

Hêxanium TLIF



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PATIENT PREPARATION

The patient is placed on the OR (Operating Room) table using the standard position indicated for Transforaminal Lumbar Interbody Fusion (TLIF). X-ray shall be used during the entire procedure: to confirm identification of the affected disc, to confirm good positioning of the trial device and the final position of the Hexanium TLIF cage.





Mark the affected segment after c-arm control. Perform the incision over the level on which the cage must be inserted.

Expose the facets and the lateral parts of facet joints on the affected side.

Normally (part of) the inferior facet of the upper vertebra and (part of) the superior

facet of the lower vertebra are removed on the affected side with an osteotome, burr or kerrison.

According to patient and indication the surgeon may choose a more lateral approach, leaving the facet joint intact. Decompress the central spinal canal and the neural foramen if necessary.

Create a window in the posterolateral portion of the annulus to access the intervertebral space.

The dura and nerve root are protected using the dura retractor TL1-A011 and/or the nerve root retractor TL1-A012.



ENDPLATE PREPARATION





Snap-On Cannulated Silicon T-Handle SD-ATSH1169214C5

To connect a **spreader** *TL3-A010-xx* or a reamer TL3-A011-xx to the snap-on cannulated silicon T-Handle SD-ATSH1169214C5. pull the ring of the silicon T-handle towards the silicon part.

While maintaining this position, insert the square tip of the **spreader** or **reamer** into the handle and release the ring of the

handle to secure the connection between the two instruments.

Always double check the connection of the two pieces.



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To ensure good primary stability of the implant after implantation, it is mandatory to adequately distract the intervertebral disc space.

To perform this distraction, you can use the spreaders TL3-A010-xx 7 to 16.

It is recommended to start with the smallest size **spreader** to avoid over distraction.

Apply the **spreader** parallel to the intervertebral space and carefully do a quarter turn clockwise to open up the disc space.

Proceed progressively with bigger **spreaders** step by step to reach the required distraction.

Use rongeurs and forceps to remove disc material thanks to the window created with the spreader. Leave only the anterior and lateral part of the annulus.



Reamer *TL3-A011-xx* can also be used to remove disc material and prepare the endplates.

Apply the **reamer** parallel to the intervertebral space and carefully do a quarter turn clockwise.

It is recommended to preserve as much of the annulus as possible to provide additional support for the Hexanium TLIF implant.

Use the **reamer** to ream out disc space material or for final removal of the disc space material and cartilaginous tissue.





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TL3-A035-L/R

If needed, the straight rake curette *TL3-A033* is available to complete the endplate preparation. Insert the curette parallel to endplate and use it to remove disc space material.

In order to remove the tissue in the far lateral disc space, use the **ring curette** (left or right) *TL3-A035-L/R*.





Following the disc space material removal, it's recommended to perform a new distraction with the last used spreader TL3-A010-xx.



Curved Convex Rasp TL3-A037-02

After completing the discectomy, use the straight convex or the curved convex rasp *TL3-A037-01* & *TL3-A037-02* to remove superficial cartilaginous tissue of the endplates.

Rasps are used to reveal the bleeding bone and ensure good vascularization of the implant. Removing too much subchondral bone may weaken the vertebral endplate. A subsidence and a loss of segmental stability may happen if the entire endplate is removed.



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Ti TLIF Trials Rack TL3-RACK Ti TLIF Cage Trial (Small) TL3-013-Sxx Ti TLIF Cage Trial (Medium) TL3-013-Mxx Ti TLIF Cage Trial Holder TL3-A012

Ti TLIF cage trials *TL3-013-Sxx* & *TL3-013-Mxx* are available to match the footprint and height of each implant. Trials are separated in the Ti TLIF trials rack *TL3-RACK* according to their footprint (« S » for Small footprint and « M » for Medium footprint)

To attach the Ti TLIF cage trials *TL3-013-SXX* & *TL3-013-MXX* to the Ti TLIF cage trial

holder *TL3-A012*, place the distal part of the trial holder completely perpendicular to the trials rack so the trial holder and the cage trial are vertically aligned.

Turn the Ti TLIF cage trial holder *TL3-A012* knob clockwise to tighten the cage trial against the trial holder. Make sure that it is tightened enough and the connection is secure.



! WARNING !

Recheck and make sure the cage trial is firmly connected to the Ti TLIF Cage Trial Holder, which can be checked manually by applying pressure on the lateral side of the cage trial with the thumb to make sure that the trial is strongly connected.



The proper alignment of the trial and the **Ti TLIF Cage Trial Holder** *TL3-A012* ensure a straight introduction of the trial along the transforaminal route.

Insert the Ti TLIF cage trial *TL3-013-Sxx* & *TL3-013-Mxx* with gentle taps on the back of the Ti TLIF cage trial holder *TL3-A012* until it is just inside the intervertebral space.

If necessary, the **cage trial** can be pushed forward into the intervertebral disc space with light hammering on the **Ti TLIF cage trial holder** *TL3-A012* handle.

It's important to check the position and fit of the **cage trial** by using fluoroscopy. The tip should be placed near the anterior edge of the adjacent vertebral bodies. Remove the **cage trial** Implant after cage size determination.

! WARNING !

The trial device must never be disconnected from the Ti TLIF cage trial holder during this step (from insertion & positioning to removal from intervertebral space).

CAGE CONNECTION



TI TLIF Cage Small or Medium TL3-CSxx or TL3-CMxx







Select the implant which corresponds to the **Ti TLIF cage trial** used in the previous steps.

1 Place the jaws of the **cage holder** *TL3-A001* over the proximal end of the cage.



Be sure to be in the released position on the locking ring : laser mark on the cage holder aligned with the unlocked padlock of the ring.

2 Turn the **cage holder** knob clockwise to close the jaws. During this closing procedure the laser mark moves upwards towards the closed padlock. 3 Continue to turn the knob until it is tightened and the laser mark of the shaft meets the closed padlock mark of the outer tube. ▲



Once the cage is fully connected, secure the connection by turning the locking ring to align the laser mark of the shaft with the closed padlock. The cage is now secured. ▲

The Ti TLIF cage (TL3-CSxx or TL3-CMxx) cannot pivot or detach when the cage holder knob remains tightened.



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! WARNING !

The cage must me tightened with the orientation of the laser marking. (longest teeth of the cage holder must be on the concave side before impaction.)





Place the implant in the correct slot on the **cage support for graft** *TL3-A0020* according to the footprint of the chosen cage : small or medium.

1 Add some bone graft or bone substitute in the **Ti TLIF cage** bone graft chambers. **2** To compact the graft into the implant, use the tip of the graft compactor *TL3-A021* which corresponds to the proper footprint (small or medium).

3 Repeat this step until the desired bone graft volume have been compacted in the cage chamber.



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CAGE INSERTION



Ti TLIF Cage Small or Medium TL3-CSxx or TL3-CMxx



Cage Holder TL3-A001



Cage Holder Handle TL3-A002

The Ti TLIF cage TL3-CSxx or TL3-CMxx should be oriented medially.

If necessary, apply controlled and light hammering on the cage holder TL3-A001 to insert the cage into the intervertebral space.



It is recommended to use fluoroscopy to confirm position of the cage.

The tip should be positioned near the anterior edge of the adjacent vertebral bodies.

! WARNING !

Recheck and make sure the cage holder is firmly connected to the Ti TLIF Cage, which can be checked manually by applying pressure on the lateral side of the cage with the thumb to make sure that the cage is strongly connected.



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CAGE POSITIONING



Ti TLIF Cage Small or Medium TL3-CSxx or TL3-CMxx





Cage Holder Handle TL3-A002

1 Unlock the cage by making a turn counter-clockwise on the knob to allow the cage holder to rotate around the cage pivot axis. Laser mark on the inner shaft will align with the « rotation position » of the outer shaft. ${f O}$



2 Reposition the cage holder medially approximately 20-25°.

3 The cage can then be pushed in a more anterior position with light hammering on the cage holder handle TL3-A002.



It is recommended to use fluoroscopy to confirm the final position of the cage.





Prior to disconnecting the cage, you must turn the locking ring to the unlocked position : align the laser mark of the shaft with the unlocked padlock of the ring.

1 Once on the « release » position, turn the cage holder knob counter-clockwise until it stops and the laser mark reaches the distal part of the position control window.



2 The cage holder can now be removed from the cage.

Use fluoroscopy to confirm final position of the cage.



CAGE REPOSITIONING





TL3-CSxx or TL3-CMxx

OPTIONAL

To reposition the cage, use the **tamp** TL3-A022.

Insert it into the intervertebral space,



Use fluoroscopy to confirm final position of the cage.

putting it in contact with the lateral end of the cage and use it to push the cage into

a more anterior and/or lateral position.





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1 Connect the **cage holder** *TL3-AOO1* to the implanted cage. Approach the jaws of the **cage holder**, ensuring that it is on the «open» position (laser mark at the distal part of the position control window). ▲

2 When the **cage holder** meets the cage, turn the knob clockwise until the laser mark aligns with the proximal line on the cage holder (locked padlock). ▲



Remove the **Ti TLIF cage** using the slot of the **sliding hammer** *TL3-A025*.

Connect the sliding hammer on the cage holder handle *TL3-A002* cap.

1 Bind the two together by doing one quarter turn with the hammer until the laser mark on the **sliding hammer** meets the mark on the **cage holder handle** cap.

2 While holding the **cage holder handle** with one hand, apply an upward force to the **sliding hammer** with the other hand.

Repeat this procedure until the cage is completely removed from the intervertebral disc space.



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Ti TLIF Cage Trial Holder	TL3-A012
Tamp	TL3-A022
Ti TLIF Cage Trial (Small 7 To 16)	TL3-A013-Sxx
Ti TLIF Cage Trial (Medium 7 To 16)	TL3-A013-Mxx



Curettes Tray TL3-TRAY111

TL3-TRAY112

Spreaders Tray Ti TLIF Instruments Tray TL3-TRAY113

SV Common Base SD-BASE11117 / SD-BASE1168

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Ti TLIF Cage Small		Ti TLIF Cage Medium
Length 28 mm Width 9.5 mm	Height	Length 32 mm Width 10 mm
TL3-CS07	07 mm	TL3-CM07
TL3-CS08	08 mm	TL3-CM08
TL3-CS09	09 mm	TL3-CM09
TL3-CS10	10 mm	TL3-CM10
TL3-CS11	11 mm	TL3-CM11
TL3-CS12	12 mm	TL3-CM12
TL3-CS13	13 mm	TL3-CM13
TL3-CS14	14 mm	TL3-CM14
TL3-CS15	15 mm	TL3-CM15
TL3-CS16	16 mm	TL3-CM16

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