

Instructions for Use for Medartis APTUS Plates, Screws and Instruments

Introduction

These instructions for use are for a product line of Medartis AG, Hochbergerstrasse 60E, 4057 Basel/Switzerland
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All instructions provided in this document must be followed.

Notes Regarding the Delivered Goods

The individual parts of the system may only be accepted when the manufacturer's label and packaging are undamaged and unopened at the time of delivery. If this is not the case, the rejected goods must be returned to Medartis AG, Basel/Switzerland or to the relevant Medartis branch or distribution partner within ten working days.
Implants are intended for single use only and are not designed to be reused. All components are delivered **NON-STERILE** and must be appropriately prepared before first use.
All packaging must be removed before preparation.

Product Materials

All APTUS implants are made of pure titanium (ASTM F67, ISO 5832-2) or from titanium alloy (ASTM F136, ISO 5832-3). All of the titanium materials used are biocompatible, corrosion-resistant and non-toxic in a biological environment.
K-Wires are made of stainless steel (ASTM F 138).

Color Coding Concept

System	Color Code
APTUS 1.2	red
APTUS 1.5	green
APTUS 2.0	blue
APTUS 2.2	violet
APTUS 2.3	brown
APTUS 2.5	violet
APTUS 2.8	orange
APTUS 3.0	yellow
APTUS 3.5	green

Plates and Screws

Special implant plates and screws have their own color:

Gold implant plates:	Fixation plates
Blue implant plates:	TriLock plates (locking)
Gold implant screws:	Cortical screws (fixation) and cannulated compression screws
Blue implant screws:	TriLock screws (locking)
Silver implant screws:	TriLock Express screws (locking)

Intended Use

The APTUS fixation systems are used for fractures, osteotomies and arthrodeses of the hand, forearm and foot.

The APTUS cannulated compression screws are used for bone fractures, osteotomies and arthrodeses.

Indications

APTUS Titanium System (Hand and Radius)

The APTUS Titanium System is intended for use in hand and forearm fractures, osteotomies and arthrodeses

APTUS Hand Group

- Management of the fractures of the distal, middle and proximal phalanges and metacarpals
- Management of all types of transversal fractures, spiral fractures, fractures near joints with or without joint involvement, shaft fractures, comminuted fractures, dislocated fractures, avulsion fractures
- DIP and PIP arthrodeses

APTUS Radius 2.5 Group

- Management via radio volar approach of extra-articular extension and flexion fractures, articular extension and flexion fractures, correction osteotomies for badly healed radius fractures
- Management via dorsal approach of rare extension fractures that cannot be adequately reduced via volar approach, procedures for which the soft tissue conditions make a volar approach very difficult or impossible, correction osteotomies requiring stabilization from the dorsal side, carporadial fusions

APTUS 2.0/2.3 Four Corner Fusion Plate

- The APTUS 2.0/2.3 Four Corner Fusion Plate, an addition to the APTUS Titanium Fixation System, is designed specifically for fusion of carpal bones including: hamate, capitate, lunate, triquetrum and is for use in patients suffering pain and/or loss of function due to osteoarthritis, post-traumatic arthritis, fractures, revision of failed partial wrist fusions, carpal instability, or rheumatoid arthritis. The fusion plate is used in conjunction with locking and non-locking screws that fix the plate to the carpal bones of the hand.

APTUS Wrist Arthrodesis

- The APTUS Wrist Arthrodesis Plates are indicated for wrist arthrodeses

APTUS Ulna

- The APTUS Ulna Plates are indicated for fractures and osteotomies, in particular for the ulna

APTUS Radial Head

- The APTUS 2.0 Radial Head System is intended for use in proximal radial fractures and osteotomies

APTUS Foot

- The APTUS Foot System is intended for use in small bones, in particular in fractures, osteotomies and arthrodesis of the tarsals, metatarsals and phalanges

APTUS Cannulated Compression Screws

- Treatment of fractures, osteotomies and arthrodeses of bones e.g. in the hand, wrist, elbow, foot with the appropriate screw size

APTUS Foot 3.5

- The APTUS Foot 3.5 System is indicated for fractures and osteotomies of the calcaneus

APTUS K-Wire System

- The APTUS K-Wire System is intended for use in fixation of bone fractures, for bone reconstruction, and as guide pins for insertion of other implants

APTUS Distal Humerus

- The APTUS Distal Humerus System is indicated for fractures, osteotomies and non-unions of the distal humerus

Contraindications

- Pre-existing or suspected infection at or near the implantation site
- Known allergies and/or hypersensitivity to foreign bodies
- Inferior or insufficient bone quality to securely anchor the implant
- Patients who are incapacitated and/or uncooperative during the treatment phase
- The treatment of at-risk groups is inadvisable

Possible Complications

In most cases, potential complications have a clinical source as opposed to arising from the implants/instruments. These include among other things:

- Loosening of the implant from insufficient fixation
- Hypersensitivity to metal or allergic reactions
- Bone necrosis, osteoporosis, insufficient revascularization, bone resorption and poor bone formation that can cause premature loss of fixation
- Soft tissue irritation and/or nerve damage due to surgical trauma
- Early or late infection, both superficial and deep
- Elevated fibrotic tissue reaction around the surgical area
- Complications in implant removal from improper explanation of the implant

Warnings and Precautionary Measures

- The products may only be used by medical personnel who hold relevant qualifications
- Medartis, as manufacturer, recommends that the user reads all available documents before first use and contact other users who have practical experience with this type of treatment
- Never use products that have been damaged by transport, improper handling in the hospital, or in any other way!
- All of the implant components are intended for single use and may not be reused under any circumstances
- Necessary care must be observed for storage and use of the products:
 - Damages (e.g. from improper cutting or bending) to and/or scratches on the instruments/implants can substantially impair the strength of the product and lead to premature breakage
 - Repeatedly bending the plate in opposite directions may cause the plate to break during postoperative treatment
- All of the system components have been developed and manufactured for a specific purpose and are therefore precisely adapted to each other. The user may not alter any of the components or replace them with an instrument or product from another manufacturer even if the size or shape is similar or exactly corresponds to that of the original product. Utilized materials from other manufacturers, structural changes resulting from the use of third-party products and/or material impurities as well as minor deviations or imprecise fit between the implant and instrument or the like can represent a risk for the user, the patient or to third parties
- The sterilizing cases, instrument trays and implant containers shall not be vigorously shaken or tipped over since the individual components may become damaged or fall out
- Unless otherwise expressly stated on the label, the instruments can be reused
- Twist drills and reamers: It is recommended to not exceed a maximum drilling speed of 1'000 revolutions per minute to avoid overheating the bone. With reamers, it is advisable to use a speed of less than 1'000 revolutions per minute, or to use a handle for controlled, manual reaming. Twist drills and reamers may only be used a maximum of ten times
- Use the indicated screwdriver for the respective system size. Make sure that the screwdriver/screw head connection is precisely vertically aligned. If not, there is a greater risk of damage to the implant and screwdriver blade. When inserting the screw, ensure that a sufficient axial force is used between blade and screw. At the same time, the axial force should be in certain limits in order not to damage the bone structure
- The APTUS products have not been evaluated for safety and compatibility in the MR environment. The APTUS products have not been tested for heating or migration in the MR environment

Multidirectional, Angular Stable TriLock Locking System

Correct locking ($\pm 15^\circ$) of the TriLock screws in the plate:

Visual inspection of the screw head projection provides an indicator of correct locking. Correct locking has occurred only when the screw head has locked flush with the plate surface (Fig. 1 and 3). However, if the screw head can still be seen or felt (Fig. 2 and 4), the screw head has not completely entered the plate and reached the locking position. In this case, the screw has to be retightened to obtain full penetration and proper locking. Due to the system characteristics, a screw head protrusion of around 0.2 mm exists when using plates with 1.0 mm thickness.

Do not overtighten the screw, otherwise the locking function cannot be guaranteed anymore.

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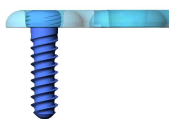


Fig. 1

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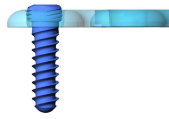


Fig. 2

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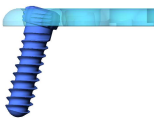


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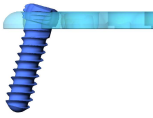


Fig. 4

Instructions for Selecting the Appropriate APTUS Products

Medartis, as manufacturer, does not recommend a specific surgical procedure for a specific patient. The operating surgeon is solely responsible for choosing the appropriate implant for the specific case. The follow-up treatment as well as the decision of whether to retain or explant the implant is the responsibility of the user.

The treating physician should beforehand become thoroughly familiarized with the procedure, for example by:

- Carefully studying all the product documentation
- Carefully reviewing the current professional literature
- Consulting with colleagues experienced in this field and with the use of this system
- Practice in handling the system and practice of the surgical procedure

Implants are generally designed to remain in the body temporarily and be removed after sufficient osseous healing has taken place.

Additional Information

Additional information on the products (e.g. the surgical technique, care, cleaning, disinfection and sterilization) can be requested from your local Medartis branch or your distribution partner. In addition, all relevant information can be found on the internet at www.medartis.com.

Instructions Regarding Cleaning, Disinfection and Sterilization

All implants, instruments and containers in the APTUS systems are **NON-STERILE** when delivered and must be cleaned, disinfected and sterilized before each use. This also applies to the first use after delivery (after removal of the protective transport packaging).

Thorough cleaning and disinfection are essential for effective sterilization.

Implants that have come in contact with blood or other bodily fluids of a patient must be discarded. It is your responsibility to ensure that the implants and instruments are completely sterile when used, to use device- and product-specific procedures for cleaning/disinfection and sterilization that are sufficiently validated, to regularly service and inspect the employed devices (disinfector, sterilizer), and to ensure that the validated and/or manufacturer's recommended parameters are maintained for each cycle.

The statutory regulations applicable in your country and the hospital's hygiene requirements must also be observed. This applies in particular to the various instructions for effectively deactivating prions.

Basic Instructions

If possible, use an automated procedure (disinfector) for cleaning and disinfecting. Do not use a manual procedure even with an ultrasonic bath due to the significantly reduced efficiency and potential damage.

Pretreatment is required in both cases.

Choosing cleansers, disinfectants and equipment

Observe the following when choosing cleansers, disinfectants and equipment at all steps:

- They must be suitable for their intended use (e.g. cleaning, disinfection or ultrasonic cleaning)
- The cleansers and disinfectants must be aldehyde-free (otherwise blood contamination may harden and cling to surfaces)
- The disinfectant used must have a proven effectiveness (such as approval by VAH/DGHM or the FDA, or a CE mark)
- The cleansers and disinfectants must be suitable and compatible for use with the items
- The manufacturer's instructions, such as those regarding concentration, exposure time and temperature, must be followed

For **cleaning materials and accessories**, both for precleaning and manual cleaning, observe the following:

- Use only clean, lint-free cloths and/or soft brushes (never use metal brushes or steel wool)
- When necessary, use materials and accessories such as cleaning rods, syringes, cannulas and bottle brushes for cannulated items or items with a lumen

For **drying** items, Medartis recommends lint-free disposable paper wipes or medical grade compressed air.

For **water quality**, Medartis recommends that demineralized and purified water (e.g. Aqua purificata) be used for cleaning, disinfection and subsequent rinsing steps.

Medartis instrument trays (steel or plastic) and implant trays made from aluminum or plastic are intended for the sterilization, transportation and storage of items. They are not intended for cleaning and disinfection when loaded. The items must be removed from the trays and then cleaned and disinfected separately.

Remove major contaminants in the operating room before returning the instruments to the tray. It is preferable to dispose of contaminants using a dry method. If contaminants are disposed of using a wet method, place the instruments in a prepared solution directly after they have been used. The instruments must be disassembled and opened as much as possible. All items (including grooves, holes, lumens, etc.) must be sufficiently covered with solution. To avoid damage to the materials, do not leave them in the solution for longer than directed.

Pretreatment prior to cleaning, disinfection and sterilization

Pretreatment process

- Disassemble and open the instruments as far as possible. When doing so, follow the assembly and disassembly instructions, which can be found at www.medartis.com
- Empty the instrument trays completely and remove lid if necessary
- Empty the aluminum or plastic implant trays completely and remove lid if necessary; for steel implant trays, the implants can be left in the tray but the lid must be removed during the rinsing process and rinsed separately
- Clean items and individual parts under running water using soft brushes (shift moveable parts back and forth, use cleaning wire, syringes and cannulas for cannulated items; for larger lumina, use a bottle brush if necessary)
- Visually inspect the items and repeat pretreatment as required until visible contamination is no longer evident

The disassembled instruments and trays should remain dismantled for the following cleaning and disinfection process.

Manual Cleaning and Disinfection

Manual Cleaning Process

- Place the (disassembled) items in the cleaning bath with enzymatic cleaning solution for 5 minutes (the items must be adequately covered and the individual components should not be in a position to damage each other)
- Clean with a soft plastic brush
- Shift moveable parts back and forth several times
- Clean large lumina with a bottle brush
- Cannulated devices (with cannula or features whose diameter is less than or equal to 1/6 of the device's length), e.g. cannulated drills, must be cleaned by inserting the dedicated cleaning rod and rinsed using a suitable cannula and disposable syringe (rinse volume: 30 mL)
- Clean the items in the ultrasonic bath for 15 minutes using a suitable cleanser
- Rinse with water for at least one minute (lumina and cannulated items must also be rinsed inside using syringes and suitable cannulas); hand-held water jets can also be used.
- Visually inspect the items and repeat the cleaning process as required until visible contamination is no longer evident
- Inspect the items (see the section "Inspection")

Manual Disinfection Process

- Place the (disassembled), cleaned and inspected items in the disinfection bath for 15 minutes (the items must be adequately covered and the individual components should not be in a position to damage each other)
- Shift moveable parts back and forth several times
- Large lumina must also be filled on the inside
- Cannulated items (with cavities whose diameter is less than or equal to 1/6 of the device's length), e.g. cannulated drills, must be filled with disinfectant and rinsed using a syringe and suitable cannula (rinse volume: 30 mL)
- Rinse with water for at least one minute (lumina and cannulated items must also be rinsed inside using syringes and suitable cannulas); hand-held water jets can also be used.
- Visually inspect the items and repeat the cleaning and disinfection process as required until visible contamination is no longer evident
- The items must be completely dried directly afterwards (it is recommendable to dry them using compressed air)
- Inspect the items (see the section "Inspection") and prepare them (see the section "Product Care")
- Pack the items preferably immediately or if necessary after giving them additional time to dry

Automated Cleaning and Disinfection

The above recommendations must also be followed when choosing cleansers and disinfectants for this process.

For automated cleaning, ensure that the items have been rinsed thoroughly and that there are no residual suds.

When selecting the disinfector, make sure:

- That the cleaning process includes the following phases in accordance with EN ISO 15883:

Phase	Temperature	Duration	Action
Cleaning	55°C (+/-2°C) (131°F; +/-35.6°F)*	10 min.*	Adding cleanser*
Neutralization	Cold	2 min.	Neutralize with cold water
Rinsing	Cold	1 min.	Rinse with cold water
Thermal disinfection (Ao value > 3'000)	≥ 90°C (194°F)	5 min.	With demineralized and purified water; do not add additional cleanser
Rinsing	Device-specific	Device-specific	Rinse with demineralized and purified water
Dry	Device-specific	Device-specific	Drying process

* The information provided is based on the use of "neodisher MediClean forte" by Dr. Weigert; times and temperatures may vary if a different cleanser is used; follow the applicable information provided by the manufacturer.

When loading the disinfectant, use the loading layouts provided by the manufacturer; also follow the detailed information provided in "Instructions for Cleaning, Disinfection and Sterilization" at www.medartis.com.

Inspection (Implants and Instruments)

Before assigning the implants to the implant containers, check them after cleaning and disinfection for damage and contaminants, and remove damaged and contaminated implants.

After the instruments are cleaned and disinfected, check them all for damage (e.g. corrosion, damage to surfaces, chipping, etc.), contaminants and function. Remove damaged instruments. In addition, instruments with lumina (e.g. cannulated drills) must be checked to verify that they are patent, cutting instruments must be checked for sharpness and rotating instruments must be checked for bending. Instruments that are still soiled must be cleaned and disinfected again. You can find further details at www.medartis.com in "Instructions for Cleaning, Disinfection and Sterilization".

Product Care

Carefully apply maintenance products (paraffin-based/white oil-based, biocompatible, steam-sterilizable and steam-permeable) to the articulations, closures or threads and sliding surfaces. Do not use maintenance products containing silicone.

The disassembled instruments and trays should be reassembled for the following sterilization process.

Sterilization

Medartis recommends sterilizing the products in the specially designed APTUS sterilization containers, implant containers and instrument trays.

If the total weight of the loaded module is over 25 pounds, the module must not be sterilized in a sterilization case but shall be wrapped using state of the art and approved wrapping methods.

Steam Sterilization

All **NON-STERILE** products can be sterilized in an autoclave (EN 13060 and EN 285). For both initial and subsequent sterilization, the following parameters were validated by Medartis in accordance with the requirements of the current sterilization standards, EN ISO 17665 and ANSI/AAMI ST79:

Procedure	Fractionated Vacuum Method (= Pre-Vacuum or Dynamic Air Removal)	Gravity Displacement Method
Exposure time	4 min	15 min.
Temperature	132°C (270°F)	132°C (270°F)
Drying time	> 20 - 30 min.	> 15 - 30 min.

Medartis recommends that sterilization be performed in accordance with the above validated processes. If the user utilizes other processes (e.g. flash sterilization), these must be validated by the user.

The ultimate responsibility for validation of sterilization techniques and equipment lies with the user.

Do not use hot-air sterilization, radiation sterilization, formaldehyde sterilization, ethylene oxide sterilization or substitute procedures for sterilizing thermolabile items such as plasma or peroxide sterilization for Medartis products.

After sterilization, the products must be stored in a dry and dust-free environment.

Reusability (Implants and Instruments)

The implants may only be brought into contact with a patient once. Implants that have come into contact with the blood or bodily fluids of a patient must not be reused.



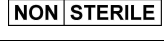



The instruments can be reused if corresponding precautions are observed and if they are undamaged and uncontaminated.

No liability is assumed by the manufacturer in case of non-observance.

Medartis recommends: if products come in contact with pathogens that are difficult to identify such as variations of Creutzfeldt-Jakob's disease (confirmed or suspected pathogen), they must be discarded. Those products must not be reused.

Production and Sales

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 Caution, consult accompanying documents	Caution: Consult accompanying documents
	Lot number
	Non-sterile
 Do not reuse	Do not reuse
	Marking for Risk Class I medical devices, sterile, I with measuring function, IIA and IIB
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