DualCompression Hindfoot Fusion Nail Implant System

Patient Information Leaflet

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The medical significance of our contributions serves as our primary benchmark of success and will continue into the future as the legacy of Arthrex.

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Anatomy and General Information

The ankle joint hindfoot is very complex and involves 2 bones and more than 1 joint. These bones are the talus (ankle bone), and the calcaneus (heel bone). The joint movement is referred to as the subtalar joint. There are numerous muscles, ligaments, and tendons, which also comprise the hindfoot, and help to provide stability and movement.

This leaflet contains information about your DualCompression hindfoot nail implant. It may not contain all the information related to your specific procedure and if you have any questions, talk to your healthcare provider. All implants have risks and benefits. Follow your healthcare team's advice even if it differs from what is contained within this leaflet. Please read this leaflet carefully and refer to it in the future if needed.

The name and number of your nail implant can be found on your implant card. If a healthcare professional asks about your implant, please show them your implant card.

Device Description

The DualCompression hindfoot fusion nail implant system is comprised of the DualCompression hindfoot nail, interlocking screw, cable, and an end cap.

The DualCompression hindfoot fusion nail implant system is designed to aid in the fusion of the ankle and subtalar joints for tibiotalocalcaneal arthrodesis and exhibits super-elastic.

The DualCompression hindfoot nail is available in 10.5, 11.5 and 12.5 mm diameters and provided in lengths of 180, 210, 240, and 300 mm.

The interlocking screws are fully threaded, headed, or headless self-tapping solid low-profile screws. The screw family is 5.0 mm in diameter lengths ranging from 20 mm to 120 mm (in 2mm or 5 mm increments).

The end caps are designed to prevent bone in growth in the distal portion of the Nail implant for ease of removal. The end cap family ranges from 0 (standard) to 10 mm in length for various countersinking depths.

Material Specifications

DualCompression hindfoot nail: The DualCompression hindfoot nail is manufactured from titanium alloy, (ASTM F136) which contains titanium, aluminum, vanadium, and iron. Nitinol, (ASTM F2063) which contains nickel, titanium, and iron. Polyetheretherketone (PEEK).

Interlocking screws and end caps: The interlocking screws and end caps are manufactured from titanium alloy, (ASTM F136) which contains titanium, aluminum, vanadium, and iron.

Indications

The DualCompression hindfoot fusion nail implant system is intended to facilitate combined ankle and subtalar (tibiotalocalcaneal) arthrodesis to treat severe foot and ankle deformity, arthritis, instability, and skeletal defects after tumor resection. These include neuro-osteoarthropathy (Charcot's foot), avascular necrosis of the talus, failed joint replacement, failed ankle fusion, distal tibia fracture non-unions, osteoarthritis, rheumatoid arthritis, and pseudoarthrosis.

Contraindications

1. Insufficient quantity or quality of bone that would inhibit fusion of the joints and stabilization of the arthrodesis.
2. Blood supply limitations and previous infections, which may retard healing.
3. Foreign body sensitivity. Where material sensitivity is suspected, appropriate tests should be made, and sensitivity ruled out prior to implantation.
4. Foreign Body Reactions. See Adverse Effects-Allergic Type Reactions.
5. Any active infection or blood supply limitations.
6. Conditions that tend to limit the patient's ability or willingness to restrict activities or follow directions during the healing period.
7. The use of this device may not be suitable for patients with insufficient or immature bone. The physician should carefully assess bone quality before performing orthopedic surgery on patients who are skeletally immature. The use of this medical device and the placement of hardware or implants must not bridge, disturb, or disrupt the growth plate.
8. Do not use for surgeries other than those indicated.
9. Patients with a high level of physical activity.

Risks/Adverse Effects

1. Infections, both deep and superficial.
2. Foreign body sensitivity.
3. Patient sensitivity to implant device materials must be considered prior to implantation. Nickel sensitivity, if suspected, appropriate tests are to be performed prior to implantation.
4. Allergies and other reactions to device materials.
5. Wound hematoma and delayed wound healing.
6. ⚠ **Warning**: This device contains nitinol, an alloy of nickel and titanium. Persons with allergic reactions to these metals may suffer an allergic reaction to this implant. Prior to implantation, patients should be counseled on the materials contained in the device, as well as the potential for allergy/hypersensitivity to these materials.
7.  A nitinol implant device contains the following substance(s) defined as CMR 1A and/or CMR 1B and/or endocrine-disrupting substances in a concentration above 0.1% weight by weight:

   Nickel; CAS No. 7440-02-0; EC No. 231-111-4

   European Chemicals Agency Database: https://echa.europa.eu

Postoperative Care

Postoperative management is patient-specific and dependent on your doctor's assessment. Individual results will vary and not all patients will experience the same postoperative activity level or outcomes. Please be aware that surgery and recovery protocol may vary for each individual and any questions pertaining to the surgical procedure or postoperative protocol should be discussed with your surgeon.

Please call your doctor if:

- You experience loss of function
- You develop a fever greater than 38 °C
- Drainage continues from the site of your incision
- Your surgical site becomes more swollen, tender, and painful, with increased difficulty performing your exercises.

If you have difficulty breathing or develop severe pain or chest pain, call your local emergency care or report immediately to your local emergency room.

European emergency services – 112

North America emergency services – 911

Australia emergency services - 000

Precautions

1. An additional procedure may be required for the removal of the implant.
2. Please carefully review postoperative instructions provided by the surgeon and nursing staff.
3. Early weight and/or load bearing substantially increases implant loading and increases the risk of loosening, bending, or breaking the device.
4. Patients who are obese and/or non-compliant, as well as patients who could be pre-disposed to delayed union or non-union, must have auxiliary support.
5. Do not engage in unassisted weight-bearing activity without physician direction or medical release. Postoperative care and physical therapy should be structured to prevent the loading of the operative extremity until directed by the physician.

Life of the Device

1. These devices are long-term fixation devices intended to aid in the normal healing process. They are not intended to bear the weight of the body in the presence of incomplete healing. If healing is delayed, or does not occur, the device may eventually break due to fatigue.

2. Information specific to your implant, such as lot number and unique device identifier are included on the implant card. This information is also located in the patient records kept by your healthcare provider.

Warnings

1. Caution: Federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician.
2. This device is intended to be used by a trained medical professional.
3. An internal fixation device must never be re-used.
4. All metallic implant devices used for this surgical procedure should have the same composition properties.
5. Postoperatively and until healing is complete, fixation provided by this device should be considered as temporary and may not withstand weight bearing or other unsupported stress. The fixation provided by this device should be protected. The postoperative regimen prescribed by the physician should be strictly followed to avoid adverse stresses applied to the device.
6. Pre-operative and operating procedures, including knowledge of surgical techniques and proper selection and placement of the device, are important considerations in the successful utilization of this device. The appropriate Arthrex delivery system is required for the proper implantation of the device.
7. Any decision to remove the device should take into consideration the potential risk to the patient of a second surgical procedure. Device removal should be followed by adequate postoperative management.
8. Detailed instructions and limitations of this device are provided to the surgeon in addition to this patient information leaflet and your patient implant card.
9. Serious incidents should be reported to Arthrex Inc., or an in-country representative, and to the health authority where the incident occurred.
10. METAL SCREWS: Devices that have been implanted for a long period of time may require the use of screw removal instrumentation.
11. These are single-use devices. Reuse of this device could result in the failure of the device to perform as intended and could cause harm to the patient and/or user.

12. Over time, metallic implants may loosen, fracture, or cause pain after the bone fracture or osteotomy is healed. Removal of metallic implants is at the surgeon's discretion and if the supplemental fixation is not removed following the completion of its intended use, any of the following complications may occur: (1) Corrosion, with localized tissue reaction or pain; (2) Migration of implant position resulting in injury; (3) Risk of additional injury from postoperative trauma; (4) Bending, loosening, and/or breakage, which could make removal impractical or difficult; (5) Pain, discomfort, or abnormal sensations due to the presence of the device; (6) Possible increased risk of infection; and (7) Bone loss due to stress shielding. The surgeon should carefully weigh the risks versus benefits when deciding whether to remove the implant. Implant removal should be followed by adequate postoperative management to avoid re-fracture.

13. Patient sensitivity to the device materials should be considered prior to implantation. See Adverse Effects.

14. The correct selection and placement of the implant is extremely important. The appropriate type and size should be selected for the patient. Failure to use the correct implant size or improper positioning may result in loosening, bending, cracking, or fracture of the device, or bone or both.

15. Bone fixation devices are neither intended to carry the full load of the patient nor intended to carry a significant portion of the load for extended periods of time. Device breakage or damage can occur when the implant is subjected to increased loading associated with delayed union, nonunion, or incomplete healing. Improper insertion of the device during implantation can increase the possibility of loosening or migration.

MRI Safety Information

MRI, or Magnetic Resonance Imaging, is an imaging technique utilizing a strong magnetic field to produce detailed anatomical images. This section details the information that you should be aware of when receiving an MRI scan.

1. MR Conditional

Non-clinical testing and electromagnetic simulations demonstrated that the Dual Compression Hindfoot Fusion Nail Implant System is MR Conditional.

A patient with this device can be scanned safely in an MR system under the following conditions. Failure to follow these conditions may result in injury.	
Device Name	DualCompression Hindfoot Fusion Nail Implant System
Static Magnetic Field Strength (B_0)	1.5-Tesla and 3-Tesla
Maximum Spatial Field Gradient	30 T/m or 3000 Gauss/cm
RF (Radio Frequency) Excitation	Circularly Polarized (CP)
RF Transmit Coil Type	Volume RF body coil
Operating Mode	Normal Operating Mode
Maximum Whole-Body SAR (Specific Absorption Rate)	0.5 W/kg (Normal Operating Mode)
Scan Duration	Under the scan conditions defined, the DualCompression Hindfoot Fusion Nail Implant System can be scanned continuously for 10 minutes. With 10 minutes break, this can be repeated three times in 60 minutes.
MR Image Artifact	The presence of this implant may produce an image artifact.
Patients who have other MR Conditional devices can be scanned as long all the MR Conditional scan parameters for each of the devices are met. Do not conduct an MRI scan if any conditions for safe scanning for any device cannot be met.	
If information about a specific parameter is not included, there are no conditions associated with that parameter.	

The person with a bone nail implant can safely undergo an MR exam only under very specific conditions. Scanning under different conditions may result in severe injury. Full MRI safety information is available in the MRI Safety Information section of this patient information leaflet, Directions for Use (https://edfu.arthrex.com) or by calling Arthrex customer service at +1 800 934-4404.

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DualCompression Hindfoot Nail Implant Models

Consult your DualCompression Hindfoot System Implant Identification Card for information on the device type/model of the implant used in your procedure.

Product Description	Item Number
DualCompression Hindfoot Nail, 10.5 x 180 mm	AR-9090-01S
DualCompression Hindfoot Nail, 10.5 x 210 mm	AR-9090-02S
DualCompression Hindfoot Nail, 10.5 x 240 mm	AR-9090-03S
DualCompression Hindfoot Nail, 10.5 x 300 mm	AR-9090-04S
DualCompression Hindfoot Nail, 11.5 x 180 mm	AR-9090-05S
DualCompression Hindfoot Nail, 11.5 x 210 mm	AR-9090-06S
DualCompression Hindfoot Nail, 11.5 x 240 mm	AR-9090-07S
DualCompression Hindfoot Nail, 11.5 x 300 mm	AR-9090-08S
DualCompression Hindfoot Nail, 12.5 x 180 mm	AR-9090-09S
DualCompression Hindfoot Nail, 12.5 x 210 mm	AR-9090-10S
DualCompression Hindfoot Nail, 12.5 x 240 mm	AR-9090-11S
DualCompression Hindfoot Nail, 12.5 x 300 mm	AR-9090-12S
DualCompression Hindfoot Nail End Cap, Standard	AR-9090-13EC
DualCompression Hindfoot Nail End Cap, 2.5 mm	AR-9090-14EC
DualCompression Hindfoot Nail End Cap, 5 mm	AR-9090-15EC
DualCompression Hindfoot Nail End Cap, 10 mm	AR-9090-16EC

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Cortical Screw Implant Models

Product Description	Item Number
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 20MM	AR-9050-20
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 22MM	AR-9050-22
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 24MM	AR-9050-24
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 26MM	AR-9050-26
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 28MM	AR-9050-28
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 30MM	AR-9050-30
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 32MM	AR-9050-32
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 34MM	AR-9050-34
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 36MM	AR-9050-36
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 38MM	AR-9050-38
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 40MM	AR-9050-40
HEADLESS CORTICAL SCREW, TI, 5.0 x 40MM	AR-9050-40H
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 42MM	AR-9050-42
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 44MM	AR-9050-44
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 45MM	AR-9050-45
HEADLESS CORTICAL SCREW, TI, 5.0 x 45MM	AR-9050-45H
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 46MM	AR-9050-46
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 48MM	AR-9050-48
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 50MM	AR-9050-50
HEADLESS CORTICAL SCREW, TI, 5.0 x 50MM	AR-9050-50H
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 55MM	AR-9050-55
HEADLESS CORTICAL SCREW, TI, 5.0 x 55MM	AR-9050-55H
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 60MM	AR-9050-60
HEADLESS CORTICAL SCREW, TI, 5.0 x 60MM	AR-9050-60H

Product Description	Item Number
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 65MM	AR-9050-65
HEADLESS CORTICAL SCREW, TI, 5.0 x 65MM	AR-9050-65H
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 70MM	AR-9050-70
HEADLESS CORTICAL SCREW, TI, 5.0 x 70MM	AR-9050-70H
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 75MM	AR-9050-75
HEADLESS CORTICAL SCREW, TI, 5.0 x 75MM	AR-9050-75H
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 80MM	AR-9050-80
HEADLESS CORTICAL SCREW, TI, 5.0 x 80MM	AR-9050-80H
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 85MM	AR-9050-85
HEADLESS CORTICAL SCREW, TI, 5.0 x 85MM	AR-9050-85H
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 90MM	AR-9050-90
HEADLESS CORTICAL SCREW, TI, 5.0 x 90MM	AR-9050-90H
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 95MM	AR-9050-95
HEADLESS CORTICAL SCREW, TI, 5.0 x 95MM	AR-9050-95H
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 100MM	AR-9050-100
HEADLESS CORTICAL SCREW, TI, 5.0 x 100MM	AR-9050-100H
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 105MM	AR-9050-105
HEADLESS CORTICAL SCREW, TI, 5.0 x 105MM	AR-9050-105H
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 110MM	AR-9050-110
HEADLESS CORTICAL SCREW, TI, 5.0 x 110MM	AR-9050-110H
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 115MM	AR-9050-115
HEADLESS CORTICAL SCREW, TI, 5.0x115MM	AR-9050-115H
LOW PROFILE CORTICAL SCW, TI, 5.0 x 120MM	AR-9050-120
HEADLESS CORTICAL SCREW, TI, 5.0 x 120MM	AR-9050-120H

Contact Information

Any serious incident that occurs in relation to the device should be reported to the manufacturer and to the health authority where the incident occurred.

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Australia – Therapeutic Goods Administration website: https://www.tga.gov.au

European Union – https://ec.europa.eu/growth/sectors/medical-devices/contacts_en

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