

Instructions for Use

AQUILA® SPINAL SYSTEM

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Please read the instructions for use and the corresponding surgical techniques carefully before use. Ensure you are familiar with the appropriate surgical technique.

Material

Material	Standard
Titanium Alloy ELI	ASTMF136, ISO5832-3

Intended use

Aquila Spinal System is an anterior cervical plate and screw system designed to promote arthrodesis and stabilization and is intended for permanent implantation in the cervical spine (C2-T2).

Performance characteristics

Aquila spinal system is a constrained to semi-constrained low profile anterior cervical plate and screw fixation system intended to maintain a rigid to semi-rigid construct in-vivo under normal loads.

Aquila plates are supplied with preassembled locking cams to prevent screw back-out.

Aquila plates are available in different lengths.

Aquila screws are available in different lengths and diameters.

Non-clinical testing of the worst-case scenario has demonstrated that the implants of the Aquila spinal system have been designed to withstand anticipated loads until fusion occurs or up to 2 years in-vivo (whichever occurs first).

Patient target group

The Aquila Spinal System is intended for use in skeletally mature patients. These products are to be used with respect to the intended use, indications, contraindications and in consideration of the anatomy and health condition of the patient.

Indications

- Degenerative disc disease (DDD)
- Spondylolisthesis
- Spinal stenosis
- Tumors (primary and metastatic)
- Failed previous fusions

- Pseudarthrosis
- Deformity (i.e., kyphosis, lordosis, and/or scoliosis)
- Fractures/dislocations
- Partial or complete spondylectomy

Contraindications

- Infection
- Severe Osteoporosis and indications not listed above
- Any indication where fusion is not required.

Potential adverse effects

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; Thrombosis, embolism, infection, excessive bleeding; Iatrogenic neural, vascular and/or soft tissue injury; Allergy, hypersensitivity reaction to implant materials; Implant failure, prominence; Subsidence; Dural tear and CSF leak; Dysphagia; Non-union, pseudarthrosis; Death.

Intended conditions of use

These instructions for use alone do not provide sufficient information for direct use of the device or system. Surgery is to take place according to the instructions for use following the recommended surgical procedure. The surgeon is responsible for ensuring that the operation is carried out correctly. It is strongly advised that the surgery is performed only by operating surgeons who have acquired the appropriate qualifications, are experienced in spinal surgery, are aware of general risks of spinal surgery, and are familiar with the product-specific surgical procedures.

This device is intended to be used by qualified health care professionals who are experienced in spinal surgery e.g., surgeons, physicians, operating room staff, and individuals involved in preparation of the device. All personnel handling the device should be fully aware that these instructions for use do not include all the information necessary for selection and use of the device. Please read the instructions for use and surgical technique guide carefully before use. Ensure that you are familiar with the appropriate surgical procedure.

Preoperative Planning

A thorough clinical evaluation of the patient must occur prior to undertaking surgery. Radiological scans must be taken to allow preoperative templating and to allow assessment of the bony anatomy for possible deformities. The potential for satisfactory fixation is increased by the selection of the proper size, shape and design of the implant. At the time of the operation, the corresponding implantation instruments in addition to a complete set of implants must be available. It is important to determine preoperatively whether the patient is allergic to any of the implant materials.

Patient Information

In addition to the contraindications for use, precautions, and possible adverse effects, it is critical that the patient is aware that some activity, particularly but not exclusively, prior to bony fusion, increases the risk of loosening, deforming, or breaking of the implant. The likelihood of successful bone healing is increased by appropriate postoperative care and the patients' ability and willingness to adhere to the surgeon's recommendations. A patient information leaflet is available electronically at www.prismsurgical.com.au → Patients and Caregivers

Warnings

It is strongly advised that Aquila Spinal System components are implanted only by spinal surgeons with specific training who are familiar with anterior spinal surgery and who can master the product-specific surgical techniques.

Implantation is to take place with the instructions for the recommended surgical procedures. 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.

Non-sterile device

Aquila Spinal System components are supplied in a non-sterile condition and must be cleaned, and steam sterilised prior to surgical use. Prior to cleaning, remove all original packaging. Prior to steam-sterilisation, place the product in an approved implant caddy or container. Follow the cleaning and sterilisation instructions given within this brochure. Detailed instructions for processing and reprocessing of reusable surgical instruments, instrument trays and cases are described in document [IFU-1 PS Reusable Instrumentation IFU \(QMS-IFU-005\)](#).

Single-use device

Do not reuse. Implants intended for single use must not be re-used or re-implanted.

Reuse may compromise the structural integrity of the device and/or lead to device failure which may result in patient injury, illness or death. Furthermore, reuse 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. Implanted or used devices must not be reprocessed. Any Prism Surgical implant that has been contaminated by blood, tissue, and/or body 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.

Storage prior to use

Store implants in their original protective packaging and do not remove them from the packaging until before use. Store open implants in provided implant caddies. Prior to use, check the product and verify the integrity. Do not use if damaged. Refer to the Packaging & Storage section of this document for storage during and after use.

Combination of medical devices

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

Magnetic Resonance (MR) environment

Refer to document [MRI-1 Prism Surgical Spinal Fusion Implantable Devices - MRI Safety Information Manual](#) .

Processing Prism Surgical Spinal Plates


These recommendations are for processing Prism Surgical non-sterile Aquila Spinal System components. The information provided applies to unused and unsoiled Aquila components only. Explanted Aquila components must never be reprocessed and should be disposed of according to hospital protocol upon removal. Any implant that has not been used, but has become soiled, should be handled according to hospital protocol.

<p style="text-align: center;">Cautions</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Any Aquila Spinal System component that has not been used, but has become soiled with blood, tissue and/or bodily fluids/matter, should be handled according to hospital protocol. -Aquila plates and screws should not be lubricated. -Do not use an implant if the surface has been damaged. - Do not use steel wool or abrasive cleaners on Prism implants. - Aquila plates and screws should not be processed or transported with any type of soiled or contaminated materials. -Aquila plates and screws are critical devices and must be terminally sterilized prior to use. -The sterilization parameters are only valid for devices that are adequately cleaned. -The parameters listed are only valid for properly installed, maintained, calibrated and compliant reprocessing equipment in accordance with relevant guidelines and standards. -Consult national regulations and guidelines for additional information. Compliance is additionally required with internal hospital policies and procedures and recommendations of manufacturers of detergents, disinfectants, and any clinical processing equipment.
<p style="text-align: center;">Limits on reprocessing</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Repeated processing cycles that include ultrasonic, mechanical washing and steam sterilization have minimal effects on Prism Surgical spinal plates and screws. -Aquila plates and screws should be inspected for corrosion, damage such as scratches and notches, debris, or residue. -A discoloration has no adverse effect on titanium or titanium alloy implants. The protective oxide layer is fully maintained. -Any implant with corrosion, scratches, notches, residue or debris should be discarded and reported to the manufacturer. -Thorough inspection of reprocessed Aquila components are required before each use.
<p style="text-align: center;">Point of Use Care</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Implants should remain covered until needed to avoid becoming soiled or contaminated. Only those to be implanted should be handled. -Minimal handling of implants is necessary to prevent damage to the surface.

<p>Containment and Transportation</p>	<p>-Aquila components should not come in contact with soiled devices and/or equipment.</p> <p>-Avoid cross contamination of Aquila components with soiled instruments during transport.</p> <p>-Aquila components should always be housed in provided caddies/trays during transportation.</p>
<p>Cleaning - Manual</p>	<p>-Inspect visually for damage or the presence of blood or tissue. If blood or tissue is observed on the implant, it must be thoroughly cleaned manually using a soft brush and neutral pH detergent or discarded.</p> <p>-Avoid impact, scratching, bending or surface contact with any materials that might affect the implant surface or configuration.</p> <p>NOTES: Special attention shall be paid to recesses since both chemicals and rinse water may be entrapped in them.</p> <p>-Prism Surgical recommend the manual removal of visible debris using an enzymatic cleaner or detergent solution.</p> <p>-An ultrasonic cleaner can be utilised for the manual cleaning of Prism Surgical spinal components. Follow the manufacturer's directions, relevant standards and hospital policy for manual cleaning and decontamination recommendations of titanium implants with an ultrasonic cleaner.</p> <p>-The additional use of automated cleaning is required following all manual cleaning methods</p>

<p>Cleaning – Automated/mechanical washer method</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Prepare a neutral pH enzymatic detergent per manufacturer’s recommendation -Fully immerse the devices into the prepared detergent solution and allow them to soak for 1 minute. -After the soak time, use a soft-bristled brush to brush the devices to remove all visible soil. A lumen brush may be used to aid in soil removal. -Remove the devices from the detergent solution and rinse them under running tap water to remove detergent residuals. -Prepare a neutral pH detergent (low foaming) or equivalent per detergent manufacturer’s instruction for use in a sonication unit. -Fully immerse the devices into the prepared detergent and agitate them to remove all air bubbles. Allow them to sonicate for 2 minutes. -Remove devices from the prepared detergent and rinse them under running tap water to remove detergent residuals. -Select the cycle and ensure the following set of cycle parameters are properly programmed: 																								
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<p>Inspection</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Aquila Spinal System components should be thoroughly inspected after processing, prior to sterilization. -Any Aquila components with corrosion, scratches, flaws, residue, or debris should be discarded. Report any issues to the manufacturer. 																								



<p>Packaging & Storage</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Place cleaned, dry implants into the proper location in the Prism Surgical case or caddy. Use an appropriate sterilization wrap, for example, individually wrap tray/caddy in two layers of 1-ply polypropylene wrap (e.g., Kinguard KC600) using sequential envelope folding techniques. -Wrapping and packaging should be in accordance with ISO 11607 -Care should be taken to protect implants from contact with other objects that may damage the surface. -If not stored in sterile, wrapped state, implants should be stored in dry, clean surroundings at room temperature, in their original sealed packaging or sterilisation tray/caddy, respectively.
<p>Sterilisation</p>	<p>The following parameters have been validated for the sterilisation of the Prism Surgical Aquila Spinal System components.</p> <p>Sterilizer type: Pre-vacuum Preconditioning Pulses: 4 Minimum Temperature: 134°C Full Cycle Time: 3 minutes Minimum Dry Time: 40 minutes</p> <p>Note: Drying time is subject to variation depending on machine load. Dry times may be highly variable due to differences in packaging materials (e.g., nonwoven wraps), environmental conditions, steam quality, implant materials, total mass, sterilizer performance and varying cool down time. The user should employ verifiable methods (e.g., visual inspections) to confirm adequate drying.</p> <p>-The autoclave manufacturer’s operating instructions and recommended guidelines for maximum sterilization load should be followed. The autoclave must be properly installed, maintained, and calibrated. Only legally marketed, sterilization barriers (e.g., wraps, pouches or containers) should be used by the end user for packaging terminally sterilized devices.</p>








<p>Additional information</p>	<p>-The recommendations provided above have been validated by the medical device manufacturer as being capable of cleaning and sterilizing non-sterile Prism Surgical Spinal Plates prior to surgical use. It remains the responsibility of the processor to ensure that the processing is performed using equipment, materials, and personnel in the reprocessing facility, and achieves the desired result. This requires validation and routine monitoring of the process. Likewise, any deviation by the processor from the recommendations provided should be properly evaluated for effectiveness and potential adverse consequences.</p> <p>- Cleaning Agent Information; The following cleaning agents were used during validation of the cleaning and sterilisation recommendations; neutral pH detergent (low foaming) (Valsure® Neutral Detergent) and neutral PH enzymatic detergent (Enzol® Enzymatic Detergent).</p> <p>-The cleaning and sterilization information is provided in accordance with EN ISO 17664-1, EN ISO17665-1, AAMI TIR 30, EN ISO 14630, EN ISO 20417 and EN ISO 15223-1.</p>
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Product Label and IFU Symbol Reference

	<p>Symbol for caution. This is a safety symbol used to highlight that there are specific warnings or precautions associated with the devices that are not otherwise found on the label. The symbol can also be used to mean "attention, see Instructions for Use"</p>
	<p>Symbol for consult Instructions for Use.</p>

	Symbol for batch code/lot number. The symbol is accompanied by the manufacturer's batch code.
	Symbol for date of manufacture. This symbol is accompanied by a date.
	Symbol for manufacturer. This symbol is accompanied by the name and address of the manufacturer.
	Symbol for nonsterile. This symbol should be used only to distinguish between identical or similar devices sold in both sterile and nonsterile conditions.
	Symbol for do not reuse. Single use device.
	Symbol for catalogue, reorder, or reference part number.
	Symbol for MR conditional - an item with demonstrated safety in the MR environment within defined conditions.