



Precice Bone Transport

Tibia surgical technique guide

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Introduction

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The Precice Bone Transport system is intended for limb lengthening, open and closed fracture fixation, pseudoarthrosis, mal-unions, non-unions or bone transport of long bones.

As with all surgical procedures and permanent implants, there are risks and considerations associated with surgery and use of the Precice Bone Transport system. It may not be appropriate for all patients and all patients may not benefit.

This surgical technique guide offers guidance but, as with any such technique guide, each surgeon must consider the particular needs of each patient and make appropriate clinical decisions as required.

All non-sterile devices must be cleaned and sterilized before use. Multi-component instrument assemblies must be disassembled prior to cleaning. Please refer to the corresponding instructions for use.

It is the surgeon's responsibility to discuss all relevant risks with the patient prior to surgery.

For a comprehensive list of indications, contra-indications, warnings and precautions, see page 23 or visit nuvasive.com/eifu.

Surgical technique

Preoperative planning

Use the check list below to determine your ideal preoperative plan.

- Defect size
- Canal diameter
- Ideal device length
- Intercalary screw location
- Corticotomy location
- Blocking screw location

Reminder: The stroke length of the Precice Bone Transport device is dependent on the total length of the device.



Precice Bone Transport device

Diameters: Ø10 mm, Ø11.5 mm, Ø13 mm

Length (mm)	Stroke (mm)
280	60
300	70
320	80
340	90
360	100
380	100
400	100

The diagrams illustrate the dimensions of the Precice Bone Transport device for different lengths and strokes. Each device features a curved proximal end and a straight distal end. The dimensions are as follows:

- 280 mm length, 60 mm stroke:** Total length 280 mm, stroke 60 mm. Proximal segments: 55 mm, 42 mm, 28 mm, 10 mm. Distance between proximal holes: 9.5 mm. Distal segments: 20 mm, 14.5 mm, 8.5 mm. Magnet location: 33 mm from the distal end.
- 300 mm length, 70 mm stroke:** Total length 300 mm, stroke 70 mm. Proximal segments: 55 mm, 42 mm, 28 mm, 10 mm. Distance between proximal holes: 9.5 mm. Distal segments: 20 mm, 14.5 mm, 8.5 mm. Magnet location: 33 mm from the distal end.
- 320 mm length, 80 mm stroke:** Total length 320 mm, stroke 80 mm. Proximal segments: 73 mm, 55 mm, 42 mm, 28 mm, 10 mm. Distance between proximal holes: 10 mm. Distal segments: 20 mm, 14.5 mm, 8.5 mm. Magnet location: 33 mm from the distal end.
- 340 mm length, 90 mm stroke:** Total length 340 mm, stroke 90 mm. Proximal segments: 83 mm, 55 mm, 42 mm, 28 mm, 10 mm. Distance between proximal holes: 20 mm. Distal segments: 20 mm, 14.5 mm, 8.5 mm. Magnet location: 33 mm from the distal end.
- 360 mm length, 100 mm stroke:** Total length 360 mm, stroke 100 mm. Proximal segments: 93 mm, 55 mm, 42 mm, 28 mm, 10 mm. Distance between proximal holes: 30 mm. Distal segments: 20 mm, 14.5 mm, 8.5 mm. Magnet location: 33 mm from the distal end.
- 380 mm length, 100 mm stroke:** Total length 380 mm, stroke 100 mm. Proximal segments: 113 mm, 75 mm, 42 mm, 28 mm, 10 mm. Distance between proximal holes: 30 mm. Distal segments: 20 mm, 14.5 mm, 8.5 mm. Magnet location: 33 mm from the distal end.
- 400 mm length, 100 mm stroke:** Total length 400 mm, stroke 100 mm. Proximal segments: 133 mm, 95 mm, 42 mm, 28 mm, 10 mm. Distance between proximal holes: 30 mm. Distal segments: 20 mm, 14.5 mm, 8.5 mm. Magnet location: 33 mm from the distal end.

Patient positioning

Place the patient supine on a radiolucent table and position the knee for a tibial nailing procedure. Position a small bump under the ipsilateral sacroiliac joint so that the patella is pointing forward. Fluoroscopic visualization of the entire tibia is essential and should be confirmed prior to prepping and draping the patient's entire limb from the iliac crest to the foot/ankle. A triangle may also be helpful for patient positioning and device insertion if an infrapatellar insertion is planned (*Fig. 1*). Suprapatellar approach for nail placement is also possible if preferred.

Locate the joint line using a wire or similar technique. Use a surgical marking pen to mark the site.

Resection planning

Preparation of bone ends for transport is often performed at an operation prior to that for placement of the Precice Bone Transport device. If resection is planned during the same surgical session as placement of the Precice Bone Transport device, then preoperative planning of the resection is key for determining the most appropriate implant for the reconstruction. The Precice Bone Transport device allows for 60–100 mm of transport, depending on the length of the device chosen. It is often difficult to know the exact extent of resection until the bone is examined intraoperatively, so planning for variation in the exact extent of bone loss is important for assuring implant availability.

Using fluoroscopy, mark the predetermined location where the resection will take place.

To maintain rotational alignment, insert a proximal and distal hip pin posterior to the mid-sagittal plane, avoiding the future intramedullary (IM) nail prior to completing the resection.

Make an incision and properly debride the resection site. Bone cuts are generally performed with a low energy oscillating saw such as a Micro-100. The saw blade should be constantly irrigated, preferably with iced saline, and intermittent breaks should be taken in order to minimize thermal damage to the bone. Confirm that appropriate instruments have been placed along the sides of the bone being cut in an effort to prevent damage to the surrounding soft tissue structures. A chisel or osteotome can be used to test the bone for bleeding and to remove a portion of the cortex when a partial resection is appropriate. It is important that the bone remaining after resection is viable and bleeding. The bone cuts should ideally be made orthogonal to the tibial shaft in order to confirm optimal bone contact at the time of docking (*Figs. 2, 3*).

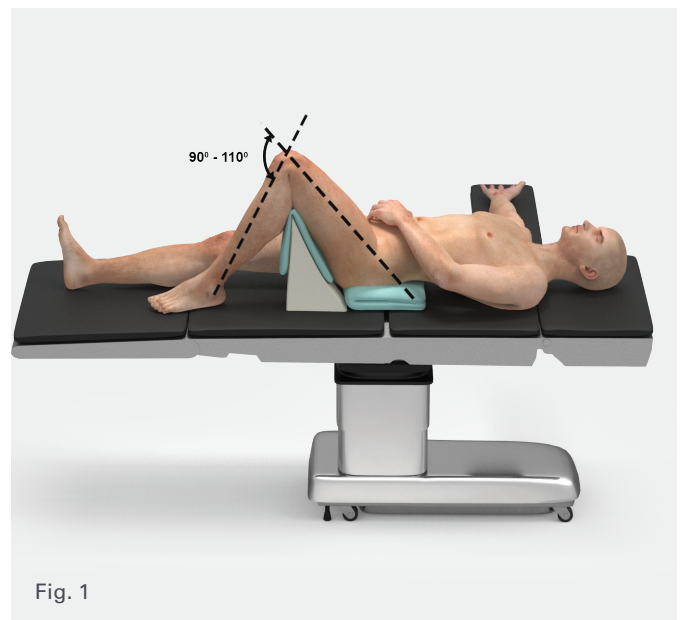


Fig. 1



Fig. 2



Fig. 3

Entry site preparation

Make an incision consistent with the chosen approach for either infrapatellar or suprapatellar intramedullary tibial nail placement. Insert a starting guide pin into the proximal tibia at the start point location for placement of a tibial nail, which is located just medial to the lateral tibial spine on an A/P image and several mm posterior to the anterior edge of the plateau on the lateral image. A more distal entry point may result in damage to the patellar tendon insertion and possibly the posterior cortex during device insertion.

After confirming proper pin placement, position a soft tissue protector and ream over the starting guide pin with an entry drill. Take care to protect the patellar tendon and joint surfaces throughout this process.

Using a guidewire chuck, insert a ball tip guidewire into the entry hole and down the length of the tibia.

Reaming

Reaming of the canal is performed over the guidewire with flexible reamers beginning with 7 mm and increasing gradually by 0.5 mm increments until the tibial canal is over-reamed by 2 mm greater than the planned diameter of the Precice Bone Transport device. It is important not to use the tourniquet during reaming. The size of the device should be planned for based on the size of the intramedullary canal. Ideally, the implant should be large enough to fill the canal with a 2 mm over-ream. It is recommended to use the smallest diameter implant to achieve this so as to limit excessive reaming of the tibial canal.

Tip: *If the distal segment is past the isthmus, such as in the distal metaphysis, then it is recommended not to over-ream to improve stability of the construct. Reaming and entry site should also be to the center of the distal segment to avoid deformity, especially when presented with a short distal segment.*

Corticotomy site preparation

If preferred, a bent nail template can be a useful tool to plan and/or confirm the location of your corticotomy. The nail template can be assembled to the guide arm and placed down the proximal canal. Under fluoroscopy you should be able to visualize the location of each slot to help determine the ideal location for the corticotomy. Once the location is determined it can be marked using a drill bit and the nail template can be removed to complete the corticotomy.

Once you locate your planned corticotomy site, make an incision. If a nail template is not appropriate then using a drill bit, make one entry hole through the other side of the tibial canal. Confirm that the guidewire has been removed from the canal. The two most commonly employed options are along the posteromedial corner or at the anterolateral edge. The posteromedial corner approach is generally preferred when soft tissues permit and is described below.

Using a drill bit, make a pass along the posterior cortex. Then, using the same entry hole, make an additional pass along the anterior cortex (*Fig. 4*). Following these two initial passes, additional holes can be drilled across the canal in the lateral cortex until the osteotomy site is sufficiently weakened. It is also possible to make both a posteromedial and anterolateral incision. This can be helpful if encountering difficulty positioning holes in the far cortex from where the initial approach is made. The sequence from the anteromedial incision starts with a pass along the lateral cortex, followed by the anterior cortex, and finally with holes across the canal into the posterior cortex.



Fig. 4

Altering the Precice Bone Transport device

If the location of the intercalary locking screws of the Precice Bone Transport device need to be moved for optimal treatment, the fast distractor may be used.

To use the fast distractor first, connect it to an AO quick connect or an OR drill.

Hold the fast distractor on the device and slide it until you feel the magnet engage with the Precice Bone Transport device magnet (*Fig. 5*).

Confirm the drill is in the intended position in order to move the intercalary rod forward or backward for adjustment in the slot (*Fig. 6*).

Cradle the fast distractor and device in your hand.

Start slowly and allow the drill to rotate freely (**do not** block it by holding too tightly).

Use a ruler to confirm the proper distraction or compression amount has been achieved.

Guide arm assembly

Align the arrows on the drill guide arm and tibial guide (found in the auxiliary tray) and assemble by tightening the knob.

Attach the assembled Precice Bone Transport device to the tibial guide arm assembly by inserting the locking rod through the hollow tube of the tibial guide and aligning the arrows on the device and drill guide arm. Engage the threads on the proximal end of the device with the implant locking rod and gently tighten with either the straight or ball hex driver (*Fig. 7*).

Insert the drill guide into the guide tube and through the tibial guide. Confirm proper alignment of the drill bit through the drill guide and Precice Bone Transport device. Confirm all three proximal screw holes in this manner.

Once the Precice Bone Transport device has been properly attached to the tibial guide arm assembly, insert the device into the canal just above the planned corticotomy site.

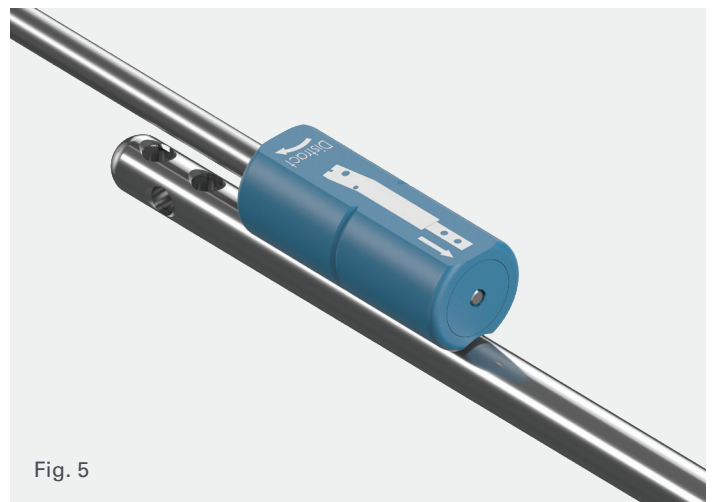


Fig. 5

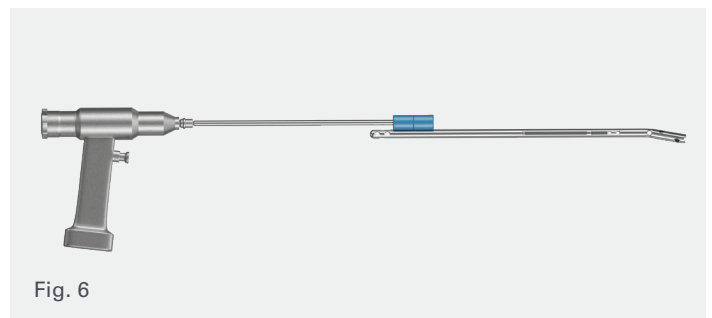


Fig. 6



Fig. 7

Complete corticotomy

Before inserting the Precice Bone Transport device through the entire tibial canal, stop just proximal to the planned corticotomy site.

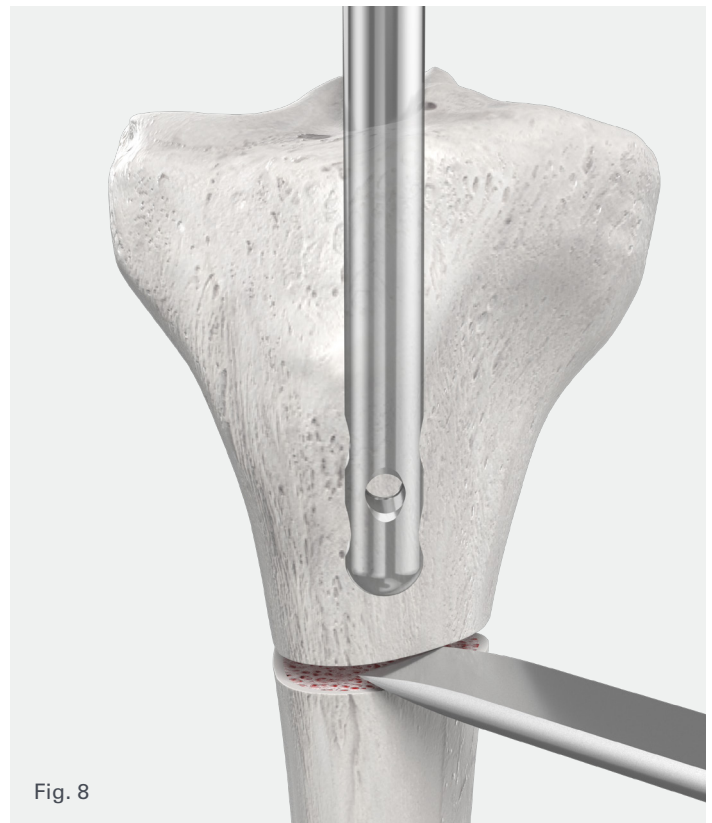
It is recommended to use an osteotome to complete the corticotomy (*Fig. 8*). It is imperative to monitor the position of the osteotome as it is advanced into bone to confirm that it is not accidentally advanced into the soft tissues beyond the far cortex. Using an osteotome with a hexagonal handle is very helpful for completing the osteotomy because a large wrench can be used to rotate the osteotome within the bone. Alternatively, it is possible to use a temporary hip pin in the transport segment in order to rotate the transport segment relative to the proximal segment. Care should be taken to confirm that the cortex has been adequately weakened by the drill passes before completing the osteotomy, or extension of fracture lines away from the osteotomy site can occur.

Confirm that the corticotomy created is complete and that the bone segments can separate using fluoroscopy.

Device insertion

Immediately after confirming the corticotomy is complete, gently tap the impactor on the tibial guide arm assembly to advance the Precice Bone Transport device across the gap and into the distal tibia under image intensification (*Fig. 9*). If the device does not advance easily, **do not** use excessive force. Excessive force on the Precice Bone Transport device may damage the internal mechanism. If necessary, consider reaming the canal by an additional 0.5–1 mm.

Maintain rotational alignment during device insertion and subsequent locking. If not already done prior to the defect resection, rotational alignment may be confirmed by inserting a proximal and distal half pin prior to completing the corticotomy or by using an external fixator-assisted method.



Proximal locking screws

Confirm the large tibial guide arm did not loosen during device insertion prior to proceeding with proximal locking screws. Position the trocar through the guide tube and place through the tibial guide arm. Make a small stab incision where the trocar contacts the skin. Advance the trocar through the tissue until the tip is seated against the near cortex.

Remove the trocar and position the drill guide through the guide tube. Use the 5.0 mm step drill if using the partially threaded screws or the 4.3 mm drill if using the fully threaded screws to penetrate both cortices (*Fig. 10*). Confirm proper placement under image intensification.

After drilling both cortices, select the appropriate locking screw length by reading the calibration on the drill bit. The screw depth gauge may also be used to read the calibration by sliding it down the guide tube.

Insert the screw capture rod through the cannulated 3.5 mm locking driver. Hand tighten the screw capture rod to the appropriate length locking screw. Attach the 3.5 mm locking driver with the screw capture rod to the quick connect T-handle or ratcheting straight handle. Remove the drill guide and position the screw into the guide tube to direct it through the Precice Bone Transport device.

Hand tighten the locking screw into the near cortex. Remove the quick connect T-handle and untighten the screw capture rod to release the locking screw.

Use the 3.5 mm solid hex driver attached to the quick connect T-handle to achieve final secure fixation and to fully seat the locking screw. Repeat this sequence for the second and third proximal locking screws (*Fig. 11*).



Fig. 10

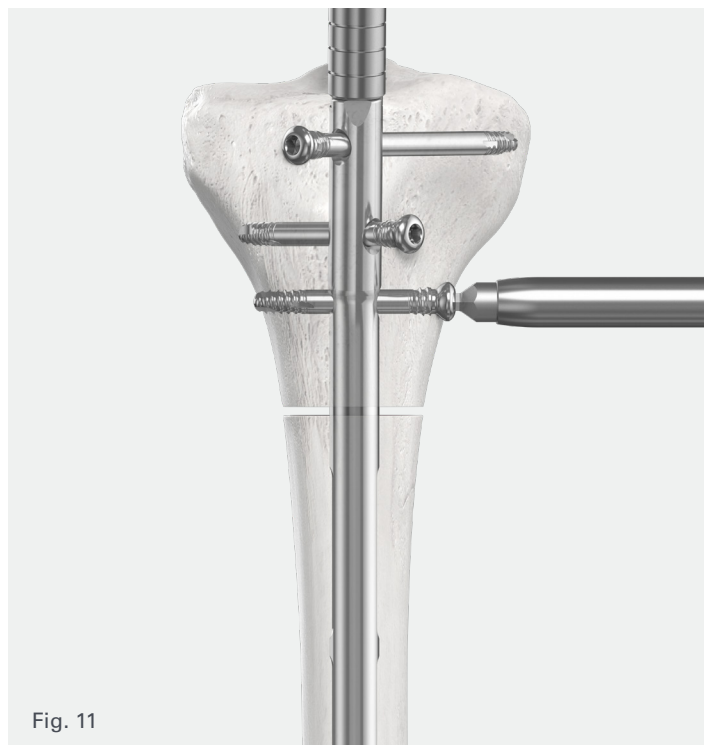


Fig. 11

Distal locking screws

The free-hand “perfect circles” technique is used to position locking screws in the A/P and M/L distal locking holes of the Precice Bone Transport device.

Depending upon which locking screw is to be inserted, align the C-arm in either the A/P or lateral position to view perfect overlapping circles. For the perfect overlapping circle technique, first find the drill hole using image intensifier. Make a small skin incision at this location. Use the soft tissue protector and 5.0 mm step drill to create a pilot hole for the locking screw.

Select the length for the first distal locking screw by reading the measurement off the calibrated drill bit with the soft tissue protector fully seated on the cortex.

The direct AO depth gauge may also be used. Attach the appropriate length locking screw to the screw capture rod and 3.5 mm locking driver. Tighten the locking screw by hand. Repeat steps for additional distal locking screws (*Fig. 12*).

It is recommended to place all three distal screws, especially when presented with a short distal segment to avoid creating a deformity.



Intercalary locking screws

Only one intercalary locking screw is needed for transport. The free-hand “perfect circles” technique should also be used to position locking screws in intercalary locking holes of the Precice Bone Transport device.

If both transport slots are needed, place the intercalary screw in the proximal locking hole so that a screw exchange may be performed.

Align the C-arm in lateral position to view perfect overlapping circles. For the perfect overlapping circle technique, first find the drill hole. Make a small skin incision here. Use the soft tissue protector and 3.5 mm step drill to create a pilot hole for the 3.5 mm locking screw and drill to the far cortex (Fig. 13).

Select the length for the locking screw by reading the measurement off the calibrated drill bit with the soft tissue protector fully seated on the cortex.

The screw depth gauge may also be used. Attach the appropriate length locking screw to the screw capture rod and 3.5 mm locking driver. Tighten the locking screw by hand (Fig. 14). Release the screw capture rod and perform final tightening of the screw with the 3.5 mm solid hex driver.

Important: *If the transport distance requires the use of both intercalary slots of the device, then only one of the intercalary screws should be placed during the initial procedure (reference page 16). When the transport has reached the max distance of the first slot, then a second surgery will be needed to remove the first screw and place the second screw in the next slot. The transport can continue after the screws have been exchanged.*



Fig. 13



Fig. 14

Ancillary fixation

One or more of the following options can be chosen at the surgeon's discretion depending on patient anatomy, location of defect and patient history. It is recommended that the ancillary fixation bridge the defect site.

- Plates
- External fixation
- Cable and pulley systems

Plating with blocking screws

It is recommended that both blocking screws and a supplemental plate be used together. This is the most effective way to prevent both deformities and bridge the bone defect site (*Fig. 15*).

Blocking screws placed before or after the nail is in position to increase stability, are highly recommended. The process of distraction osteogenesis generates forces that can cause a shift in alignment despite the presence of multiple locking screws. This is especially relevant in the proximal tibia, where a stabilization screw should be placed posterior to the device, in a position proximal to but near the osteotomy site. To prevent valgus deformity, a blocking screw should be inserted anterior to posterior, proximal but near to the osteotomy site and just lateral to the Precice Bone Transport device. Similarly, if the distal segment does not have a circumferential endosteal fit, it may require stabilization screws. The supplemental plate should be fixated after both the Precice Bone Transport device and blocking screws are placed. It is advised that the locking screws of the plate are inserted anterior to the device.

If and when a distal metaphyseal bone defect is present, a supplemental plate should be placed in order to maintain distal fixation.

External fixation, cable and pulley systems

At the surgeon's discretion, external fixation or a cable and pulley system could be used in conjunction with the Precice Bone Transport for larger segmental defects.



Fig. 15

End caps (optional)

End caps may be used to extend the Precice Bone Transport device length in order to optimize screw fixation to accommodate various patient anatomies. They are available in the 0, 5, 10, 15 and 20 mm lengths (Figs. 16a, 16b).

Locating the center of the magnet

Evaluate the final device construct under image intensification. Locate the magnet within the Precice Bone Transport device by measuring 33 mm from the distal end of the tibia device (Fig. 17).

The Precice Bone Transport device has thick steel implant walls and visibility of the internal components may require C-arm adjustments. It is recommended to double magnification down (mag 2), center over the magnet, and column adjust to the nail. If these steps are followed, a manual change to the kVp settings is no longer necessary and may result in better image quality.

To confirm the placement of the external remote controller (ERC) is accurate when the patient is completing his or her at home transport protocol, use a surgical skin marker to put transverse and vertical lines on the patient's skin directly over the location of the center of the Precice Bone Transport magnet. Provide a surgical marker postoperatively to the patient to refresh the line as it fades.

Caution should be taken as the magnets in the ERC will attract metal objects, including surgical instruments. Refer to the operator's manual for complete instructions for use prior to using the ERC.

Programming the ERC

An ERC1, ERC2P, ERC3P or ERC4P may be used with the Precice Bone Transport device.

Depending on which ERC is being used, please refer to the respective operator manual for programming guidelines.

Recommendation: When using the ERC3P or ERC4P, use of the coupling sensor is optional. If using an ERC1 or ERC2P, this step is unnecessary.

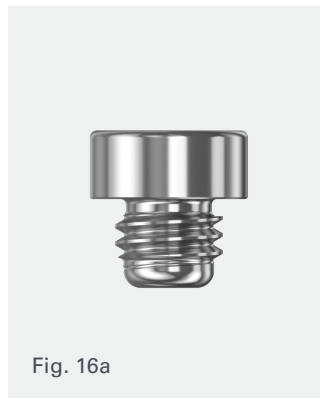


Fig. 16a



Fig. 16b

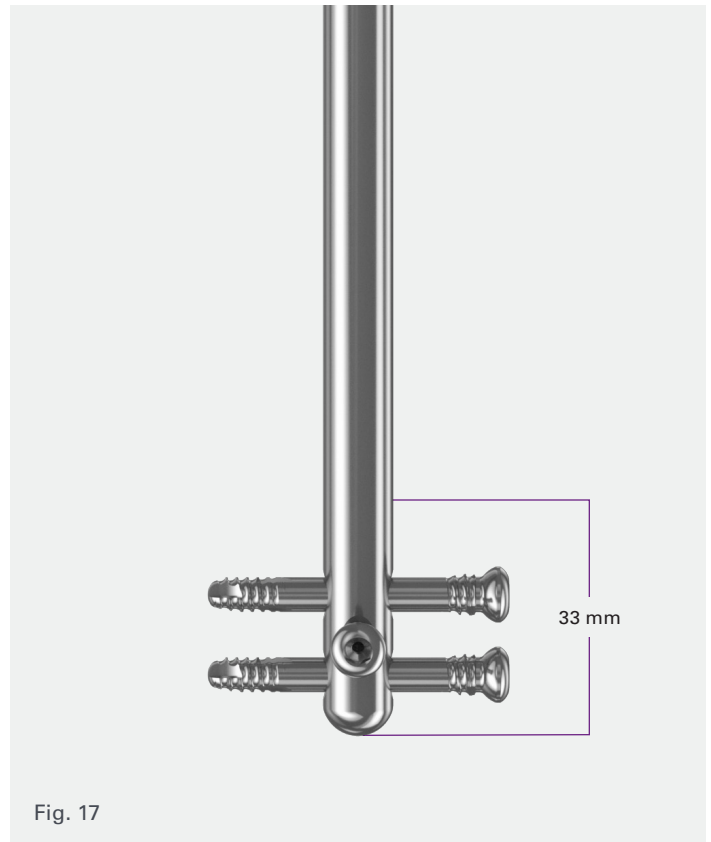


Fig. 17

Max tissue gap

Limb	Device diameter	Max gap (ERC1, ERC2P and ERC3P)	Max gap (ERC4P)
Tibia	10 mm	13 mm	19 mm
	11.5 mm	13 mm	19 mm
	13 mm	13 mm	19 mm
Femur	10 mm	51 mm	64 mm
	11.5 mm	57 mm	69 mm
	13 mm	76 mm	85 mm

Intraoperative magnet check

Depending on whether the construct is an antegrade or retrograde transport, confirm 1–2 mm of intraoperative distraction or compression.

To determine proper function of the Precice Bone Transport device, take a fluoroscopy image before intraoperative distraction or compression and one immediately after the 1–2 mm of distraction or compression. The following are a few indicators of proper function:

1. measure the before and after location of the intercalary slot locking screws,
2. measure the before and after resection site length, and
3. measure the before and after corticotomy site length (*Fig. 18*).

Final closure

Once confirmation of proper function of the Precice Bone Transport device has been made, the surgical incisions are irrigated and closed in standard fashion. Confirm that the skin mark noting the location of the magnet is visible. This will facilitate proper alignment and positioning of the ERC during the transporting phase.

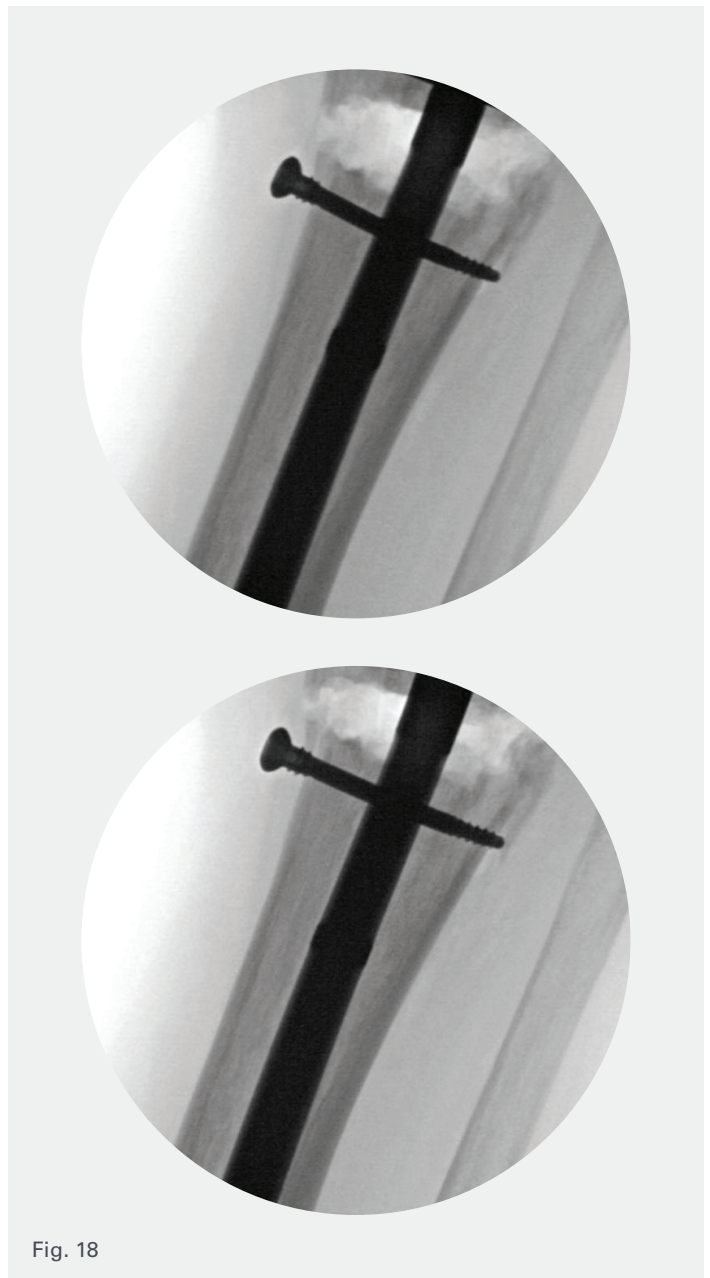


Fig. 18

Postoperative transport protocol

The patient should be brought back to clinic 7–10 days postoperative for follow-up fluoroscopy images and training on how and when to use the ERC.

The recommended transport protocol is as follows:

- 0.5–0.75 mm per day (0.25 mm, two to three times per day).

However, transporting prescription may vary due to patient bone quality, age, indication and/or previous treatment history. It is also important to remember that the ERC prescription for the transport protocol can be changed at any time it feels necessary by the surgeon.

Recommendation: *If the transport protocol spans the length of both intercalary slots, it is recommended to set up two ERC prescriptions for the patient. One for the amount of stroke in the first slot and a second for the amount of stroke of the second slot. Continuous running of the ERC, without the exchanging of intercalary screws when the transport reaches the bridge portion of the dual slot, may result in difficulty when exchanging the intercalary screw.*

Important: *Patient should be seen every two weeks for follow-up radiographic images to confirm proper regenerate formation and bony alignment. Transporting protocol with the ERC can also be adjusted at this time, if needed.*

Postoperative weight bearing management

Maximum weight bearing

Device diameter	With partially threaded screws	With fully threaded screws
10 mm	25 lbs/11 kg	25 lbs/11 kg
11.5 mm	190 lbs/87 kg	125 lbs/57 kg
13 mm	250 lbs/114 kg	125 lbs/57 kg

It is recommended that the patient maintain passive and active range of motion postoperatively. Weight bearing protocols should be determined based upon the max loads per the nail diameter implanted. However, the patients bone quality determined intraoperatively should also be a factor when determining their weight bearing protocol at this time.

Absent regenerate ossification

In the event that there is no significant regenerate developed within the first 30 mm of transport, it is highly recommended to slow, stop or reverse the transport.¹

When reversing the transport, reverse 2–4 mm per day and compress the corticotomy site. Then double the original latency and proceed at half the speed as the initial protocol.

Follow up should be scheduled weekly and it is recommended to get a triple phase bone scan to track the regenerate.



Intercalary screw exchange

Depending on the segmental defect size, exchange of the intercalary locking screw may be required.

Once the first intercalary screw reaches the bridge of the dual slot, transporting must be temporarily suspended for the patient and a second surgery should be planned (Fig. 19).

The free-hand “perfect circles” technique should be used to place the second screw in the open intercalary locking hole of the Precice Bone Transport device.

Important: Do not take out the existing intercalary screw until the second one has been placed (Fig. 20).

Align the C-arm in lateral position to view perfect overlapping circles. For the perfect overlapping circle technique, first find the screw hole. Make a small skin incision at this location. Use the soft tissue protector to create a pilot hole for the 3.5 mm locking screw.

Select the length for the locking screw by reading the measurement on the calibrated drill bit with the soft tissue protector fully seated on the near cortex.

The screw depth gauge may also be used. Attach the appropriate length locking screw to the screw capture rod and 3.5 mm locking driver. Tighten the locking screw by hand. Release the screw capture rod and perform final tightening of the screw with the 3.5 mm solid hex driver.

Once the second intercalary screw has been placed and the original intercalary screw has been removed, the patient can then resume their prescribed transporting protocol until the intercalary segment has reached 5 mm to docking (Fig. 21).



Fig. 19



Fig. 20



Fig. 21

Docking site management (optional)

It is recognized that docking site management may vary from surgeon to surgeon. However, it is recommended to plan for scar tissue removal and extraction of invaginated skin from the docking site prior to docking. Optimal timing for this is when the two bone ends reach about 5 mm from docking (*Fig. 22*). Use a curette and/or pituitary rongeur to remove scar tissue and create bleeding bone ends. Continue compression postoperatively at the docking site until the two bone ends are compressed together.

If bone grafting is planned, then it is best to bring the bone ends as close to apposition as possible prior to placing graft around the docking site. In this circumstance, it is preferred to bring the bone ends very close to apposition prior to the docking procedure. The Precice Bone Transport device can be backed up 5 mm the morning of the surgery prior to entering the operating room. This allows space to access scar tissue for removal. The bone ends can then be apposed and compressed during surgery, and then bone grafting around the sides of the docking site can be performed. Placing bone graft between the ends of the healthy bone is discouraged unless there are gaps at the docking site after the ends are compressed together. Instead, the outside of the bone ends can be prepared with mild decortication to accept bone graft around the outside. This method allows the newly formed regenerate to accordion, while space is provided for debridement and then apposition of the bone acutely without over-stressing the forming regenerate. At this time the patients weight bearing could be increased to help achieve full union.



Fig. 22

Docking site compression and healing

Following the removal of scar tissue at the docking site, the patient should continue compression with the ERC until cortical contact is achieved (*Fig. 23*).

Although compression protocols vary depending on the patient, the recommended docking site compression protocol is as follows:

- apply continuous compression until cortical contact is achieved and confirmed radiographically at the docking site, and
- apply 1 mm of compression as needed until bone ends are touching. This can be repeated multiple times over days or weeks to achieve constant bone on bone contact.

Note: *It is important to optimize bone contact and compression to limit motion at the docking site.*

The docking site should be continually monitored during regular follow-ups until union is achieved. Once healing has begun at the docking site and regenerate at the corticotomy site is sufficient, the Precice Bone Transport device can either remain in or be exchanged for a traditional trauma device until full healing has been achieved (*Fig. 24*).



Fig. 23



Fig. 24

Device removal

Removal of the Precice Bone Transport device is recommended at 12 months. Each surgeon must determine the appropriate time for removal of the Precice Bone Transport device based upon their clinical evaluation of the patient.

The device should be removed via an infrapatellar incision regardless of what approach was used to place the device.

Expose the proximal end of the device by careful removal of overlying bone and soft tissue. Under biplanar fluoroscopy, drive a K-wire into the proximal end of the device and over-ream with a starting reamer to gain exposure.

Using the image intensifier, locate the distal screws. Make a small incision as required and remove one of the distal locking screws using the 3.5 mm solid hex driver and quick connect T-handle. After the first screw is removed, use the appropriate sized Precice retention plug and driver and insert into the vacant distal screw hole (Figs. 25a–25d). Confirm full seating of the retention plug instrument under fluoroscopy (Fig. 26). Once appropriate placement and complete seating is confirmed, the remaining distal screws can be removed.

Again, using the image intensifier, locate the proximal and intercalary locking screws. Make small incisions as required and remove the locking screws using the 3.5 mm solid hex driver and quick connect T-handle. Remove all but one of the locking screws prior to tightly threading the tapered extractor to the Precice Bone Transport device.

If present, the end cap must be removed prior to threading the tapered extractor into the Precice Bone Transport device.

Attach the removal rod to the tapered extractor, remove the final locking screw and proceed with device removal. The slap hammer may be used to assist in device removal as needed.

Perform skin closure with routine techniques.

Note: If early nail exchange is appropriate before sufficient cortical bone has developed at the lengthening site, a small compression plate must be inserted in an effort to prevent the transport segment from abruptly retracting.

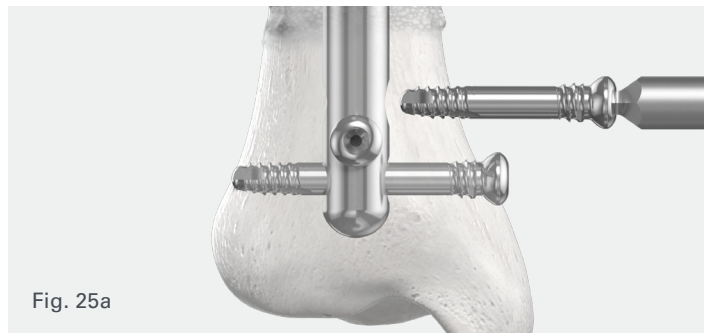


Fig. 25a

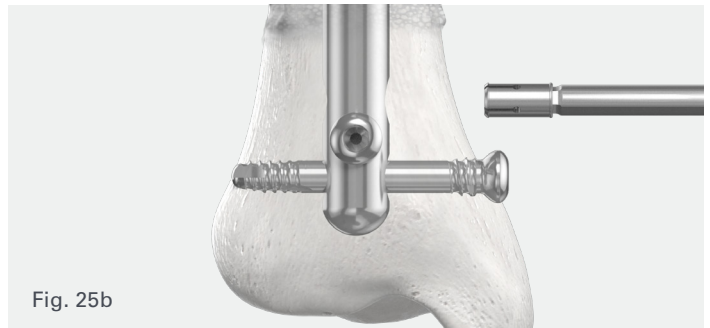


Fig. 25b

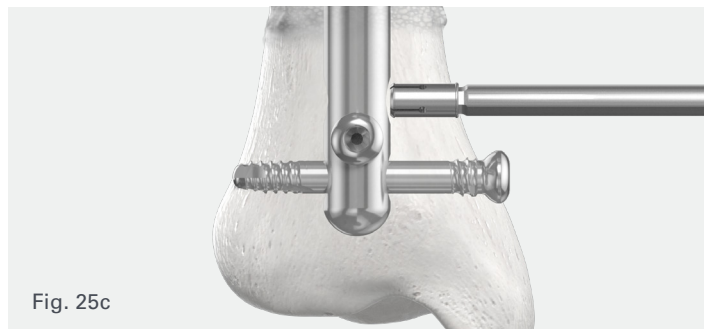


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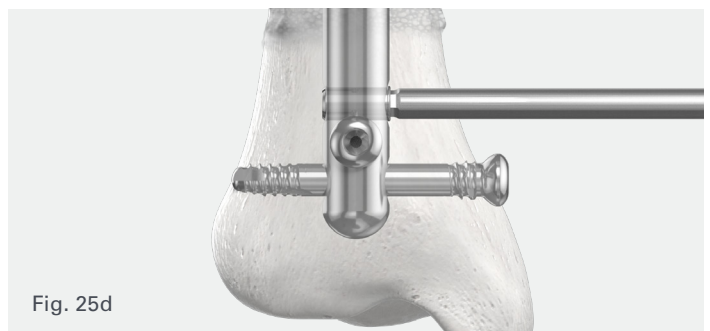


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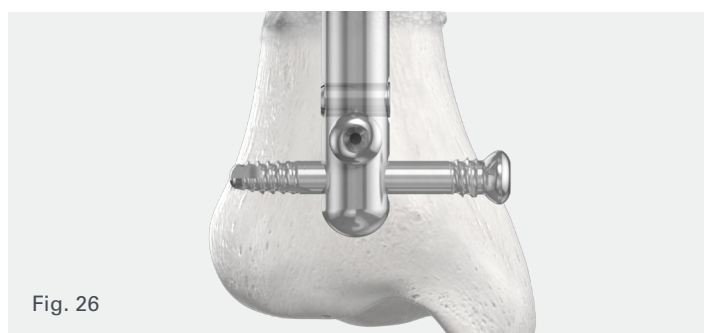
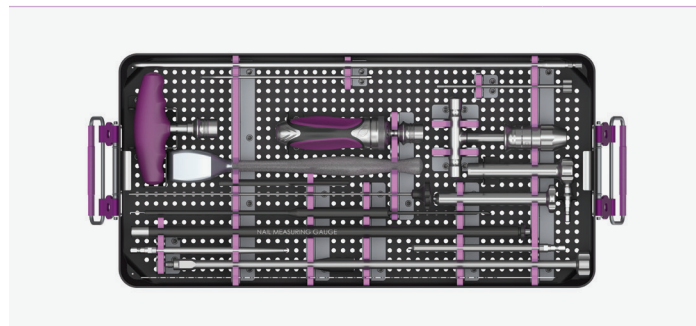


Fig. 26

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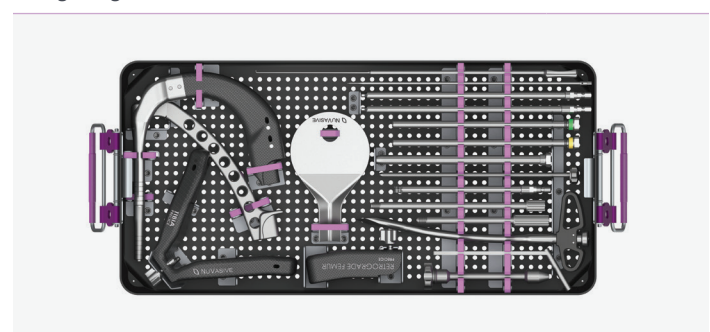
Approach instrumentation (NGI2-000)

Description	Model no.
Radiographic ruler	XRR2-000
Soft tissue protector tube	STS2-000
Honeycomb	HCB2-000
Mallet null	RMB1-000
Fracture reducer	FXR2-000
NuVasive T-handle, J-hall	THD3-000
Guidewire chuck	GWC1-000
Nail measuring gauge	NMG1-000
Guidewire pusher	GWP2-000
3.5 mm screwdriver, short solid	SDS2-001
3.5 mm screwdriver, short cannulated	SDS2-000
Screw capture rod, short	CRS1-000
Locking key	LKL2-000
NuVasive handle, straight long ratchet, J-hall	HDL3-000
Direct measuring sleeve	DMS2-000
Screw depth gauge	SDG3-000
Tapered extractor	CTA1-000
Removal rod	RVR1-000



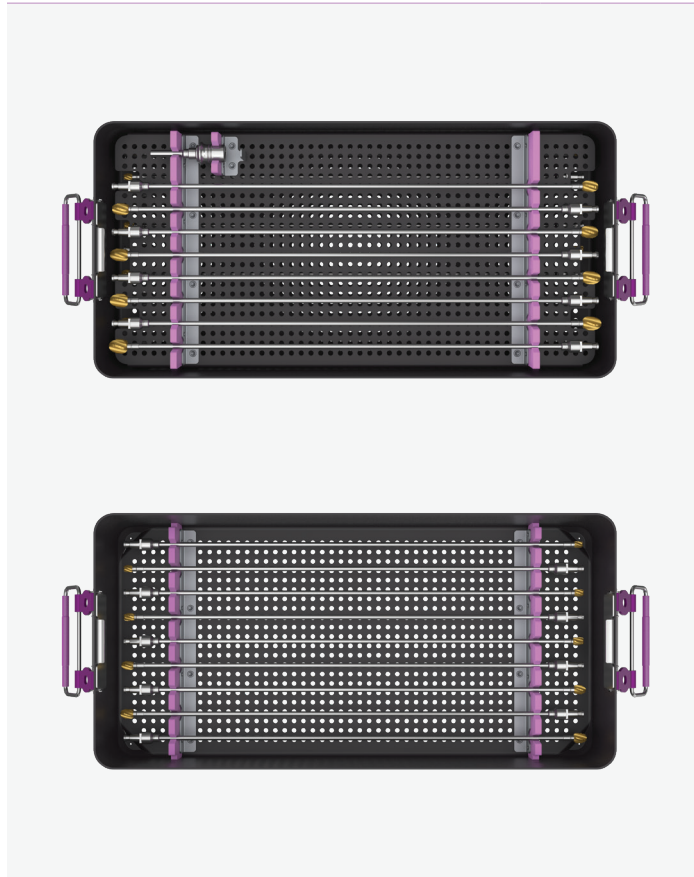
Aiming instrumentation (NGI3-000)

Description	Model no.
Guidewire sleeve	SET2-0001
Soft tissue protector, paddle	STP1-000
Cannulated awl	AWL2-010
Targeting handle, Precice	PGH2-000
Locking bolt	LBT3-000
Locking bolt, suprapatellar	LBT3-001
6 mm ball end hex driver	LBD2-001
6 mm straight hex driver	LBD3-001
Impactor	IMP3-000
Guide tube	GTT2-000
Drill sleeve	DST2-000
Drill sleeve, 4.3 mm	DST3-000
Targeting handle, suprapatellar	PGH2-001
Trocar	TCT2-000
Screw depth gauge dipstick	DGT2-001
3.5 mm screwdriver, long cannulated	SDL2-000
3.5 mm screwdriver, long solid	SDL2-001
Capture rod, long	CRS2-000
Soft tissue protector	DSD2-035
Targeting arm, tibia, Precice	PGA1-000
Targeting arm, retro femur, P2	PGA1-001



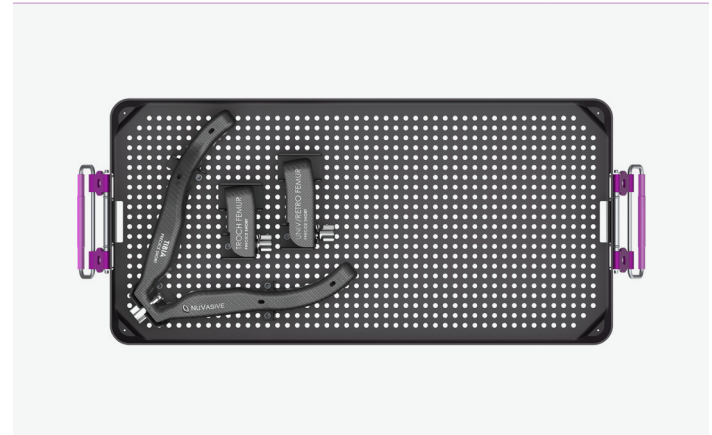
Flexible reamer set (SRT2-000)

Description	Model no.
Flexible reamer, 7 mm	T18151
Flexible reamer, 7.5 mm	T18152
Flexible reamer, 8 mm	T18153
Flexible reamer, 8.5 mm	T18154
Flexible reamer, 9 mm	T18155
Flexible reamer, 9.5 mm	T12065
Flexible reamer, 10 mm	T12066
Flexible reamer, 10.5 mm	T12067
Flexible reamer, 11 mm	T12068
Flexible reamer, 11.5 mm	T12069
Flexible reamer, 12 mm	T12070
Flexible reamer, 12.5 mm	T12071
Flexible reamer, 13 mm	T12072
Flexible reamer, 13.5 mm	T18156
Flexible reamer, 14 mm	T18157
Flexible reamer, 14.5 mm	T18158
Flexible reamer, 15 mm	T18159
Hudson quick connect	LQC2-000



Auxiliary instrumentation (NGI4-000)

Description	Model no.
Targeting arm tibia short/Unyte	PGA1-002
Targeting arm femur univ/retro (Precice S)	PGA1-004
Targeting arm femur trochanteric (Precice S)	PGA1-003



Catalog

	Length	Stroke	Slot configuration	10 mm	11.5 mm	13 mm
Antegrade tibia 10° bend Model SJ	280 mm	60 mm	Single slot: 60 mm	BT10-60SJ280-6	BT115-60SJ280-6	-
	300 mm	70 mm	Single slot: 70 mm	BT10-70SJ300-7	BT115-70SJ300-7	-
	320 mm	80 mm	Dual slot: 10 mm, 70 mm	BT10-80SJ320-7	BT115-80SJ320-7	-
	340 mm	90 mm	Dual slot: 20 mm, 70 mm	BT10-90SJ340-7	BT115-90SJ340-7	-
	360 mm	100 mm	Dual slot: 30 mm, 70 mm	BT10-10SJ360-7	BT115-10SJ360-7	-
	380 mm	100 mm	Dual slot: 30 mm, 70 mm	BT10-10SJ380-7	BT115-10SJ380-7	-
	400 mm	100 mm	Dual slot: 30 mm, 70 mm	BT10-10SJ400-7	BT115-10SJ400-7	-
Antegrade femur piriformis straight Model B	280 mm	60 mm	Single slot: 60 mm	BT10-60B280-6	BT115-60B280-6	BT13-60B280-6
	300 mm	70 mm	Single slot: 70 mm	BT10-70B300-7	BT115-70B300-7	BT13-70B300-7
	320 mm	80 mm	Dual slot: 10 mm, 70 mm	BT10-80B320-7	BT115-80B320-7	BT13-80B320-7
	340 mm	90 mm	Dual slot: 20 mm, 70 mm	BT10-90B340-7	BT115-90B340-7	BT13-90B340-7
	360 mm	100 mm	Dual slot: 30 mm, 70 mm	BT10-10B360-7	BT115-10B360-7	BT13-10B360-7
	380 mm	100 mm	Dual slot: 30 mm, 70 mm	BT10-10B380-7	BT115-10B380-7	BT13-10B380-7
	400 mm	100 mm	Dual slot: 30 mm, 70 mm	BT10-10B400-7	BT115-10B400-7	BT13-10B400-7
Antegrade femur trochanter 10° bend Model D	280 mm	60 mm	Single slot: 60 mm	BT10-60D280-6	BT115-60D280-6	BT13-60D280-6
	300 mm	70 mm	Single slot: 70 mm	BT10-70D300-7	BT115-70D300-7	BT13-70D300-7
	320 mm	80 mm	Dual slot: 10 mm, 70 mm	BT10-80D320-7	BT115-80D320-7	BT13-80D320-7
	340 mm	90 mm	Dual slot: 20 mm, 70 mm	BT10-90D340-7	BT115-90D340-7	BT13-90D340-7
	360 mm	100 mm	Dual slot: 30 mm, 70 mm	BT10-10D360-7	BT115-10D360-7	BT13-10D360-7
	380 mm	100 mm	Dual slot: 30 mm, 70 mm	BT10-10D380-7	BT115-10D380-7	BT13-10D380-7
	400 mm	100 mm	Dual slot: 30 mm, 70 mm	BT10-10D400-7	BT115-10D400-7	BT13-10D400-7
Retrograde femur straight Model X	280 mm	60 mm	Single slot: 60 mm	BT10-60X280-6	BT115-60X280-6	BT13-60X280-6
	300 mm	70 mm	Single slot: 70 mm	BT10-70X300-7	BT115-70X300-7	BT13-70X300-7
	320 mm	80 mm	Dual slot: 10 mm, 70 mm	BT10-80X320-7	BT115-80X320-7	BT13-80X320-7
	340 mm	90 mm	Dual slot: 20 mm, 70 mm	BT10-90X340-7	BT115-90X340-7	BT13-90X340-7
	360 mm	100 mm	Dual slot: 30 mm, 70 mm	BT10-10X360-7	BT115-10X360-7	BT13-10X360-7
	380 mm	100 mm	Dual slot: 30 mm, 70 mm	BT10-10X380-7	BT115-10X380-7	BT13-10X380-7
	400 mm	100 mm	Dual slot: 30 mm, 70 mm	BT10-10X400-7	BT115-10X400-7	BT13-10X400-7

Partially threaded, stainless steel screws
(not sterile packed)

3.5 mm	
Length	Model no.
20 mm	STP3.5-200
22.5 mm	STP3.5-225
25 mm	STP3.5-250
27.5 mm	STP3.5-275
30 mm	STP3.5-300
32.5 mm	STP3.5-325
35 mm	STP3.5-350
37.5 mm	STP3.5-375
40 mm	STP3.5-400
42.5 mm	STP3.5-425
45 mm	STP3.5-450
47.5 mm	STP3.5-475
50 mm	STP3.5-500
55 mm	STP3.5-550
60 mm	STP3.5-600

5.0 mm	
Length	Model no.
20 mm	STP5-200
22.5 mm	STP5-225
25 mm	STP5-250
27.5 mm	STP5-275
30 mm	STP5-300
32.5 mm	STP5-325
35 mm	STP5-350
37.5 mm	STP5-375
40 mm	STP5-400
42.5 mm	STP5-425
45 mm	STP5-450
47.5 mm	STP5-475
50 mm	STP5-500
55 mm	STP5-550
60 mm	STP5-600
65 mm	STP5-650
70 mm	STP5-700
75 mm	STP5-750
80 mm	STP5-800

Fully threaded, stainless steel screws
(sterile packed)

5.0 mm	
Length	Model no.
20 mm	SFT5-200-S
22.5 mm	SFT5-225-S
25 mm	SFT5-250-S
27.5 mm	SFT5-275-S
30 mm	SFT5-300-S
32.5 mm	SFT5-325-S
35 mm	SFT5-350-S
37.5 mm	SFT5-375-S
40 mm	SFT5-400-S
42.5 mm	SFT5-425-S
45 mm	SFT5-450-S
47.5 mm	SFT5-475-S
50 mm	SFT5-500-S
55 mm	SFT5-550-S
60 mm	SFT5-600-S
65 mm	SFT5-650-S
70 mm	SFT5-700-S
75 mm	SFT5-750-S
80 mm	SFT5-800-S
85 mm	SFT5-850-S
90 mm	SFT5-900-S
95 mm	SFT5-950-S
100 mm	SFT5-100-S

Drills

	Part description	Model no.
Use with partially threaded screws	5.0 mm step drill bit, long	SDLO-5.0
	5.0 mm step drill bit, short	SDST-5.0
	3.5 mm step drill bit, short	SDST-3.5
Use with fully threaded screws	4.3 x 152 mm AO drill bit	DBS2-4.3
	4.3 x 355 mm AO drill bit	DBT2-4.3

Additional accessories

Fast distractor

Part description	Model no.
Precice fast distractor	PFD1-000

Nail templates

Part description	Model no.
Bone transport straight nail template	BTS1-000
Bone transport bent nail template	BTB1-000

Stainless steel end caps

Length	Model no.
10/11.5 x 0 mm	SST-010-000
10/11.5 x 5 mm	SST-010-005
10/11.5 x 10 mm	SST-010-010
10/11.5 x 15 mm	SST-010-015
10/11.5 x 20 mm	SST-010-020
13 x 0 mm	SST-013-000
13 x 5 mm	SST-013-005
13 x 10 mm	SST-013-010
13 x 15 mm	SST-013-015
13 x 20 mm	SST-013-020

Removal instruments

Part description	Model no.
Precice retention plug and driver, 10 mm	BT10-RMV01
Precice retention plug and driver, 11.5 mm	BT115-RMV01
Precice retention plug and driver, 13 mm	BT13-RMV01

Important safety information

The **Precice Bone Transport System** is composed of an implantable intramedullary nail, locking screws, reusable instruments, and a hand-held External Remote Controller (ERC). The Precice Bone Transport System is a sterile, single-use device that is surgically implanted using the instruments and locking screws for osteoplasty lengthening and bone transportation utilizing distraction osteogenesis and compression. The ERC is used daily after implantation to non-invasively adjust the position of the distraction rod.

Intended Use:

The Precice Bone Transport System is intended for limb lengthening, open and closed fracture fixation, pseudoarthrosis, mal-unions, non-unions, or bone transport of long bones.

Contraindications:

- Infection or pathologic conditions of bone such as osteopenia which would impair the ability to securely fix the device.
- Patients with Gustilo open fracture Classification Grade IIIB or IIIC fractures
- Patients with pre-existing nerve palsies
- Metal allergies and sensitivities.
- Patients with an irregular bone diameter that would prevent insertion of the Precice Bone Transport nail.
- Patients in which the Precice Bone Transport nail would cross joint spaces or open epiphyseal growth plates.
- Patients with conditions that tend to retard healing such as blood supply limitations, peripheral vascular disease or evidence of inadequate vascularity.
- Patients unwilling or incapable of following postoperative care instructions.
- Patients with maximum bone defect of more than 100 mm.
- Patients with excessive skin damage and inadequate soft tissue covering of the fracture sites.

Please refer to the table below for contraindications with regard to weight and maximum distance of the treated limb to the surface of the intramedullary canal.

Limb	Precice® Bone Transport Model	Nail Diameter (mm)	Maximum Distance of Treated Limb Surface to IM Canal (mm)	Max. Patient Weight Bearing Use with partially threaded screws	Max. Patient Weight Bearing Use with fully threaded screws
Tibia	C, SJ	10.0	13	25lbs/11kg	25lbs/11kg
		11.5	13	190lbs/86kg	125lbs/57kg
		13.0	13	250lbs/114kg	125lbs/57kg
Femur	A, B, BT, D, DT, E, V, X, SE, SB, SD, SA	10.0	51	25lbs/11kgs	25lbs/11kg
		11.5	57.2	190lbs/86kg	125lbs/57kg
		13.0	76	250lbs/114kg	125lbs/57kg

Warnings:

- The Precice Bone Transport System cannot withstand the stresses of full weight bearing. The patient should progressively weight bear and use assistive devices as directed by the physician.
- Patients should utilize external support and/or restrict activities as directed by the physician until consolidation occurs.
- Patients with an open fracture may also have soft tissue damage as a result of severe trauma. It is important that soft tissue damage is addressed prior to procedure to minimize the risk of infection.
- The surgeon should closely monitor lengthening progress particularly for longer bone segments or mobilization lengths to prevent incomplete transport.
- The surgeons should account for potential difficulty in removal of the nail due to ingrowth into the slot feature of device.
- Do not use if the sterile packaging has been damaged or appears to have been previously opened.
- Metallic implants can loosen, fracture, corrode, migrate, or cause pain.
- Due to the presence of a magnet, use of the Precice Bone Transport System is not recommended in patients with pacemakers.
- The Precice Bone Transport System may not be appropriate for patients with poly-trauma.
- Use of the Precice Bone Transport System in patients with an active infection of the treated bone is not recommended.
- Overream the medullary canal by 2 mm to allow the transported segment to move freely over the nail.
- Patients treated with Precice Bone Transport may need secondary surgery to ensure union at the distal docking site.
- Smoking, chronic steroid use and the use of other anti-inflammatory drugs have been determined to affect bone healing and could potentially have an adverse effect of the bone regenerate during the lengthening process.
- The Precice Bone Transport nail is supplied sterile and is for single-use only. The nail has not been tested to be cleaned or sterilized for multiple uses. If the nail is used more than once, the device may not be sterile and could cause a serious infection.
- The Precice Screws may be provided sterile or non-sterile, take careful note to read packaging if screw is provided sterile or non-sterile.
- Before removing the implants from the package, make sure that the protective packaging is unopened and undamaged. If the packaging is damaged, the implants have to be considered as NON-STERILE and may not be used.
- Note the STERILE expiry date. Implants with elapsed STERILE expiry dates have to be considered as non-sterile
- Patients with implanted Precice Bone Transport nail should not enter an MRI unit.
- The Precice Bone Transport System is unsafe in Magnetic Resonance Imaging environments.
- There is a possibility of nerve or soft tissue damage and/or weakness related to either surgical trauma or the presence of the implant. Advise the patient to notify the surgeon of any experienced pain, numbness, or weakness while undergoing treatment.

Precautions:

- It is recommended that ancillary fixation (e.g. plates, external fixation, cable and pulley system etc.) bridges the defect site.
- Do not use this device without proper training in both device implantation and adjustment. Refer to External Remote Controller (ERC, ERC 2P, ERC 3P or ERC4P) Operator's Manual (OM0005, OM0009, OM0016 or OM0017) for operation of the External Remote Controller.
- Prior to bone consolidation, the patient should not participate in contact sports or other high risk activities that will cause more than 20% of the body weight to be loaded on the treated limb. These activities may resume upon sufficient bone consolidation, but only as directed by the physician.
- Examine all Precice® Bone Transport System components carefully prior to use to assure proper working condition. If you suspect a component to be faulty or damaged, do not use.

Cautions:


- The Precice Bone Transport System is for prescription use only by the order of a physician.
- Device is recommended to be removed after implantation time of no more than one year.
- Utilize extreme caution when handling instruments made from magnetic materials such as stainless steel in proximity of the magnet of the Precice Bone Transport nail, as materials will be attracted to each other.
- After the surgical procedure is complete, if retraction is needed during the lengthening or consolidation phase, retract the device no more than the amount lengthened the preceding day.
- Do not bend the Precice Bone Transport nail or otherwise modify or damage the implant.
- Follow the ERC Operators Manual (OM0005, OM0009, OM0016 or OM0017) to assure proper alignment between the ERC and magnet of the Precice Bone Transport nail.

Please refer to the Precice Bone Transport system IFU found at nuvasive.com/eifu for additional important labeling information.

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