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Description
The Axoguard Nerve Protector is a surgical implant that provides nonconductive protection to peripheral nerves. Axoguard Nerve Protector is designed to be an interface between the nerve and the surrounding tissue thus providing a protective environment for normal peripheral nerve healing. Axoguard Nerve Protector is comprised of an extracellular matrix (ECM) and is fully remodeled during the healing process. Animal model data suggests that the Axoguard Nerve Protector is quickly vascularized in situ and gradually remodeled into a connective tissue structure similar to nerve epineurium over several months¹. When hydrated, Axoguard Nerve Protector is easy to handle, soft, pliable, non-toxic, and biocompatible. Axoguard Nerve Protector is flexible and minimizes the risk of the joint and associated tendons, and has sufficient mechanical strength to hold sutures. Axoguard Nerve Protector is provided sterile, for single use only, and in a variety of sizes to meet the surgeon's needs.

Indications
The Axoguard Nerve Protector is indicated for the repair of peripheral nerve injuries where there is no gap. The Axoguard Nerve Protector is supplied sterile and is intended for single use.

Rx ONLY This symbol means the following:
CAUTION: (U.S.A.) Law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician.

This product is intended for use by trained medical professionals.

Contraindications

The Axoguard Nerve Protector is derived from a porcine source and should not be used for patients with known sensitivity to porcine source materials.

NOTE: This device is not intended for use in vascular applications.

Precautions

• This device is designed for single use only. Attempts to reprocess, sterilize, and/or reuse may lead to device failure and/or transmission of disease.

• Do not sterilize device.

• Discard all open and unused portions of the device.

• Device is sterile provided the package is dry, unopened and undamaged. Do not use device if the package seal is damaged or open.

• Discard device if mishandling has caused possible damage or contamination, or if the device is past its expiration date.

• Do not suture device prior to rehydration.

Potential complications
Possible complications can occur with any nerve repair surgical procedure including pain, infection, decreased or increased nerve sensitivity, and complications associated with use of anesthesia.

If any of the following conditions occur and cannot be resolved, careful removal of the device should be considered:

• Acute or chronic inflammation (initial application of surgical graft materials may be associated with transient, mild, localized inflammation).

• Allergic reaction.

• Infection.

• Storage

The Axoguard Nerve Protector should be stored in a clean, dry location at room temperature.

Sterilization

This device has been sterilized with ethylene oxide.

Suggested Instructions for Use

NOTE: Always handle Axoguard Nerve Protector using aseptic technique. Minimize contact with latex gloves.

1. Follow standard operating procedures for exposure and mobilization of the nerve. Determine the nerve diameter in millimeters (mm) using a measuring instrument. If necessary, rescale the nerve using standard operating procedures. Select an Axoguard Nerve Protector of sufficient diameter to account for normal edema following traumatic nerve injury. The Axoguard Nerve Protector diameter should be at least 1-2 mm larger than the measured nerve diameter and long enough to cover the affected area.

2. Open the outer carton and remove the sterile pouch. Using standard aseptic technique, open the pouch and pass the inner tray to the sterile field for further handling.

3. Open the tray and, if necessary, trim the Axoguard Nerve Protector to the appropriate dimensions for covering the damaged portion of the nerve. The Axoguard Nerve Protector may be trimmed after hydration, if desired.

4. Fill the pre-molded rehydration reservoir with room temperature sterile saline or sterile Lactated Ringer's solution. Hydrate the Axoguard Nerve Protector for 10 seconds or until the desired hemostatic characteristics are achieved, but not more than 20 minutes.

5. Position the Axoguard Nerve Protector around the nerve (Figure 1). If transected, re-approximate the nerve ends (Figure 2).

If desired, gently flush the device with sterile saline or Lactated Ringer's solution to improve conformability with the nerve. Secure the device as necessary. This may include placing running sutures along the longitudinal slit to enclose the nerve, and/or stay sutures through the nerve epineurium away from the coaptation site. See Figure 3 for completed repair.

Repair of peripheral nerve injuries where there is no gap

Figure 1
Re-approximate nerve ends

Figure 2
Re-approximate nerve ends

Figure 3
Re-approximate nerve ends

6. Discard any unused portions of the Axoguard Nerve Protector according to institutional guidelines for biological waste. Do not return device.

How Supplied

Axoguard Nerve Protector is provided in a plastic tray and outer sterile pouch. The pouch is heat-sealed to provide a sterile barrier and has a sealable seal. Contents of the package are guaranteed sterile unless the package is opened or damaged. The Axoguard Nerve Protector and packaging do not contain natural rubber latex. Do not use if the Axoguard Nerve Protector peel pouch appears to be open or damaged.

References

1. Kokkalis ZT, Pu C, Small GA, Weiser RW, Venouziou AI, Soteranios DG. Assessment of processed porcine extracellular matrix as a protective barrier in a rabbit nerve wrap model. *J Reconstr Microsurg.* 2011;27(1):19-28.

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Symbols Used on Labeling



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Do not reuse



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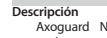
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Referenzen



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Bibliografia



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