medical device that has been sterilized using irradiation.
	Do not use if package is damaged	Indicates a medical device that should not be used if the package has been damaged or opened.
	Do not re-use	Indicates a medical device that is intended for one use, or for use on a single patient during a single procedure.
	Consult Instructions for use	Indicates the need for the user to consult the instructions for use.

5.4.4 	Caution	Indicates the need for the user to consult the instructions for use for important cautionary information such as warnings and precautions that cannot, for a variety of reasons, be presented on the medical device itself.
	Prescription Only	CAUTION: Federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician. (21 CFR Part 801.109(b)(1))
<sup>1</sup> Unless otherwise indicated, reference numbers and descriptions from ISO 15223-1:2016, <i>Medical Devices – Symbols to be used with medical device labels, labelling and information to be supplied</i> .		

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