

## ENGLISH



## Instructions for Use

**DESCRIPTION**  
Avance Nerve Graft is processed nerve allograft intended for bridging nerve discontinuities to repair peripheral nerve defect. It is composed of donor peripheral nerve tissue harvested from donated human peripheral nerve. The debriding process preserves the inherent microtubular structure of the native extracellular matrix, while clearing the cells, cellular debris and certain proteins such as chondroitin sulfate proteoglycans (CSPG).

Avance Nerve Graft is implanted and connects the proximal and distal ends of a transected nerve. The processed nerve allograft serves as a scaffold allowing regenerating axons to grow through it.

It is the responsibility of the health care institution to maintain recipient records for the purpose of tracking tissue post-implantation. The Tissue Utilization Report is NOT intended to be a substitute for a facility's internal tissue transplantation tracking system.

**POTENTIAL COMPLICATIONS**  
The following adverse events are anticipated and may potentially occur during treatment:

- mild incisional redness;
- tenderness of surgical area;
- mild edema of surgical area;
- controllable pain at surgical area;
- decreased sensation;
- numbness.

These adverse events are considered expected and are not required to be recorded unless they occur.

Inherent risks of any surgical procedure include infection, blood loss, and anesthesia associated complications. Complications specific to nerve reconstruction include pain, decreased or increased sensitivity, and impaired motor or sensory function. As with all peripheral nerve surgery, there is a risk of failure of the nerve to regenerate.

**INDICATIONS FOR USE**

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**RX Only** Avance Nerve Graft is to be dispensed only by or on the order of a licensed physician.

**CONTRAINDICATIONS**

Avance Nerve Graft is contraindicated for use in any patient in whom soft tissue implants are contraindicated, includes any pathology that would limit the blood supply and compromise healing or evidence of a current infection.

**WARNINGS**  
Centrifuging, laboratory testing, tissue processing, and gamma irradiation have been utilized to minimize the risks of transmission of relevant communicable diseases to the patient. As with any processed human donor tissue, Avance Nerve Graft cannot be guaranteed to be free of all pathogens.

**DONOR RECOVERY AND SCREENING**  
Donor recovery is determined by the presence of the peripheral nerve issue tested and shown to be negative or non-reactive for the following:

- Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Type 1 Antibody
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Type 2 Antibody
- Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Antibody
- Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) Core Antibody (total)
- Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) Surface Antigen

Each donor is tested and shown to be negative or non-reactive for the following:

- Syphilis Rapid Plasma Reagins or Treponemal Specific Assay
- Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) Nucleic Acid Test (NAT)
- Hepatitis C Virus (HCV) Nucleic Acid Test (NAT)
- Hepatitis B Virus (HBV) Nucleic Acid Test (NAT)

Additional testing may be performed, as required by local authorities in international markets.

If required, each donor is tested and shown to be negative or non-reactive for the following:

- Human T-Cell Lymphotropic Virus (HTLV) Type I Antibody
- Human T-Cell Lymphotropic Virus (HTLV) Type II Antibody

All testing is performed by a laboratory registered with FDA to perform donor testing and to perform any such testing on behalf of users under the US Clinical Laboratory Improvement Amendment (CLIA) of 1988 and 42 CFR part 493, or that has met equivalent requirements as determined by the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS). The testing is conducted using test kits approved by the US FDA.

The Medical Director of Axogen (US state licensed) has determined that the tissue is suitable for transplantation in humans. Records of all testing and medical releases are maintained by Axogen.

**PROCESSING**

Avance Nerve Graft is processed in controlled environment using Good Tissue Practice (GTP) guidelines to prevent contamination and cross-contamination of tissue. Processing involves the use of proprietary physiologic buffers, enzymes and surfactants. The processed tissue will contain traces of these processing agents. The cleaning process preserves the inherent microtubular structure of the native extracellular matrix while clearing the cells, cellular debris and certain proteins such as chondroitin sulfate proteoglycans (CSPG).

The processed nerve allograft tissue will naturally vary in color from white, off-white, pink, pale pink, and yellow to pale yellow. Occasional dark spots or localized discoloration is a normal occurrence.

**HOW SUPPLIED**  
Avance Nerve Graft is packed into a plastic tray and then inserted into chevron pouches. Each chevron pouch is heat-sealed to provide a sterile barrier and each pouch has a chevron seal. The outer chevron pouch is foil to provide a moisture barrier. Approximate graft lengths and diameters are listed on the package label. Avance Nerve Graft is irradiated and supplied frozen. Content of the package are sterile unless the package is opened or damaged.

**TRANSPORT AND STORAGE**

Avance Nerve Graft is shipped frozen on dry ice via validated shipping containers. Shipping conditions must be dry ice, verified by dry ice indicator. The product must be shipped frozen at or below -40 °C (-40 °F) and must be stored frozen. If it is not present, contact Axogen Customer Care as product may have thawed. Expiration date is three (3) years from date of packaging, provided that the Avance Nerve Graft has been stored at temperatures at or below -40°C (-40°F).

See product label for expiration date. Expiration date of the product is the end of the month for the month and year outlined on the product label.

**Temporary storage conditions**  
Storage temperature of Avance Nerve Graft at -20°C to -40°C (-4°F to -40°F) is limited to six (6) months total, and graft stored at this temperature range must then be transferred to -40°C (-40°F) or colder freezer, used or discarded.

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**WARNING**

If the outer foil chevron pouch and inner Tyvek® chevron pouch is compromised (shows evidence of being torn or opened in any manner), DO NOT USE the Avance Nerve Graft and notify Axogen Customer Care immediately.

**INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE**

1. Follow standard operating procedures for exposure and mobilization of the injured peripheral nerve.

2. Ensure that the injured nerve diameter and length in millimeters (mm) using a suitable measuring instrument.

3. Select Avance Nerve Graft(s) of comparable diameter to match the native nerve and of sufficient length to ensure a tension free repair.

4. To prepare the foil chevron pouch containing Avance Nerve Graft, Instructions for Use, patient record labels and Tissue Utilization Report (TUR) from the package.

b. Compare the distinct lot number on the foil chevron pouch with the lot number on the patient record label to make match. **DO NOT USE** the product and notify Axogen Customer Care immediately.

c. Using standard aseptic technique, peel back the chevron pouch to the chevron seal.

d. Open the foil chevron pouch to remove the plastic tray.

e. Open the plastic tray and fit the pre-molded shaving reservoir with room temperature sterile saline solution in the Ringer's Solution (LRS). Do not heat the graft or add heating or cooling to the graft.

f. Allow Avance Nerve Graft to thaw completely before use which will take approximately 5–10 minutes. Once thawed, Avance Nerve Graft is soft and pliable throughout. Avance Nerve Graft must be either implanted or discarded within 12 hours.

g. Avoid Avance Nerve Graft using the same tensionless surgical technique used when implanting a nerve allograft. Either end of the processed nerve allograft can be coapted to the proximal stump of the host nerve.

7. Destroy any thawed allograft tissue not used in the surgical procedure in accordance with local, state and federal or country regulations for disposal of human tissue.

8. Complete and send the Tissue Utilization Report (TUR) back to Axogen.

## TISSUE UTILIZATION REPORT (TUR)

Each Avance Nerve Graft package contains a Tissue Utilization Report (TUR). In accordance with US FDA, US Joint Commission, and international requirements, a TUR should be completed for each Avance Nerve Graft used in the procedure and returned to Axogen or other representative as described on the TUR.

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## CLASSIFICATION RÉGLEMENTAIRE

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## Notice d'utilisation

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Avance Nerve Graft est une allogreffe nerveuse traitée, destinée à remplacer les discontinuités nerveuses en écoutant une régénération normale. Il s'agit de la matrice extracellulaire nerveuse et nettoyée de périphérique d'un donneur humain. Le processus de nettoyage conserve la structure microtubulaire inhérente à la matrice extracellulaire nerveuse, tout en éliminant les cellules, les débris cellulaires et certaines protéoglycanes (CSPG).

Avance Nerve Graft est implanté et raccorde les extrémités proximale et distale d'un nerf sectionné. Les axones de régénération utilisent l'allogreffe nerveuse traitée comme un environnement pour se développer dans le tissu nerveux du donneur intact. La greffe nerveuse Avance Nerve Graft offre des caractéristiques similaires au nerf original. Les axones de régénération croissent dans le nerf avancé jusqu'à la peau ciblée.

Il est la responsabilité de la clinique de réparation de maintenir les informations sur le patient pour l'implantation postopératoire. La notice d'utilisation de l'allogreffe nerveuse Avance Nerve Graft n'est pas destinée à être utilisée comme un remplacement intégral du nerf.

Les caractéristiques structurales et de manipulation de la greffe nerveuse Avance Nerve Graft sont semblables aux autogreffes nerveuses : la maléficence des tissus musculaires, un épaisseur importante et une flexibilité élevée.

Implanter la greffe nerveuse Avance Nerve Graft par le même moyen que l'incision de l'opération.

Le greffe nerveuse Avance Nerve Graft est envoyé avec une étiquette de préparation standard et une étiquette de taille.

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