

A. DEVICE DESCRIPTION

The Arthrex Low Profile Screws are headed and self-tapping. They are available as fully or partially threaded, and solid or cannulated. The screw range from sizes 1.0 mm to 6.7 mm in diameter and from 6 mm to 120 mm in length (1, 2 or 5 mm increments).

B. INDICATIONS

The Arthrex Mini CFS (comprehensive Fixation System) Screws (1.0-2.4 mm solid) are intended for use as osteo-synthetic, reconstructive procedures, and fixation of the hand, wrist, and other small bones. When used as a plate, they can be used with the Arthrex Comprehensive Fixation Plates (1.4-2.4 mm).

The Arthrex Mini CFS Screws (2.0-2.4 mm solid) are intended for fixation of fractures, osteotomies, realignments, and fusions of small bones and small bone fragments, particularly in osteoporotic bone in the hand, wrist, foot, and ankle.

The Arthrex Low Profile Screws (2.0-3.0 mm solid) are intended to be used as stand-alone bone screws, or in a plate system for internal bone fixation for bone fractures, fusions, osteotomies and non-unions in the ankle, foot, hand, wrist, and ankle.

The Arthrex Low Profile Screws (2.0-3.0 mm cannulated) are intended to be used as stand-alone bone screws for internal bone fixation for bone fractures, fusions, osteotomies and non-unions in the ankle, foot, hand, and wrist.

The Arthrex Low Profile Screws (3.5 mm and larger, solid) are intended to be used as stand-alone bone screws, or in a plate system for internal bone fixation for bone fractures, fusions, osteotomies and non-unions in the ankle, foot, hand, wrist, and ankle.

The Arthrex Vented Cannulated Locking Screws (4.0 mm, cannulated) are intended to be used in a plate-system for internal bone fixation for bone fractures in the humerus. The screws are used with the Arthrex Human Fracture Plates. Additional augmentation, as needed, may be obtained through the screw. These screws are for EU distribution only.

The Arthrex Blue Tip Screws are intended to be used as stand-alone bone screws for internal bone fixation for bone fractures, fusions, osteotomies and non-unions in the ankle, foot, hand, wrist, ulna, olecranon, humerus, radius, ulna, tibia, calcaneus, tibia, olecranon, humerus, radius, ulna, tibia, calcaneus, femur and fibula. When used in conjunction with FiberTape®, they can be used to treat patella fractures.

C. CONTRAINDICATIONS

1. Insufficient quantity or quality of bone.
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. Any active infection or blood supply limitations.

5. Conditions that tend to limit the patient's ability or willingness to restrict activities or follow directions during the healing period.

6. 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. Patients with skeletal immaturity should not undergo surgery or implants must not bridge, disturb or disrupt the growth plate.

7. Do not use for surgeries other than those indicated.

D. ADVERSE EFFECTS

1. Infections, both deep and superficial.

2. Foreign body reactions.

E. WARNINGS

1. An internal fixation device must never be reused.

2. All metal-implant devices used for this surgical procedure should have the same metallurgical composition.

3. 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 stresses. 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.

4. Pre-operative and operating procedures, including knowledge of surgical techniques and proper selection of the device, are important considerations in the successful utilization of this device. The appropriate Arthrex delivery system is required for proper implantation of the device.

5. The decision to use this 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.

6. Detailed instructions on the use and limitations of this device should be given to the patient.

7. Devices that have been implanted for a long period of time may require the use of screw removal instrumentation.

8. This is a single use device. Reuse of this device could result in failure or damage to the device and could cause harm to the patient and/or the physician.

9. Removal of supplemental fixation after healing. 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 or breaking of the device; (5) Pseudotumor formation; (6) Impractical or difficult; (7) Pain, discomfort, or abnormal sensations due to the presence of the device; (8) 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.

F. MRI SAFETY INFORMATION**1. MR Conditional**

Non-clinical and in-vivo electromagnetic simulations demonstrated that the Arthrex Low Profile Screws are MR Conditional. A patient with this device can be scanned safely with an MR system immediately after placement of the device following surgery.

• Static magnetic field of 1.5-Teda and 3-Teda only

• Maximum static gradient: magnetic field of 3000 Gauss/cm or less

• Maximum MR system reported, while body averaged specific absorption rate (SAR) of 1.0-W/kg for 15 minutes of scanning in the head and upper torso.

• Update the safe conditions defined the Arthrex Low Profile Screws are expected to provide a maximum temperature rise of up to 6 °C after 15-minutes of continuous scanning.

a. Articular Retention

In non-clinical testing, the image artifact caused by the Arthrex Low Profile Screws can expand up to approximately 120 mm from this implant when imaged using a gradient echo pulse sequence and a 3-Teda MR system.

b. PRECAUTIONS

1. Surgeons are advised to review the specific surgical technique prior to surgery. Arthrex provides detailed surgical techniques in print video and electronic formats. The Arthrex website also provides detailed surgical technique information and demonstrations. Or, contact your Arthrex representative for an onsite demonstration.

2. Use the appropriately sized drill bit for the screw.

3. Damage to the driver or screw may result in failure to seat the driver fully into the screw or to align the driver properly with the screw.

4. QuickFix® Screws Only: Bending the insertion point to seat the screw from the head is not recommended. Screws should be inserted by hand and not with powered equipment.

c. PACKAGING AND LABELING

1. The product must be accepted only if the factory packaging and labeling arrive intact.

2. Contact Customer Service if the package has been opened or altered.

3. All of the symbols used on the labeling along with the lot, description and standard designation number may be found on our website at www.arthrex.com/symbols glossary.

d. VALIDATION

The recommended cleaning, disinfection and sterilization methods in this DFI have been validated in compliance with federal and international government standards. In accordance with ISO 17665, the "overall" approach was used for sterilization validation, and demonstrates a sterility assurance level (SAL) of 10⁻⁶. This is equivalent to a 0.0001% chance of a false positive per procedure.

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