

Instructions for Use

VersaCross™ Transseptal Sheath

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English

Carefully read all instructions prior to use. Observe all warnings and precautions noted in these instructions. Failure to do so may result in patient complications.

Caution: Federal (U.S.A.) law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician.

Baylis Medical Company relies on the physician to determine, assess and communicate to each individual patient all foreseeable risks of the procedure.

I. DEVICE DESCRIPTION

The VersaCross™ Transseptal Sheath kit consists of three components: a sheath, a dilator, and a J-tipped guidewire.

The VersaCross Transseptal Sheath kit is designed for safe and easy catheterization and angiography of specific heart chambers and locations. The sheath provides superior torque control and is flexible. The sheath device shaft in its entirety is coated with a hydrophobic lubricious coating for smoother device manipulation. No pre-conditioning is required for this coating. The dilator provides support for the sheath, features a tapered tip and a shaft that can be reshaped manually. Radiopaque tips maximize visualization of the sheath and dilator during manipulation.

The J-tipped guidewire, hereafter referred to as the "guidewire", is comprised of a stainless-steel core with a flexible, spiral shaped PTFE coated steel coil along the full length of this device. The sheath shaft and guidewire are in their entirety coated with hydrophobic lubricious coating for smoother device manipulation. No pre-conditioning is required for these coatings.

II. INDICATIONS FOR USE

The VersaCross Transseptal Sheath kit is used for the percutaneous introduction of various types of cardiovascular catheters and guidewires to all heart chambers, including the left atrium via transseptal perforation / puncture.

III. WARNINGS

- Laboratory staff and patients can undergo significant x-ray exposure during interventional procedures due to the continuous usage of fluoroscopic imaging. This exposure can result in acute radiation injury as well as increased risk for somatic and genetic effects. Therefore, adequate measures must be taken to minimize this exposure. The use of echocardiography is recommended.
- The VersaCross Transseptal Sheath kit is intended for single patient use only. Do not attempt to sterilize and reuse the VersaCross Transseptal Sheath kit. Reuse can cause patient injury and/or the communication of infectious disease(s) from one patient to another.
- The VersaCross Transseptal Sheath kit is supplied STERILE using an ethylene oxide process. Do not use if the package is damaged.
- The sheath's shaft is coated with a lubricious coating. The following warnings must be considered:
 - Use of the sheath with introducer sheaths smaller than the size listed in the section below may result in a tight fit that affects device performance, including coating integrity.
 - Excessive wiping and/or wiping of the sheath with a dry gauze may damage the coating.
 - Manual shaping of the sheath distal curve shall be done with smooth motions along the curve without applying excessive pressure. Excessive manual bending and/or shaping of the sheath shaft may affect the coating integrity.
- Care should be taken to ensure that all air is removed from the sheath before infusing through the side port.
- Care should be taken when inserting or removing the dilator and catheters from the sheath.
- Do not attempt direct percutaneous insertion of the sheath without the dilator as this may cause vessel injury.
- Damage to guidewire may result if withdrawn through a metal needle cannula.
- Careful manipulation must be performed to avoid cardiac damage or tamponade. Sheath advancement should be done under fluoroscopic guidance. Echocardiographic guidance is also recommended.
- The Mechanical Guidewire is coated with a lubricious coating. The following warnings must be considered:
 - Use with incompatible introducers or dilators may affect device performance and integrity, including coating integrity
 - Excessive manual bending and/or shaping of the device may affect the coating integrity"

IV. PRECAUTIONS

- Do not attempt to use the VersaCross Transseptal Sheath kit before thoroughly reading the accompanying Instructions for Use.
- Careful manipulation must be performed to avoid cardiac damage or tamponade. Sheath, dilator and guidewire advancement should be done under fluoroscopic guidance. If resistance is encountered, DO NOT use excessive force to advance or withdraw the device.
- The sterile packaging and sheath should be visually inspected prior to use. Do not use the device if it has been compromised or damaged.
- Only physicians thoroughly trained in the techniques of the approach to be used should perform interventional procedures.
- Only physicians or personnel trained in aseptic techniques should perform aseptic presentation
- Note product "Use By" date.
- The VersaCross Transseptal Sheath is compatible with introducer sheaths 11Fr or larger.
- The VersaCross Transseptal Sheath and Dilator are compatible with transseptal devices and guidewires .035" or smaller.
- The VersaCross Transseptal Sheath kit is NOT compatible with transseptal needles such as the "NRG™ Transseptal Needle".
- Do not reshape distal tip or curve of the guidewire. Excessive bending or kinking of the distal curve may damage the integrity of the wire or coating and lead to patient injury.
- Only use compatible tip straighteners with the guidewire.
- Do not attempt to insert the proximal end of the guidewire as the distal end.
- Confirm ancillary devices are compatible with the dilator and guidewire diameters before use.
- Individual patient anatomy and physician technique may require procedural variations.
- Do not attempt to use the guidewire with electrocautery tools.
- Avoid guidewire contact with liquids other than blood, isopropyl alcohol, contrast solution or saline.

V. CONTRAINDICATIONS

There are no known contraindications for this device.

VI. SPECIAL STORAGE AND/OR HANDLING INSTRUCTIONS

Keep away from sunlight.

VII. ADVERSE EVENTS

Adverse events that may occur while using the VersaCross Transseptal Sheath kit include:

Infection
Local nerve damage
Embolic events
AV fistula formation
Pseudoaneurysm
Arrhythmias
Hematoma
Valve damage
Air embolus
Hemorrhage
Vessel spasm
Atrial septal defect
Perforation and/or tamponade
Pericardial/pleural effusion
Vessel trauma
Catheter entrapment

VIII. INSPECTION PRIOR TO USE

Prior to use of the VersaCross Transseptal Sheath kit, the individual components should be carefully examined for damage or defects, as should all equipment used in the procedure. Do not use defective equipment. Do not reuse the device.

IX. EQUIPMENT REQUIRED

Intracardiac puncture procedures should be performed in a sterile environment in a specialized clinical setting equipped with a fluoroscopy unit, radiographic table, echocardiographic imaging, physiologic recorder, emergency equipment and instrumentation for gaining vascular access.

VIII. SUGGESTED DIRECTIONS FOR USE

- Carefully read all instructions prior to use. Failure to do so may result in complications.
- Thoroughly flush the sheath, guidewire and dilator with heparinized saline solution prior to use.
- Perform a standard vein puncture of the right femoral vein using an access needle (not supplied).
- Introduce the guidewire through the vasculature access point and advance to required depth. If resistance is encountered, DO NOT use excessive force to advance or withdraw the guidewire. Determine the cause of resistance before proceeding.
- Enlarge the cutaneous puncture site as necessary.
- Note that a compatible access introducer sheath may be used at the venous cutaneous puncture site if desired. Refer to the compatible introducer sheath's Instructions for Use for details and directions.
- Assemble the dilator and sheath until the dilator hub locks into the sheath hub. The sideport of the sheath and curve indicator of the dilator should be in the same orientation.
- The distal curvature of the dilator may be adjusted manually if desired. Do not use excessive force when reshaping.
- Thread the dilator/sheath assembly over the guidewire using a slight twisting motion into the superior vena cava (SVC) under fluoroscopic guidance. If resistance is encountered, DO NOT use excessive force to advance or withdraw the dilator/sheath assembly over the guidewire. Determine the cause of resistance before proceeding.
- Use standard technique to position the sheath/dilator assembly into the desired heart chamber.
- If transseptal puncture is required, refer to the Instructions for Use of the transseptal puncture device. Echocardiographic guidance is also recommended.
- Ensure the sheath is clear of air. To aspirate blood, use the sheath side port.
- Monitor the location of the radiopaque tip of the sheath and dilator frequently under fluoroscopy. Echocardiographic guidance is also recommended.
- Deliver a continuous heparinized solution infusion or aspirate periodically. This may help reduce the risk of thromboembolic complications due to thrombus formation, as there may be a possibility of thrombus development at the distal sheath tip or inside the sheath lumen. Also aspirate when removing the transseptal device or dilator.
- After removal of the sheath, use standard technique to achieve hemostasis.

IX. CLEANING AND STERILIZATION INSTRUCTIONS

Do not clean or re-sterilize the VersaCross Transseptal Sheath kit. The VersaCross Transseptal Sheath kit is intended for single use only.

X. DISPOSAL OF WASTE

Treat the used device(s) as biohazardous waste and dispose of in compliance with standard hospital procedures.

XI. CUSTOMER SERVICE AND PRODUCT RETURN INFORMATION













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NOTES:

- In order to return products, you must have a return authorization number before shipping the products back to Baylis Medical Company. Product Return Instructions will be provided to you at this time.
- Ensure that any product being returned to Baylis Medical has been cleaned, decontaminated and/or sterilized as indicated in the Product Return Instruction before returning it for warranted service. Baylis Medical will not accept any piece of used equipment that has not been properly cleaned or decontaminated as per the Product Return Instructions.

XII. LABELING AND SYMBOLS

	Manufacturer	Rx ONLY	Caution: Federal (U.S.A.) law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician.
	Sterile using ethylene oxide		Single use – Do not reuse
	Use by		Lot number
	Caution		Do not use if packaging is damaged
	Consult Instructions for Use		Keep away from sunlight
	Model number		Do not resterilize
	Non-pyrogenic		

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