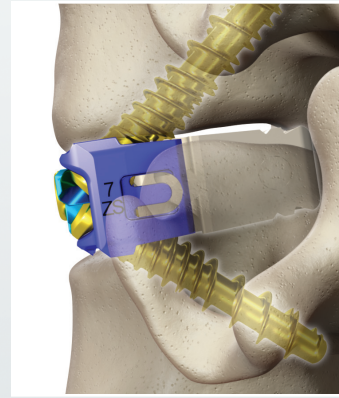
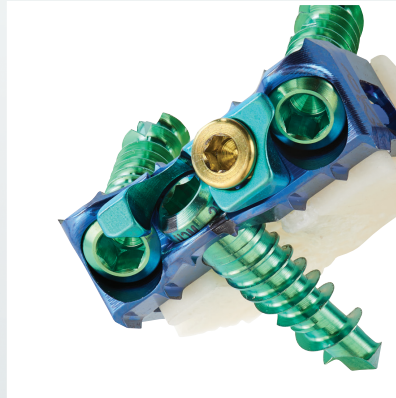
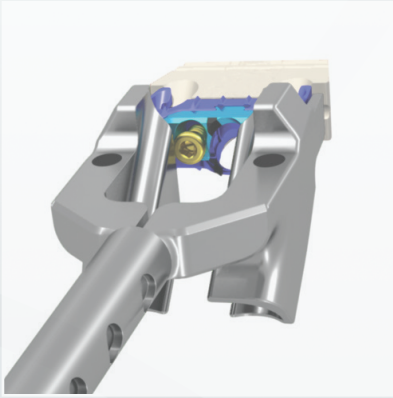




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Surgical Technique Guide





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The Optio-C System provides a zero-profile cervical fusion option with a variety of materials, footprints, and geometries.



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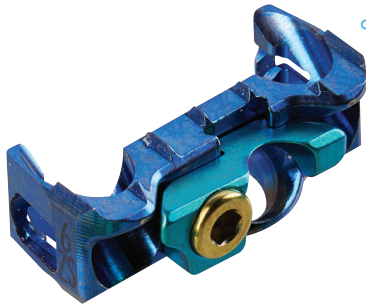
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Optio-C System Overview

The Optio-C System is composed of one Optio-C anterior cervical plate and three Optio-C bone screws, and is designed for use with one of the following: (1) one Optio-C structural allograft or (2) one structural allograft/autograft of the same height as the Optio-C plate. The Optio-C plate and allograft are used to provide structural stability in skeletally mature individuals following discectomy and are offered in multiple contours, lordotic angles, footprints, and heights to accommodate variations in cervical anatomy.



Optio-C Plate
(6–12 mm, 1 mm increments)
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Optio-C Plates

The Optio-C plate is a component of the Optio-C Anterior Cervical System and is intended to be used only in anterior surgical procedures. The Optio-C plate must be used with three Optio-C bone screws and is designed to be used with either one of the following:

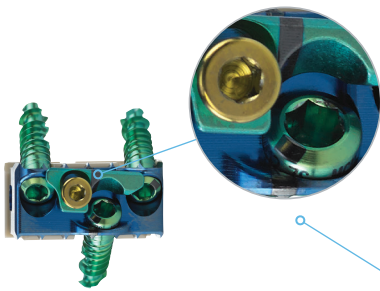
- One Optio-C structural allograft or
- One structural allograft/autograft of the same height as the plate

The Optio-C plate and structural allograft are supplied sterile to the end user. The bone screws and instrumentation are supplied non-sterile and are intended to be sterilized by the end user.

The Optio-C plate is offered in a one-level configuration, with a standard width and multiple heights, and is designed to facilitate fusion. The plate with a structural allograft/autograft is placed in the cervical disc space, flush with the adjacent vertebral bodies. Bone screws pass through the screw holes of the plate and affix to bone to help prevent implant migration. The implant construct can be implanted in two orientations: standard orientation, two screws cephalad and one screw caudal, or inverted orientation, one screw cephalad and two screws caudal.

Optio-C plates are available in heights of 6 mm to 12 mm. All plates are 16 mm wide.

The Optio-C plate features a one-step, screw-locking mechanism to prevent screw migration. The plate midline is indicated by a black stripe on the anterior face of the plate.



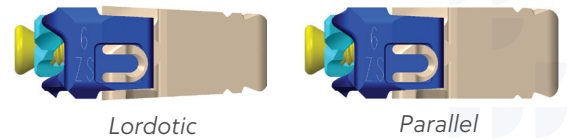
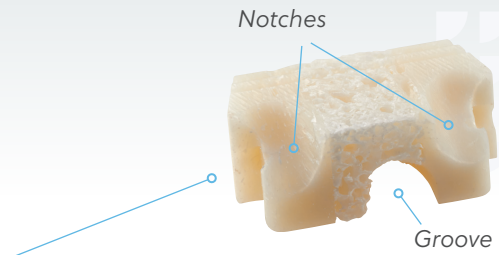
Optio-C Allograft

The Optio-C plate and allograft must be assembled before use as described in this document. The implants are provided in three footprints to meet varying patient anatomy: 12 × 14 mm, 14 × 16 mm, and 15 × 18 mm (depth × width) including plate depth connected to the Optio-C allograft. Optio-C allograft is provided sterile.

Optio-C allograft is available in heights from 6 mm to 12 mm, in lordotic (6°) and parallel (0°).

All Optio-C allografts have two notches and a groove to accommodate Optio-C System bone screws.

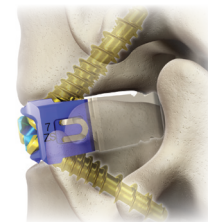
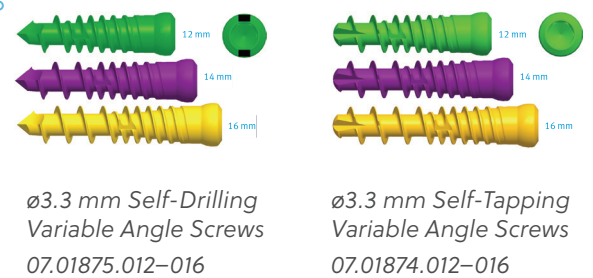
For the lordotic allograft, the anterior height is equal to the size specified, and the posterior height is approximately 1 mm smaller (e.g., for a 7 mm Optio-C lordotic allograft, the posterior height is 6 mm).



Optio-C Screws

All Optio-C System bone screws are 3.3 mm diameter, variable angle. Both self-drilling DiamondTip™ and self-tapping screw configurations are available in 12, 14, and 16 mm lengths. Screws feature dual-single lead, cortico-cancellous thread form, and they are color coded by length. Optio-C screws provide a lag effect to ensure the interbody device fits snugly to the anatomy.

Self-drilling screws may reduce the surgical steps required to penetrate the cortex of the vertebral body and are distinguished by black stripes on the top of the screw head.



Optio-C Plate/Screw Angulation

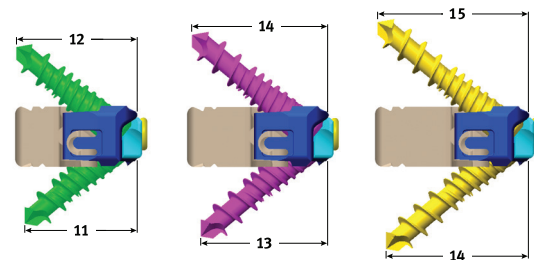
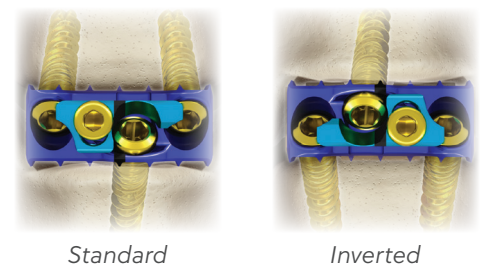
Optio-C System plates and screws allow for variable angle placement as follows:

- The appropriate angle ranges for the lateral screws are 35° to 45° cephalad/caudal and -5° to 5° medial/lateral.
- The appropriate angle ranges for the midline screw are 35° to 45° cephalad/caudal and 0° to 10° medial/lateral.

The midline screw is offset by 1 mm from the plate midline, and it angles 5° medial toward midline.

The Optio-C plate and allograft can be implanted in two orientations:

- Standard orientation, two screws cephalad and one screw caudal
- Inverted orientation, one screw cephalad and two screws caudal



Optio-C Screw Length

Optio-C System screw lengths will terminate at the approximate anterior-posterior distances shown when inserted at nominal trajectory.

Optio-C Allograft Footprint	12 × 14 mm	14 × 16 mm	15 × 18 mm
Screw Length	12 mm	14 mm	16 mm

Surgical Technique Option 1: Optio-C Structural Allograft Inserter Guide



Figure 1

Pre-operative Planning and Patient Positioning

- Pre-operatively, the surgeon must identify the proper intervertebral level to fuse using diagnostic techniques such as radiographs, MRI, myelography, discography, patient history and physical examination. Place the patient in supine position. Support the posterior cervical spine to maintain normal lordosis and choose a right- or left-sided approach. Identify the symptomatic level, and make a skin incision to the corresponding pathology (Figure 1).

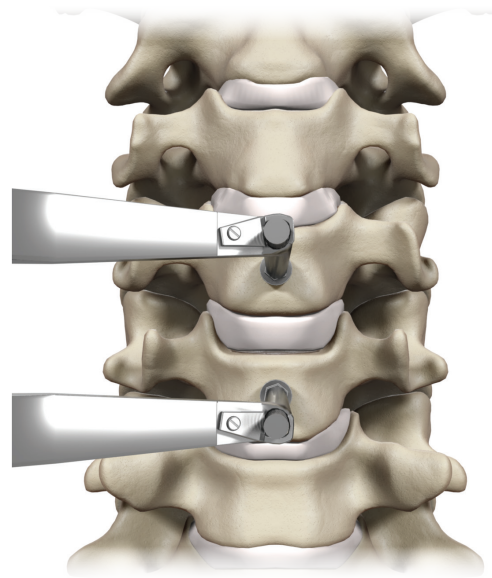


Figure 2

Exposure, Location, and Site Preparation

- The anterior cervical anatomy is exposed in the standard fashion by identifying a dissection plane between the trachea and esophagus. Exposure is then held in place with self-retaining retractors (Figure 2).

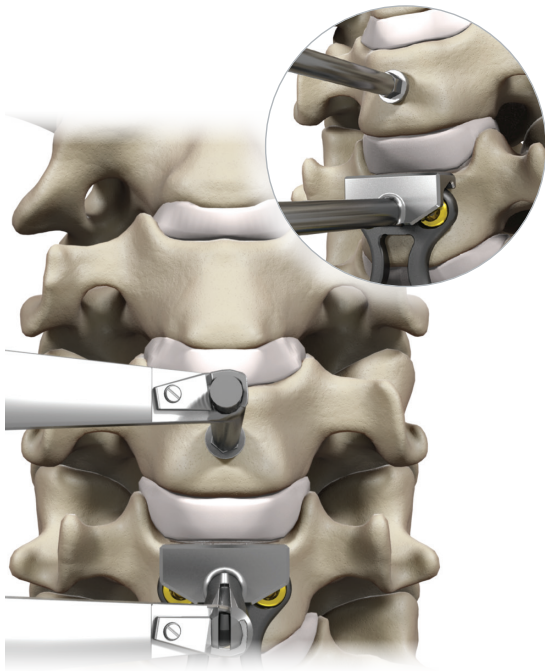


Figure 3



Figure 4

- For placement adjacent to existing plate hardware, the Optio-C distraction pin Instruments may be used with a Caspar distractor over the existing plate hardware in lieu of a Caspar pin in that vertebral segment (Figure 3).

Note: Ensure that contacting surfaces between the distraction pin and existing hardware are clear of bone or soft tissue.

Note: Optio-C distraction pins are intended for single use only and should be disposed of after one use.

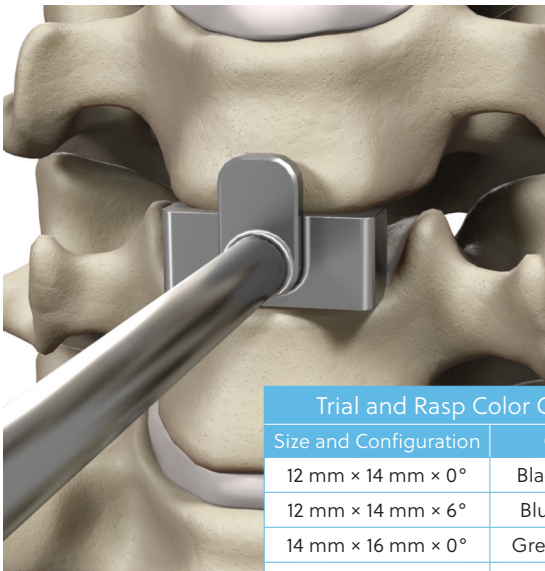
Warning: If existing hardware is present, compatibility between the distraction pin and the existing hardware should be verified before use. When the distraction pin is used with existing hardware, extreme care should be taken to prevent damage to existing hardware.

- Prepare the anatomy to accommodate placement of the Optio-C plate. It is recommended to insert the Optio-C plate under distraction (Figure 4).

Warning: When preparing the disc space, care should be taken to ensure that an appropriate amount of bone is removed; excessive removal of bone has the potential to cause subsidence, while failing to remove enough bone has the potential to cause poor fusion.

Surgical Technique Option 1: Optio-C Structural Allograft

Insertion Guide (continued)



Trial and Rasp Color Code	
Size and Configuration	Color
12 mm × 14 mm × 0°	Black
12 mm × 14 mm × 6°	Blue
14 mm × 16 mm × 0°	Green
14 mm × 16 mm × 6°	Yellow
15 mm × 18 mm × 0°	Tan
15 mm × 18 mm × 6°	Orange

Figure 5

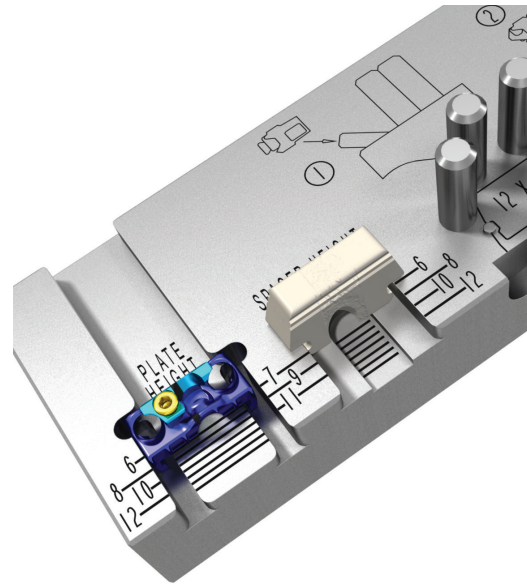


Figure 6

Implant Sizing

- Choose a parallel or lordotic trial to match the height and contour of the intervertebral space. Select the appropriate trial to assess the height of the disc space. Connect the modular impactation cap handle to the trial. Ensure that the trial fits snugly in the disc space when distraction is released.
- Once the height is determined, select the appropriate plate footprint by using the trials and rasps (12 × 14, 14 × 16, or 15 × 18). These instruments equal the shape of the assembled implant (plate + Optio-C allograft) (Figure 5).

Note: Intra-operative imaging can be used to confirm implant sizing. Optio-C System trials and rasps are designed to be line-to-line with the implant.

Implant Assembly

- The Optio-C implant must be assembled before use (Figure 6).
- Confirm the chosen implant sizes and then remove the Optio-C plate and Optio-C allograft from their sterile packaging.
- Place the Optio-C allograft into a sterile container and rehydrate with sterile water, sterile saline or the patient's blood. Rehydrate for at least 30 seconds before assembly with the plate.

Note: Optio-C plate height and Optio-C allograft height must match. For example, if the 7 mm trial fits appropriately, then a 7 mm plate and 7 mm allograft are used.

Note: The sizing scale on the implant assembly fixture can be used to confirm implant sizes before assembly.

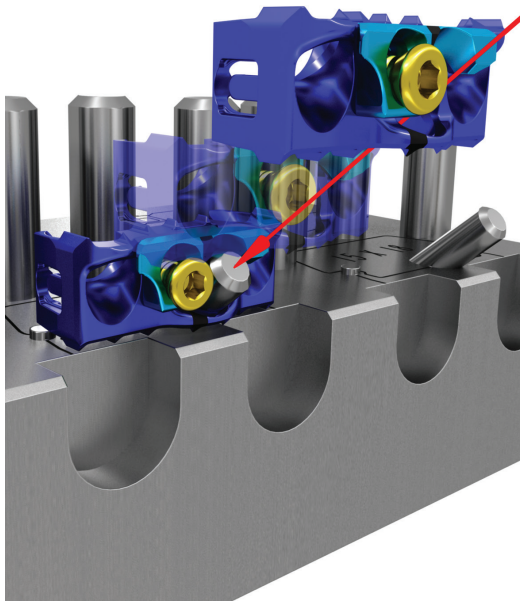


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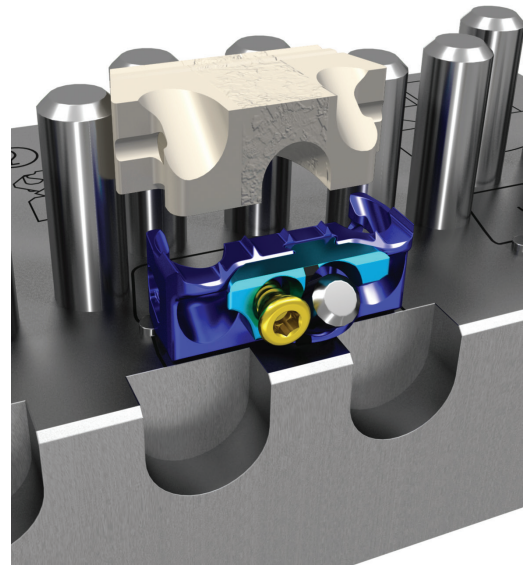


Figure 8

- Select the implant assembly block station to match the chosen implant footprint. Slide the plate over the short, angled pin. Guide the pin into the plate midline hole until the plate sits flat in the appropriate footprint station (Figure 7).

Note: The gold locking cap needs to be located on the left side of the angled pin.

- Before connecting the rehydrated allograft to the plate, ensure that the notches for the lateral screws are facing upward. Place the allograft into the implant assembly block behind the plate between the four alignment pins (Figure 8).

Surgical Technique Option 1: Optio-C Structural Allograft

Inserter Guide (continued)



Figure 9

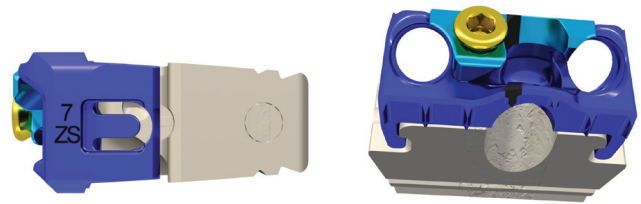


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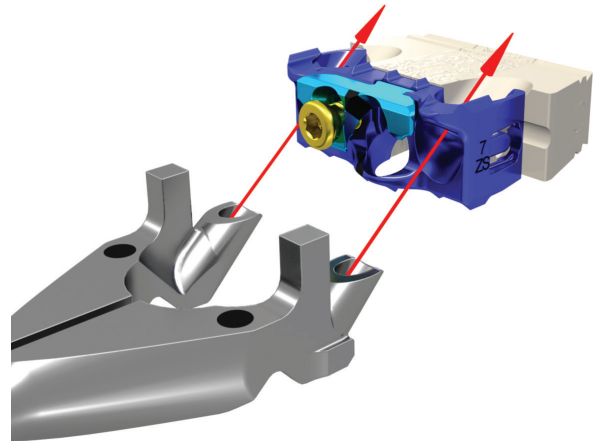


Figure 11

Implant Assembly (continued)

- Use the implant assembly tamp to connect the allograft to the plate until an audible click is heard (Figure 9).
- Confirm visually that the implant is assembled appropriately. Ensure that the plate and allograft sizes match and that the plate screw holes and allograft notches are aligned (Figure 10).

Note: The Optio-C implant can be loaded onto either Optio-C inserter guide directly from the implant assembly block.

Attaching Implant

- Assemble the inserter guide to the modular impaction cap handle. Ensure that the inserter sleeve is in the unlocked position by pulling it toward the modular handle and rotating the sleeve counter-clockwise to engage the threads. With the gold locking screw oriented on the left and guide circular markings facing upward, insert the inserter guide tubes into the plate screw holes until the positive stops are in contact with the plate (Figure 11).

Note: The circular markings on the inserter guide should face upward when assembling the plate to the inserter. These markings are for orientation only, indicating the direction of the two lateral screws (two dots cephalad, two screws point cephalad).

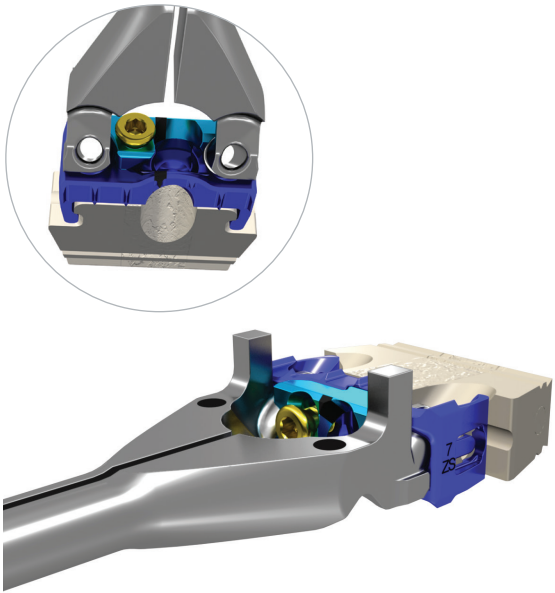


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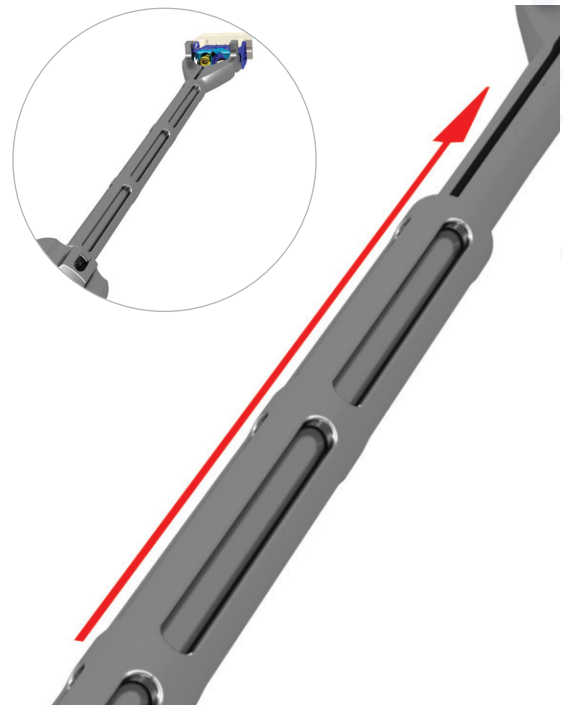


Figure 13

- Ensure that the inserter is fully seated in the plate holes and that the inserter guide positive stop is in contact with the plate. Verify the guide holes and lateral plate holes are aligned and that the inserter axis is perpendicular to the anterior face of the plate (Figure 12).
- Secure the implant by rotating the sleeve clockwise and sliding the inserter guide sleeve toward the plate until it bottoms out on the distal threads. Rotate the sleeve clockwise, engaging the threads until secure (Figure 13).

Surgical Technique Option 1: Optio-C Structural Allograft

Inserter Guide (continued)

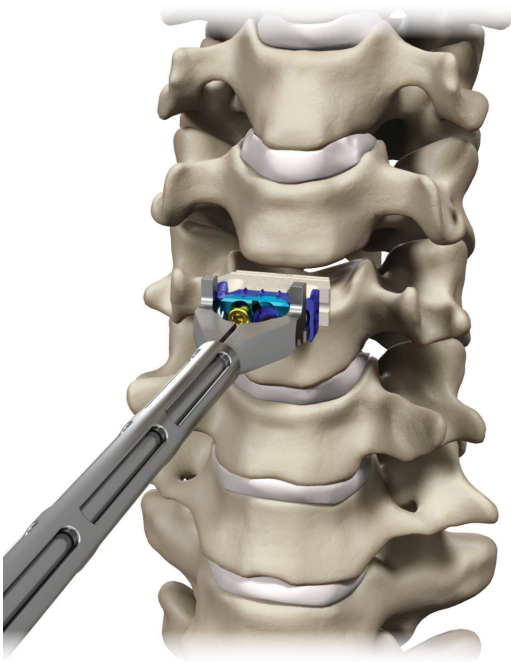


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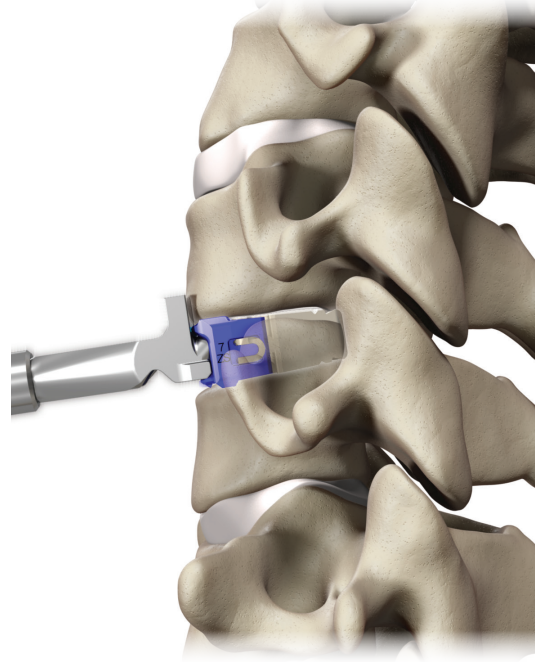


Figure 15

Implant Placement

- Once the implant is securely attached to the inserter, insert the implant into the distracted segment. If necessary, use light impaction to advance the plate into the disc space (Figure 14).

Note: Positive stops position the implant flush with the anterior aspect of the vertebral bodies.

Warning: When inserting the implant, ensure a tight fit between the inserter and implant. Release distraction before drilling to prevent shifting.

Warning: When inserting the implant, care should be taken to avoid using excessive force, which has the potential to cause damage to the implant or surrounding tissue.

- Ensure that the implant fits snugly between the adjacent vertebrae, and then release distraction while leaving the inserter guide attached to the plate. The modular handle can be temporarily removed from the inserter to increase visibility for screw preparation and delivery (Figure 15).

Note: If using the distraction pin, remove the distraction pin with the Caspar distractor.

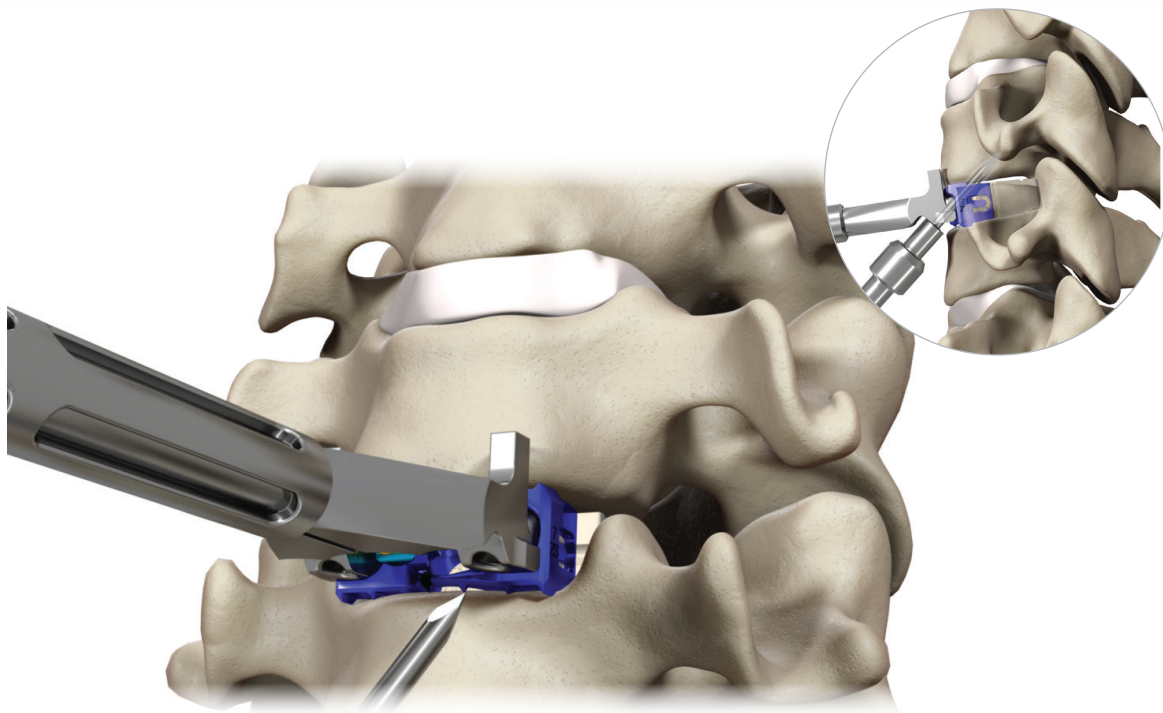


Figure 16

Lateral Screw Hole Preparation/Screw Placement

- Assemble the awl/drill to the modular spin cap handle. Create a pilot hole for the first lateral screw hole by placing the awl/drill through the guide hole of the inserter guide until the positive stop on the awl/drill contacts the guide. The awl/drill will create a pilot hole 6 mm deep on the screw hole axis (40°).
- The inserter guide allows the awl/drill (straight, flexible or U-joint options) to pass through the guide holes to prepare the two lateral screw holes while the inserter guide is secured to the implant.
- Intra-operative imaging should be used to verify awl/drill position and to determine the appropriate length screw. Remove the awl/drill. Repeat the same steps on the contralateral side. Remove the inserter guide by rotating the sleeve counter-

clockwise and then pulling the inserter sleeve toward the modular impaction cap handle and pulling the inserter away from the implant (Figure 16).

Note: Lateral screw preparation and placement should precede midline screw preparation and placement.

Note: An optional tissues sleeve assembly can be used over the U-Joint instrumentation if desired. The tissue sleeve assembly helps shield the U-joint from tissue and fixes the instrument tip at a 40° angle. Prior to attaching the modular spin cap handle to the U-joint instrument, the U-joint sleeve tip is threaded clockwise onto the U-joint sleeve tube to encase the universal joint.

Surgical Technique Option 1: Optio-C Structural Allograft

Insertion Guide (continued)

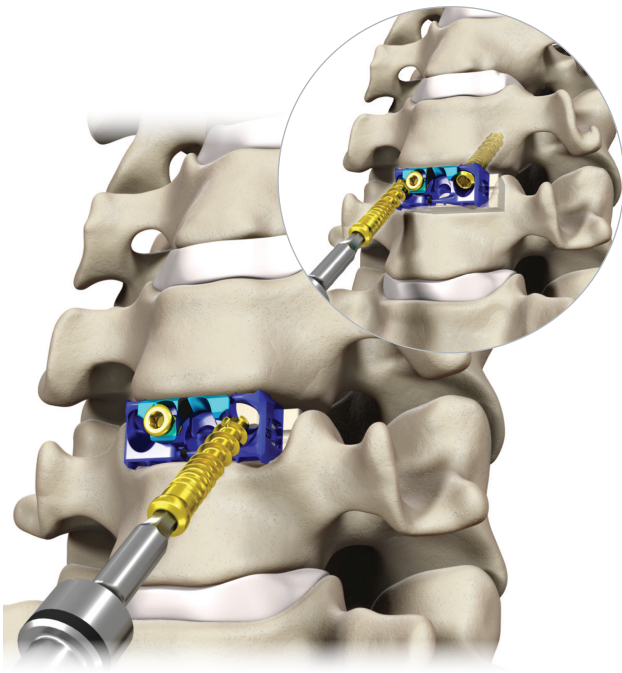


Figure 17

Lateral Screw Hole Preparation/ Screw Placement (continued)

- Assemble the 2.0 mm hex driver and modular spin cap handle. Load the desired screw onto the driver and insert the screw through the first lateral screw hole, advancing the screw until the screw head contacts the plate to stabilize the implant provisionally. Ensure the driver is on axis to the prepared screw trajectory during screw insertion. Repeat on the contralateral side (Figure 17).

Warning: During screw insertion, care should be taken to avoid bone screw stripping, which has the potential to cause an unstable screw construct.

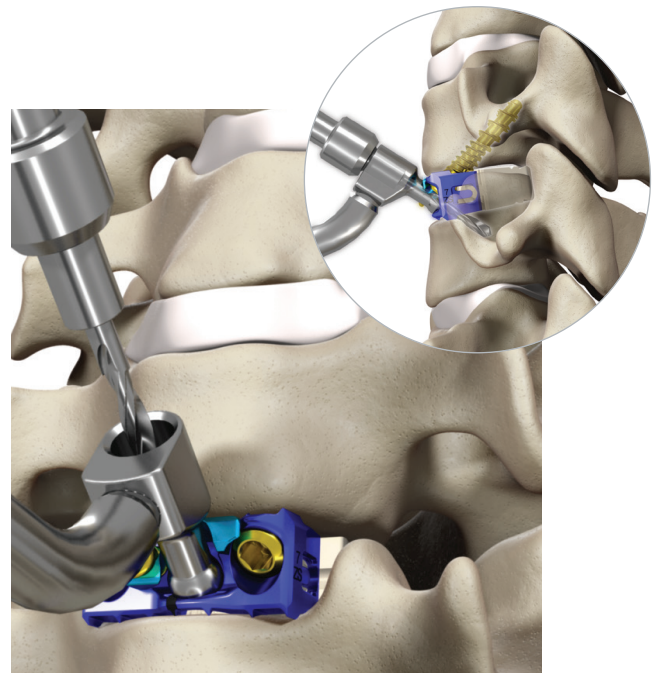


Figure 18

Midline Screw Hole Preparation/ Screw Placement

- Prepare the midline screw hole using the fixed angle guide or variable angle guide. The appropriate angle ranges for the midline screw are 35° to 45° cephalad/caudal and 0° to 10° medial/lateral.
Note: The variable angle guide allows for screw trajectories within the acceptable limits. The fixed angle guide is designed for repeatable nominal angle placement.
- The fixed angle guide or variable angle guide allows the awl/drill (straight, flexible, or U-joint options) to prepare for the midline screw hole. Seat the guide tip into the medial screw hole. Place the awl/drill through the selected drill guide until the positive stop contacts the guide. The awl/drill will create a pilot hole 6 mm deep. Intra-operative imaging should be used to verify awl/drill position and determine the appropriate length screw (Figure 18).

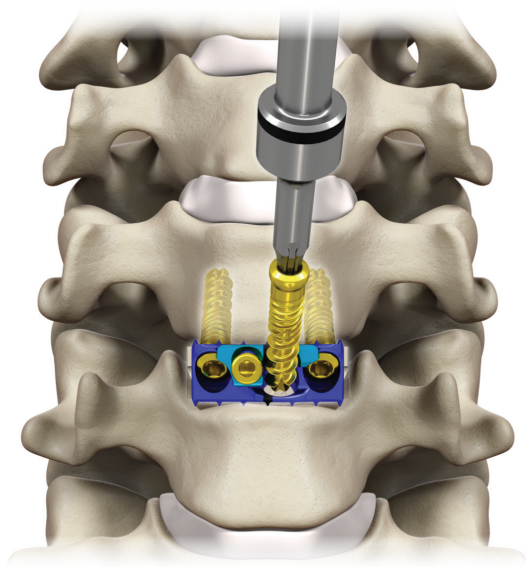


Figure 19

- Remove the awl/drill and guide. Load the desired screw onto the 2.0 mm hex driver. Insert the screw through the midline screw hole, advancing the screw until the screw head contacts the plate to stabilize the implant provisionally. Ensure that the driver is on axis to the prepared screw trajectory during screw insertion and final tightening (Figure 19).

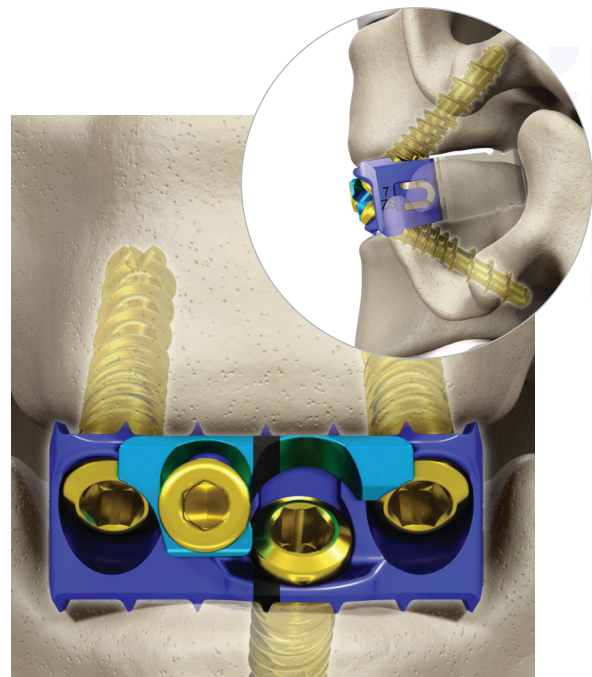


Figure 20

Final Tightening of Bone Screws

- Completely engage the 2.0 mm hex driver in each screw head and fully seat all bone screws (Figure 20).

Note: Failure to fully seat the screws could interfere with the final tightening of the locking mechanism.

Note: The locking mechanism comes in the unlocked position. Do not turn the gold locking screw counter-clockwise for any reason other than revision surgery.

Note: Confirm that the screws are fully seated before securing the gold locking screw. If the teal locking cap does not move freely over the screw heads, re-check whether the bone screws are fully seated.

Surgical Technique Option 1: Optio-C Structural Allograft

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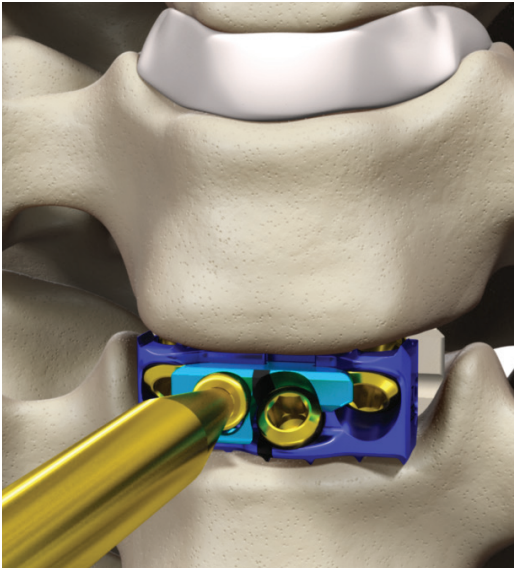


Figure 21



Figure 22

Securing the Locking Cap

- Once all screws are fully seated within the plate, assemble the gold locking cap driver and torque limiting handle. Insert the locking cap driver into the gold locking screw. Ensure that the tip of the driver is fully seated in the screw pocket and that the driver is on axis to the locking screw (Figure 21).
- Turn the driver clockwise. As the screw tightens, the teal locking cap will slide over the screw heads. Turn the torque limiting handle until an audible click is heard when the locking mechanism is tightened to 4 in-lb. The locking mechanism and torque limiting handle will provide visual, audible and tactile confirmation that the locking mechanism is fully secured and the screw heads are partially covered (Figure 22).

Surgical Technique Option 1: Optio-C Structural Allograft

Optional ATO Inserter Guide

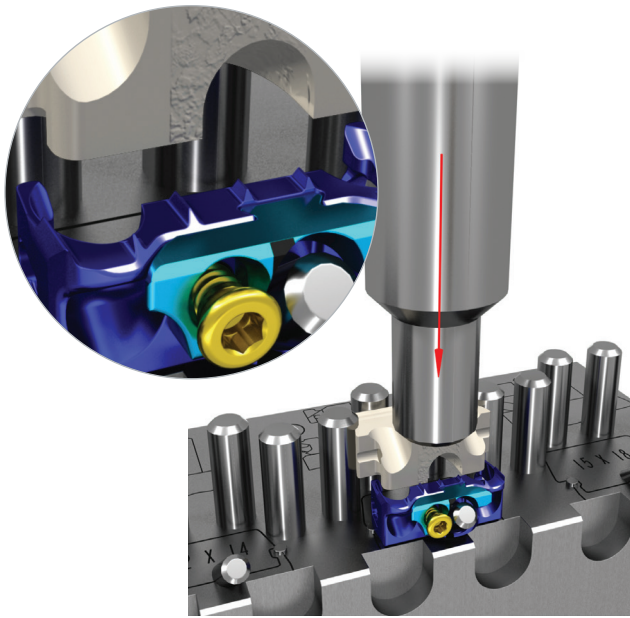


Figure 23

Planning, Positioning, and Exposure

- Repeat the steps for Pre-Operative Planning and Patient Positioning through Implant Assembly on pages 6–10 (Figure 23).

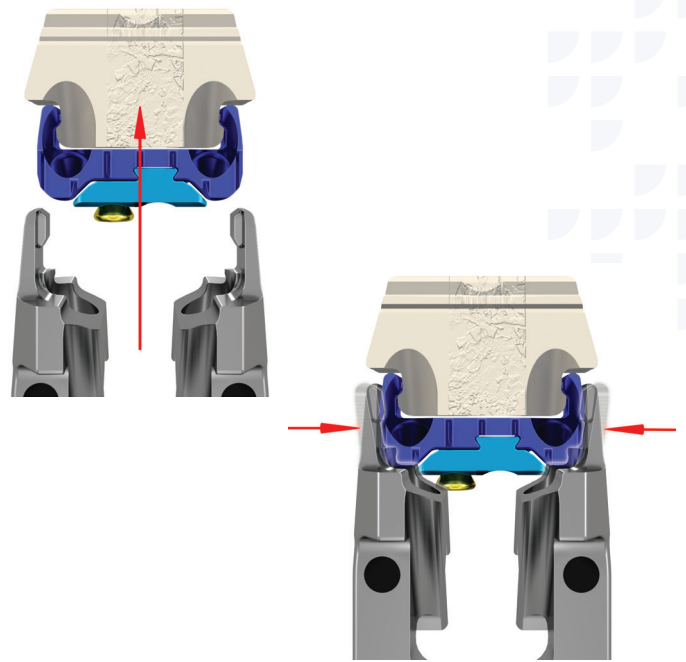


Figure 24

Attaching the Implant to the ATO Inserter Guide

- Assemble the ATO inserter guide to the modular impactation cap handle. The ATO inserter guide grasps the outside of the plate by engaging the plate pockets. With the gold locking screw oriented on the left and guide circular markings facing upward, attach the ATO inserter guide around the outside of the plate. The ATO inserter guide snaps into place when the tabs are fully seated in the plate pockets (Figure 24, top).

Note: The circular markings on the ATO inserter guide should face upward when assembling the plate to the inserter. These markings are for orientation only, indicating the direction the two lateral screws will point in situ (Figure 24, bottom).

Surgical Technique Option 1: Optio-C Structural Allograft

Optional ATO Inserter Guide (continued)

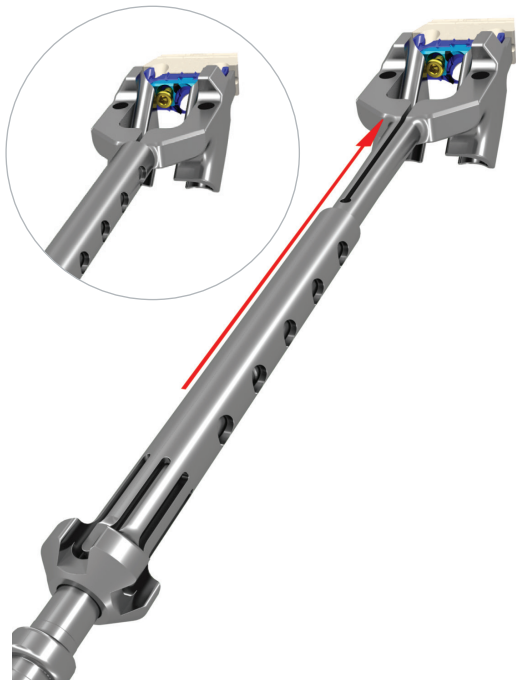


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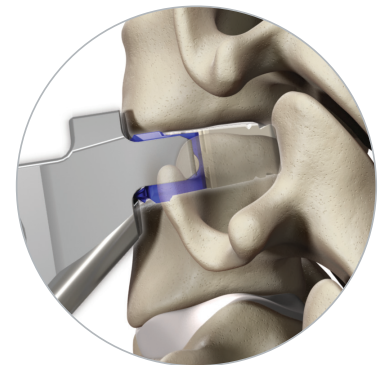


Figure 27

Attaching the Implant to the ATO Inserter Guide (continued)

- Ensure that the inserter is fully seated on the implant by verifying that the ATO inserter guide positive stops are in contact with the plate. Verify that the guide holes and lateral plate holes are aligned, and that the inserter axis is perpendicular to the anterior face of the plate (Figure 25).
- Secure the implant by sliding the ATO inserter guide sleeve toward the implant until it bottoms out on the distal end of the ATO inserter guide (Figure 25, inset).

Note: When using the ATO inserter guide, care should be taken to insert the implant in line to the disc space. Avoid off-axis loading or torsion of the ATO inserter guide during insertion of the implant to reduce risk of separating the plate from the allograft.

Implant Placement

- Insert the implant into the distracted segment. If necessary, use light impaction to advance the implant into the disc space (Figure 26).
- Ensure that the implant fits snugly between the adjacent vertebrae, and then release distraction while leaving the ATO inserter guide attached to the implant construct. The modular handle can be temporarily removed from the inserter to increase visibility for screw preparation and delivery (Figure 27).

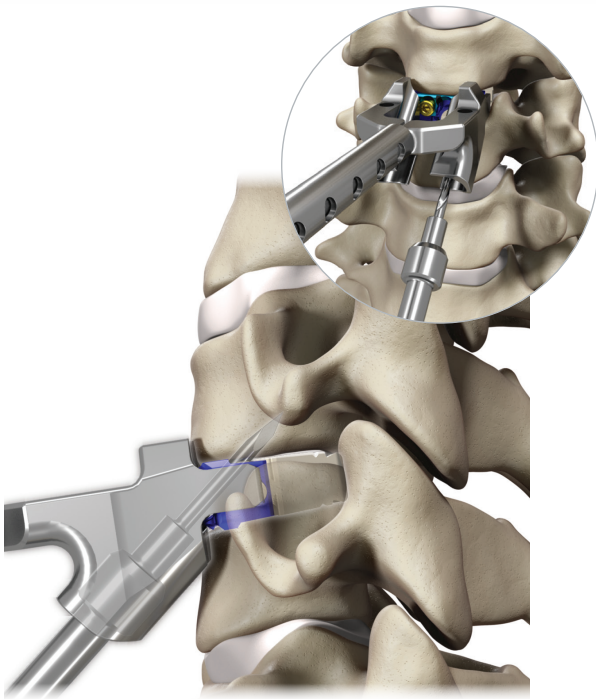


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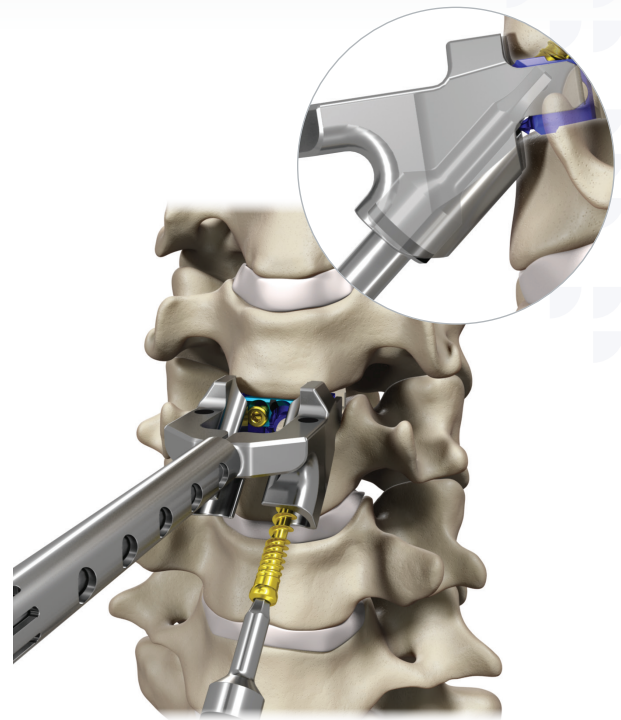


Figure 29

Lateral Screw Hole Preparation/Screw Placement

- The ATO inserter guide allows the awl, drill and 2.0 mm hex driver (straight and flexible options only) to pass through the guide holes for the two lateral screw holes while the ATO inserter guide is secured to the implant. The U-joint instruments are not compatible with the ato inserter guide.
- Assemble the awl/drill to the modular spin cap handle. Create a pilot hole for the first lateral screw hole by placing the awl/drill through the guide hole of the ATO inserter guide until the positive stop contacts the ATO inserter guide. The awl/drill will create a pilot hole 6 mm deep on the screw hole axis (40°). Intra-operative imaging should be used to verify awl/drill position and to determine the appropriate length screw. Remove the awl/drill. Repeat the same steps on the contralateral side (Figure 28).
- Assemble the 2.0 mm hex driver and modular spin cap handle. Load the desired screw onto the driver and insert the screw through the first lateral screw hole until the screw head contacts the plate to stabilize the implant provisionally. Ensure that the Driver is on axis to the prepared screw trajectory during screw insertion and final tightening (Figure 29).
- The driver laser marking approaches the edge of the guide tube to indicate the screw is nearly seated (Figure 29, inset).

Surgical Technique Option 1: Optio-C Structural Allograft

Optional ATO Inserter Guide (continued)

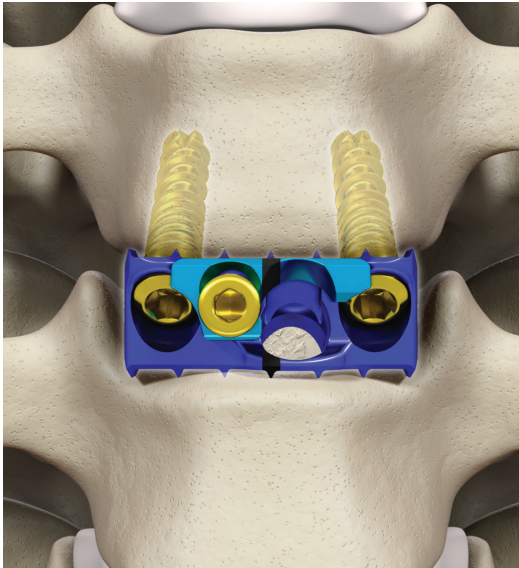


Figure 30

Lateral Screw Hole Preparation/ Screw Placement (continued)

- Repeat previous step on the contralateral side. When both lateral screws have been placed, remove the ATO inserter guide by sliding the inserter sleeve toward the modular impaction cap handle and pulling the inserter away from the implant using a gentle, side-to-side motion (Figure 30).

Note: If self-drilling screws are used, the awl/drill steps can be omitted at the discretion of the surgeon.

Warning: During screw insertion, care should be taken to avoid bone screw stripping, which has the potential to cause an unstable screw construct.

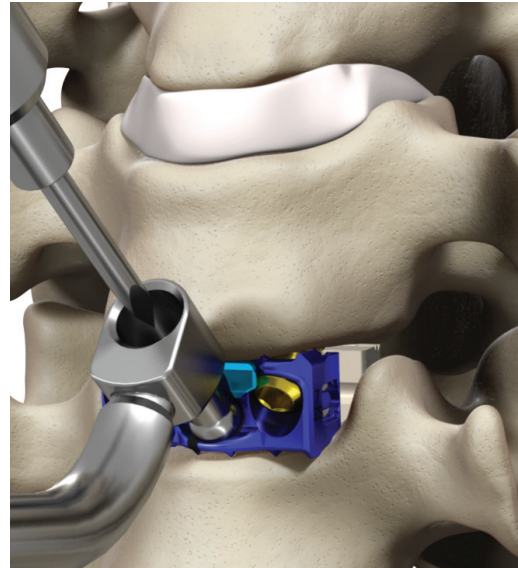


Figure 31

Midline Screw Hole Preparation/ Screw Placement

- Prepare the midline screw hole using the fixed or variable drill guide. The appropriate angle ranges for the midline screws are 35° to 45° cephalad/caudal and 0° to 10° medial/lateral (Figure 31).

Note: The variable angle guide allows for screw trajectories within the acceptable limits. The fixed angle guide is designed for repeatable nominal angle placement.

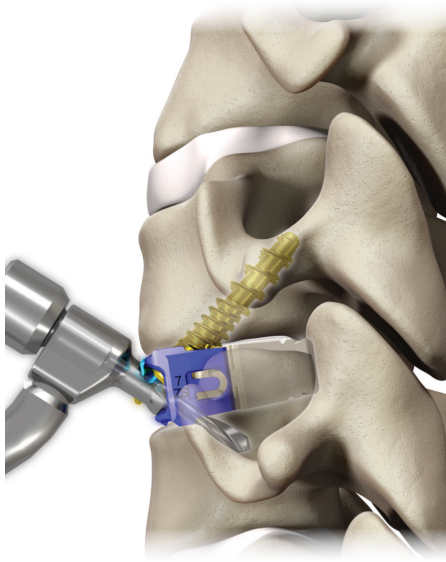


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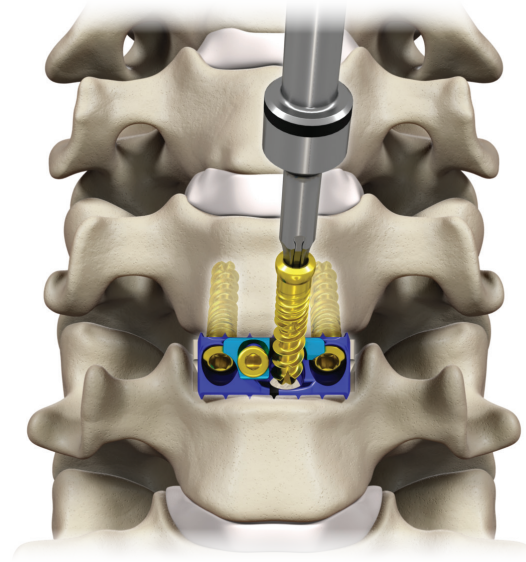


Figure 33

- The fixed or variable drill allows the awl/drill (straight, flexible, or U-joint options) to prepare for the midline screw hole. Seat the guide tip into the medial screw hole. Place the awl/drill through the selected drill guide until the positive stop contacts the guide. The awl/drill will create a pilot hole 6 mm deep.
- Intra-operative imaging should be used to verify awl or drill position and determine the appropriate length screw (Figure 32).

Note: An optional tissue sleeve assembly may be used over the U-joint instrumentation if desired. The tissue sleeve assembly helps shield the U-joint from tissue and fixes the instrument tip at a 40° angle. Prior to attaching the modular spin cap handle to the U-joint instrument, the U-joint sleeve tip is threaded clockwise onto the U-joint sleeve tube to encase the universal joint.

- Remove the awl/drill and guide. Load the desired screw onto the 2.0 mm hex driver. Insert the screw through the midline screw hole, advancing the screw until the screw head contacts the plate to provisionally stabilize the implant. Ensure that the driver is on axis to the prepared screw trajectory during screw insertion and final tightening (Figure 33).

Warning: During screw insertion, care should be taken to avoid bone screw stripping, which has the potential to cause an unstable screw construct.

Surgical Technique Option 1: Optio-C Structural Allograft

Optional ATO Inserter Guide (continued)

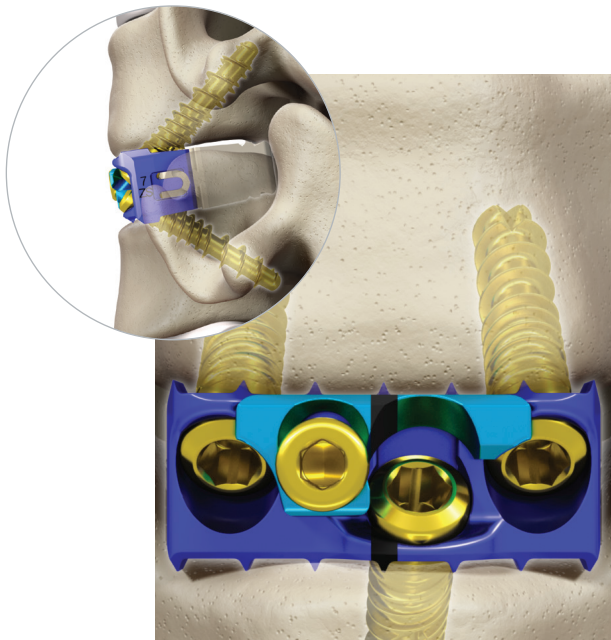


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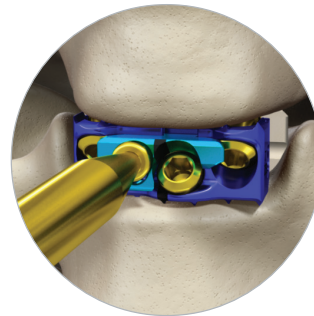


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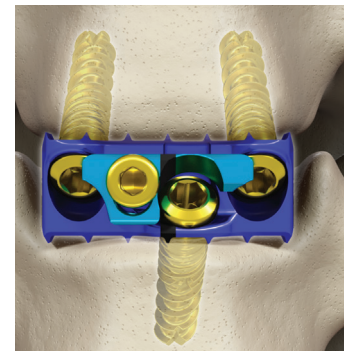


Figure 36

Final Tightening of Bone Screws

- Completely engage the driver in each screw head and fully seat all bone screws (Figure 34).

Note: Failure to fully seat the screws could interfere with the final tightening of the locking mechanism.

Note: The locking mechanism comes in the unlocked position. Do not turn the gold locking screw counter-clockwise for any reason other than revision surgery.

Note: Confirm that the screws are fully seated before securing the gold locking screw. If the teal locking cap does not move freely over the screw heads, re-check whether the bone screws are fully seated.

Securing the Locking Cap

- Once all screws are fully seated within the plate, assemble the gold locking cap driver and torque limiting handle. Insert the locking cap driver into the gold locking screw. Ensure that the tip of the driver is fully seated in the screw pocket and that the driver is on axis to the locking screw (Figure 35).
- Turn the driver clockwise. As the screw tightens, the teal locking cap will slide over the screw heads. Turn the torque limiting handle until an audible click is heard when the locking mechanism is tightened to 4 in-lb. The locking mechanism and torque limiting handle will provide visual, audible, and tactile confirmation that the locking mechanism is fully secured and the screw heads are partially covered (Figure 36).

Surgical Technique Option 1: Optio-C Structural Allograft Freehand Screw Insertion

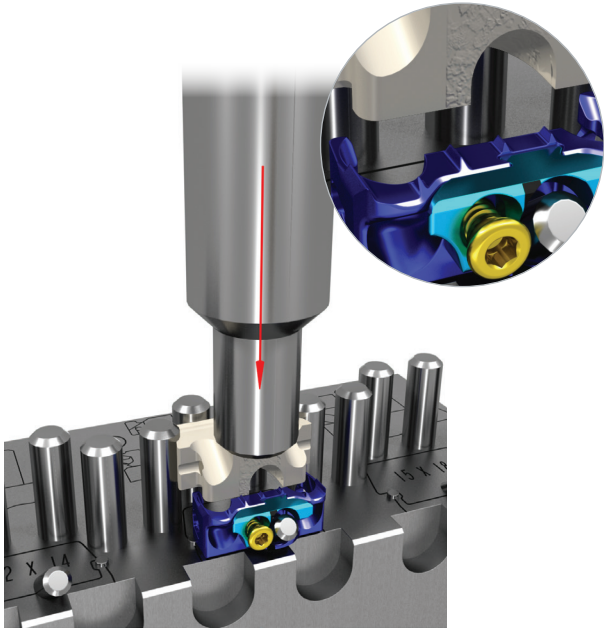


Figure 37

Planning, Positioning and Exposure

- Repeat the steps for Pre-Operative Planning and Patient Positioning through Implant Assembly on pages 6–10 (Figure 37).

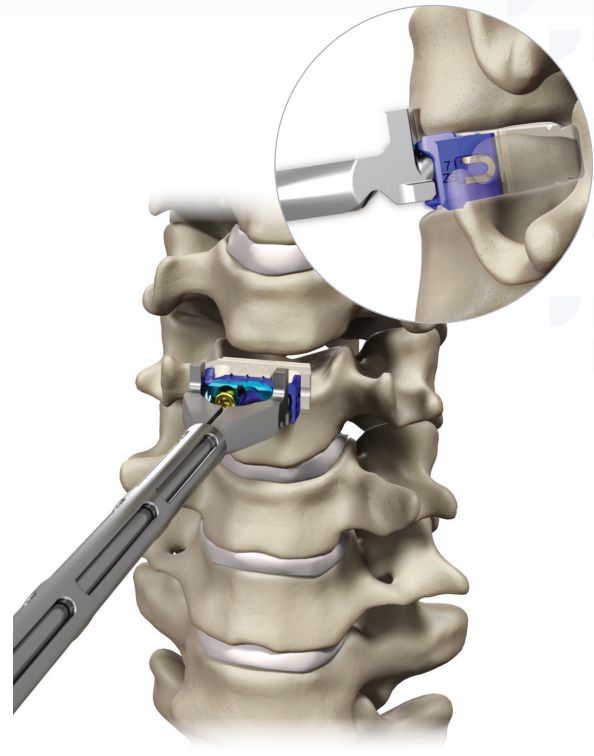


Figure 38

Implant Insertion

- Once the implant is attached securely to the inserter, insert the implant into the distracted segment. If necessary, use light impaction to advance the plate into the disc space (Figure 38).

Note: Positive stops position the implant flush with the anterior aspect of the vertebral bodies.

Warning: When inserting the implant, ensure a tight fit between the inserter and implant. Release distraction before drilling to prevent shifting.

Warning: When inserting the implant, care should be taken to avoid using excessive force, which has the potential to cause damage to the implant or surrounding tissue.

Surgical Technique Option 1: Optio-C Structural Allograft

Freehand Screw Insertion *(continued)*

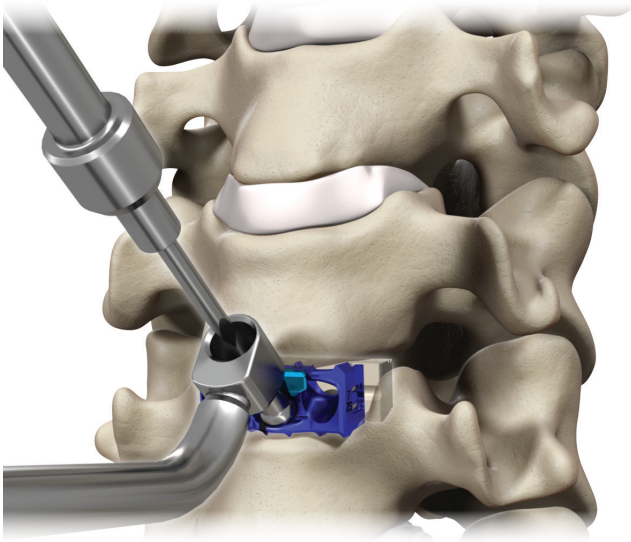


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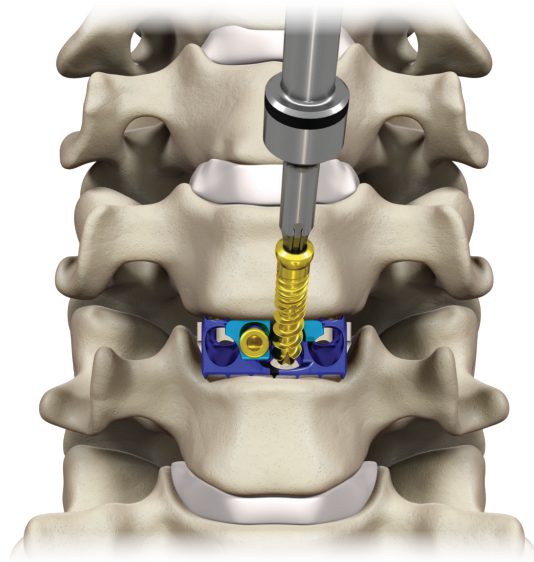


Figure 40

Screw Hole Preparation/Screw Placement

- Remove the inserter from the implant. Assemble the awl/drill and the modular spin cap handle. Place the fixed angle guide or variable angle guide in the selected screw hole. Ensure that the guide tip is fully seated.
- The appropriate angle ranges for the midline screw are 35° to 45° cephalad/caudal and 0° to 10° medial/lateral.
- The appropriate angle ranges for the lateral screws are 35° to 45° cephalad/caudal and -5° to 5° medial/lateral.

Note: The variable angle guide allows for screw trajectories within the acceptable limits. The fixed angle guide is designed for repeatable nominal angle placement.

- Prepare the midline screw hole using the Fixed or variable drill guide. The fixed or variable drill allows the awl/drill (straight, flexible, or u-joint options) to prepare for the midline screw hole. Seat the guide tip into the medial screw hole. Place the awl/drill through the selected drill guide until the positive stop contacts the guide. The awl/drill will create a pilot hole 6 mm deep. Intra-operative imaging should be used to verify awl/drill position and determine the appropriate length screw (Figure 39).

Note: The Optio-C System includes an optional tamp that can be used with the modular impaction cap handle to provide minor adjustments to the plate in situ. Adjustments should be made only under slight distraction. Care should be taken when using the tamp because it does not have a positive stop.

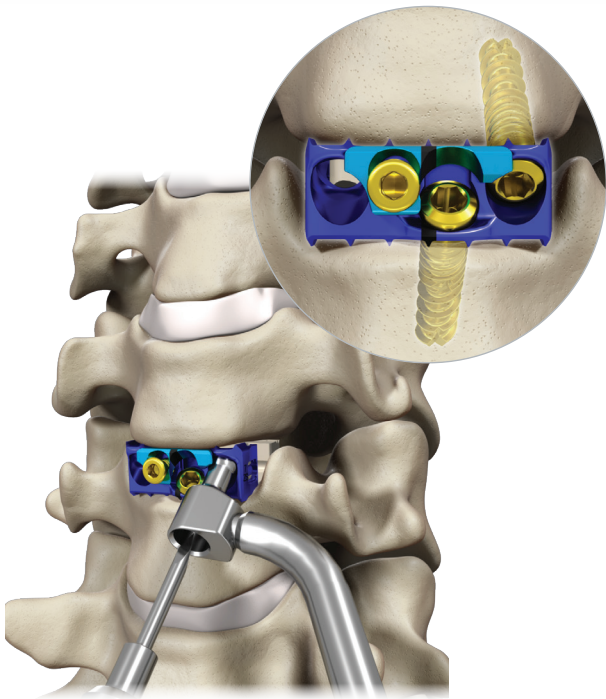


Figure 41

- Remove the awl/drill and guide. Load the desired screw onto the 2.0 mm hex driver. Insert the screw through the midline screw hole, advancing the screw until the screw head contacts the plate to provisionally stabilize the implant (Figure 40).

Note: An optional tissue sleeve assembly may be used over the U-joint instrumentation if desired. The tissue sleeve assembly helps shield the U-joint from tissue and fixes the instrument tip at a 40° angle. Prior to attaching the modular spin cap handle to the U-joint instrument, the U-joint sleeve tip is threaded clockwise onto the U-joint sleeve tube to encase the universal joint.

Repeat these steps for the lateral screws, using the same “drill-and-fill” technique (Figure 41).

Note: Use care to maintain the implant positioning while preparing the screw hole.

Warning: During screw insertion, care should be taken to avoid bone screw stripping, which has the potential to cause an unstable screw construct.

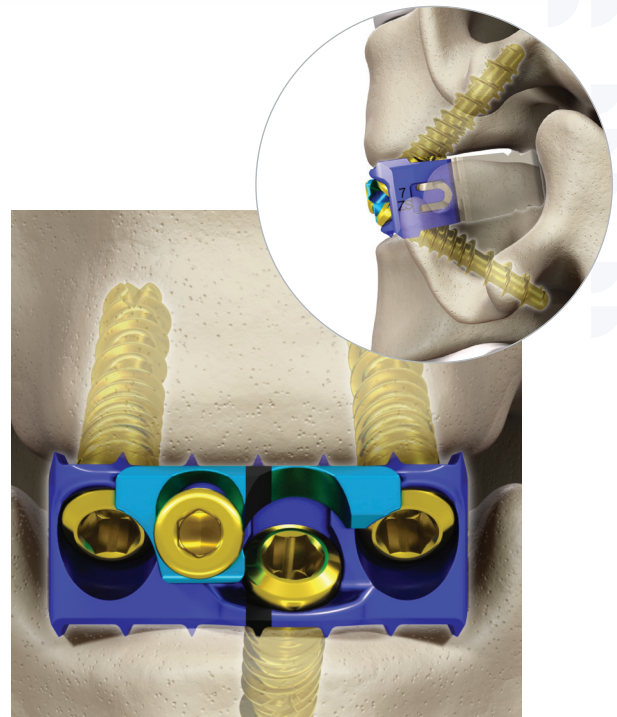


Figure 42

Final Tightening of Bone Screws

- Completely engage the 2.0 mm hex driver in each screw head, and fully seat all bone screws (Figure 42).

Note: Failure to fully seat the screws could interfere with the final tightening of the locking mechanism.

Note: The locking mechanism comes in the unlocked position. Do not turn the gold locking screw counter-clockwise for any reason other than revision surgery.

Note: Confirm that the screws are fully seated before securing the gold locking screw. If the teal locking cap does not move freely over the screw heads, re-check whether the bone screws are fully seated.

Surgical Technique Option 1: Optio-C Structural Allograft

Freehand Screw Insertion *(continued)*

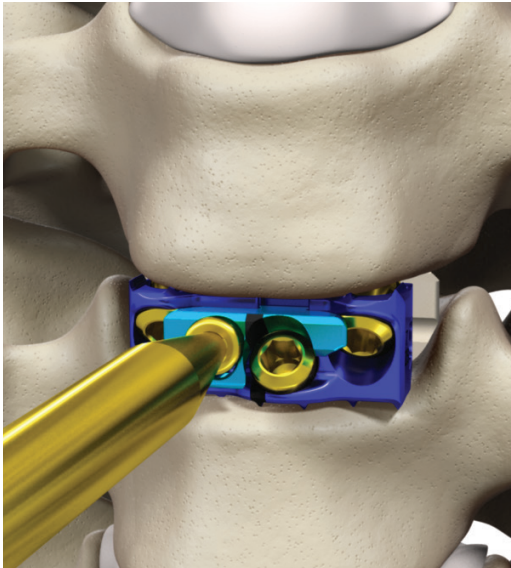


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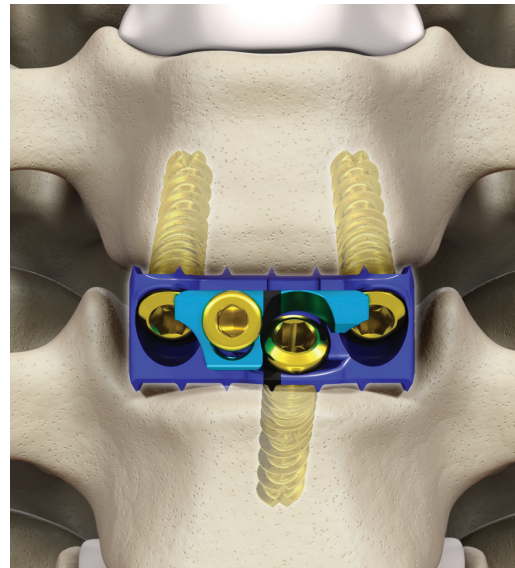


Figure 44

Securing the Locking Cap

- Once all screws are fully seated within the plate, assemble the gold locking cap driver and torque limiting handle. Insert the locking cap driver into the gold locking screw. Ensure that the tip of the driver is fully seated in the screw pocket and that the driver is on axis to the locking screw (Figure 43).
- Turn the driver clockwise. As the screw tightens, the teal locking cap will slide over the screw heads. Turn the torque limiting handle until an audible click is heard when the locking mechanism is tightened to 4 in-lb. The locking mechanism and torque limiting handle will provide visual, audible and tactile confirmation that the locking mechanism is fully secured and the screw heads are partially covered (Figure 44).

Surgical Technique Option 2: Structural Allograft/Autograft of the Same Height as the Optio-C Plate

Insertor Guide



Figure 45

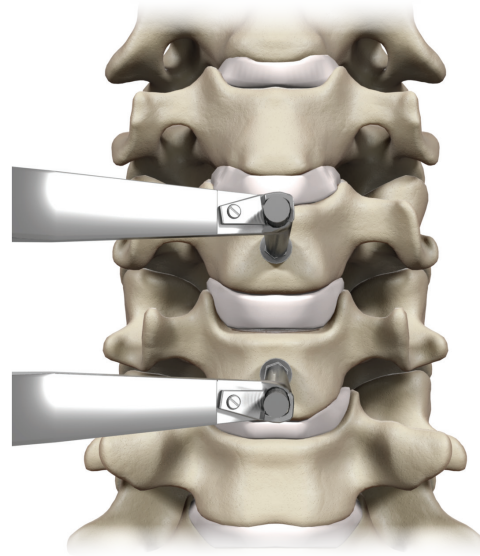


Figure 46

Pre-operative Planning and Patient Positioning

- Pre-operatively, the surgeon must identify the proper intervertebral level to fuse using diagnostic techniques such as radiographs, MRI, myelography, discography, patient history and physical examination. Place the patient in supine position. Support the posterior cervical spine to maintain normal lordosis and choose a right- or left-sided approach. Identify the symptomatic level, and make a skin incision to the corresponding pathology (Figure 45).

Exposure, Location, and Site Preparation

- The anterior cervical anatomy is exposed in the standard fashion by identifying a dissection plane between the trachea and esophagus. Exposure is then held in place with self-retaining retractors (Figure 46).

Surgical Technique Option 2: Structural Allograft/Autograft of the Same Height as the Optio-C Plate

Inserter Guide (continued)

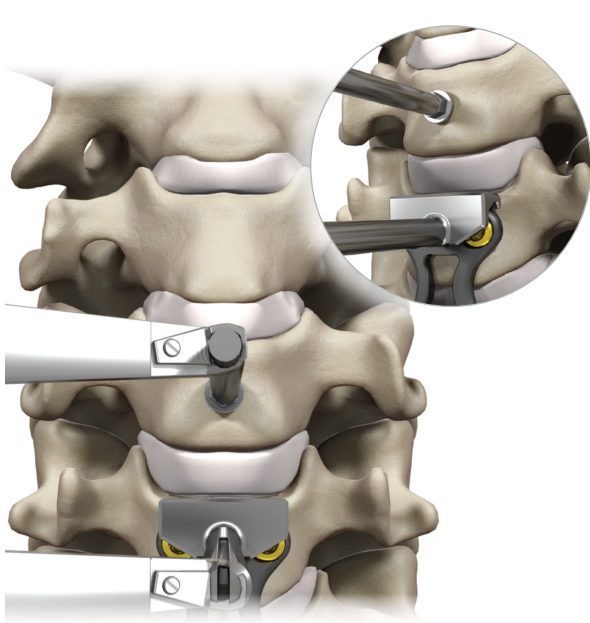


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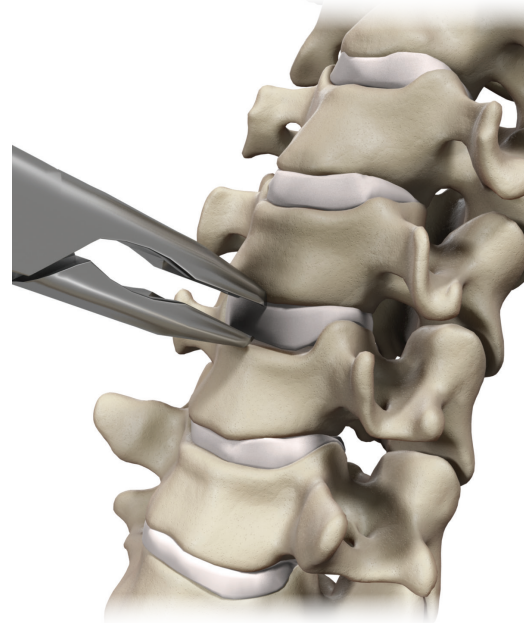


Figure 48

Exposure, Location and Site Preparation (continued)

- For placement adjacent to existing plate hardware, the Optio-C distraction pin Instruments can be used with a Caspar distractor over the existing plate hardware in lieu of a Caspar pin in that vertebral segment (Figure 47).

Note: Ensure that contacting surfaces between the distraction pin and existing hardware are clear of bone or soft tissue.

Note: Optio-C distraction pins are intended for single use only and should be disposed of after one use.

Warning: If existing hardware is present, compatibility between the distraction pin and the existing hardware should be verified before use. When the distraction pin is used with existing hardware, extreme care should be taken to prevent damage to existing hardware.

- Prepare the anatomy to accommodate placement of the structural allograft/autograft and the Optio-C plate. It is recommended to insert the Optio-C plate under distraction (Figure 48).

Warning: When preparing the disc space, care should be taken to ensure that an appropriate amount of bone is removed; excessive removal of bone has the potential to cause subsidence, while failing to remove enough bone has the potential to cause poor fusion.



Figure 49







Plate Sizing

- The Optio-C plate is designed to be used with one structural allograft/autograft of the same height as the plate. Determine trial size for assessing the disc space. Connect the modular impaction cap handle to the appropriately sized height trial. Select the plate height by using the trial to assess the anterior height of the disc space. The Optio-C plate must be implanted with a structural allograft/autograft. The plate height should match the anterior height of the disc space. If the disc space is 7 mm, the 7 mm height Optio-C plate should be selected (Figure 49).

Note: The Optio-C plate height is measured from the tips of the splines. All Optio-C plates are 16 mm wide.

Note: Prepare the disc space to accommodate placement of the Optio-C plate between adjacent vertebrae.

Note: Intraoperative imaging can be used with the system trials to approximate implant sizing.

Trial and Rasp Color Code		
Size and Configuration	Color	
12 mm × 14 mm × 0°	Black	
12 mm × 14 mm × 6°	Blue	
14 mm × 16 mm × 0°	Green	
14 mm × 16 mm × 6°	Yellow	
15 mm × 18 mm × 0°	Tan	
15 mm × 18 mm × 6°	Orange	

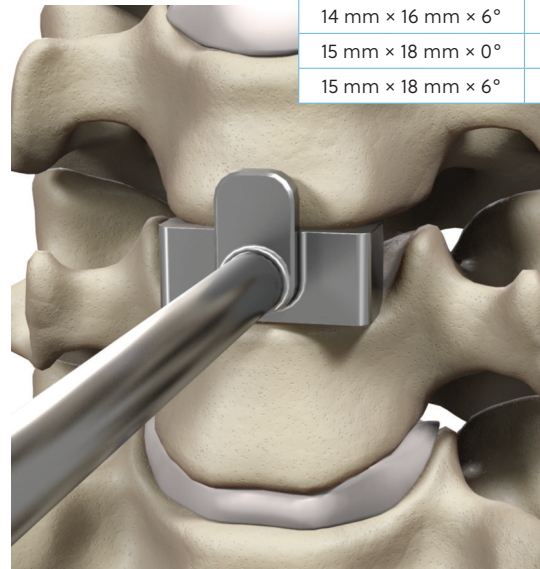


Figure 50

Allograft/Autograft Selection

- Choose a parallel or lordotic trial to match the height and contour of the intervertebral space. Select the appropriate trial to assess the height of the disc space. Connect the modular impaction cap handle to the trial. Ensure that the trial fits snugly in the disc space when distraction is released. The Optio-C plate must be implanted with a structural allograft/autograft.
- Once the height is determined, select the appropriate plate footprint by using the trials and rasps (12 × 14, 14 × 16, or 15 × 18). These instruments equal the shape of the plate plus structural allograft/autograft (Figure 50).

Surgical Technique Option 2: Structural Allograft/Autograft of the Same Height as the Optio-C Plate

Inserter Guide (continued)



Figure 51

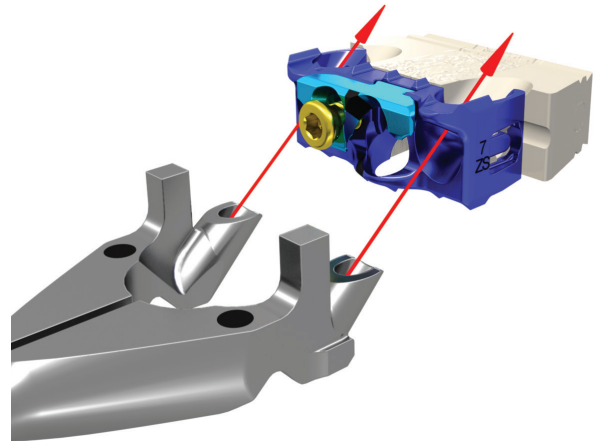


Figure 52

Allograft/Autograft Placement

- If a structural allograft/autograft is used, select a graft size that:
 - Has the same height of the Optio-C plate,
 - Fits within the lateral walls of the Optio-C plate and,
 - Accommodates the plate thickness of 4 mm.
- Refer to the chart below to select the recommended structural allograft/autograft per the Trial chosen.

Trial (L × W)	Recommended Graft Size (L × W)
12 × 14 mm	8 × 11 mm
14 × 16 mm	10 × 11 mm
15 × 18 mm	11 × 11 mm

- If using allograft, prepare the allograft per the manufacturer's instructions. Countersink the graft at least 4 mm from the anterior margin of the vertebral body upon final placement. The system rasps can be used to help prepare the endplates (Figure 51).

Attaching the Plate

- Assemble the inserter guide to the modular impaction cap handle. Ensure that the inserter sleeve is in the unlocked position by pulling it toward the modular handle and rotating the sleeve counter-clockwise to engage the threads. With the gold locking screw oriented on the left and guide circular markings facing upward, insert the inserter guide tubes into the plate screw holes until the positive stops are in contact with the plate (Figure 52).

Note: The circular markings on the inserter guide should face upward when assembling the plate to the inserter. These markings are for orientation only, indicating the direction of the two lateral screws (two dots cephalad, two screws point cephalad).

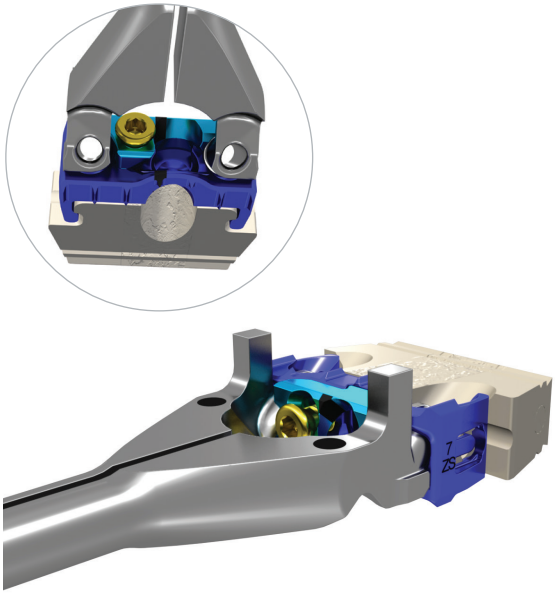


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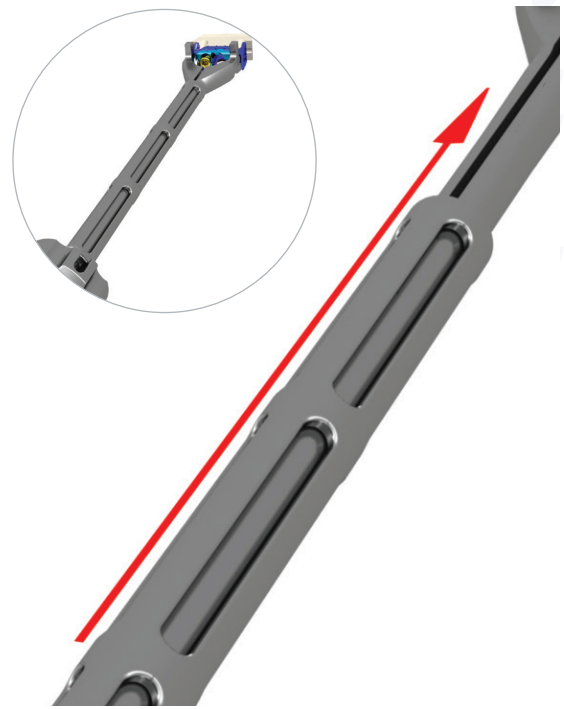


Figure 54

- Ensure that the inserter is fully seated in the plate holes and that the inserter guide positive stop is in contact with the plate. Verify that the guide holes and lateral plate holes are aligned, and that the inserter axis is perpendicular to the anterior face of the plate (Figure 53).
- Secure the plate by rotating the sleeve clockwise and sliding the inserter guide sleeve toward the plate until it bottoms out on the distal threads. Rotate the sleeve clockwise, engaging threads until secure (Figure 54).

Surgical Technique Option 2: Structural Allograft/Autograft of the Same Height as the Optio-C Plate

Insertor Guide (continued)



Figure 55

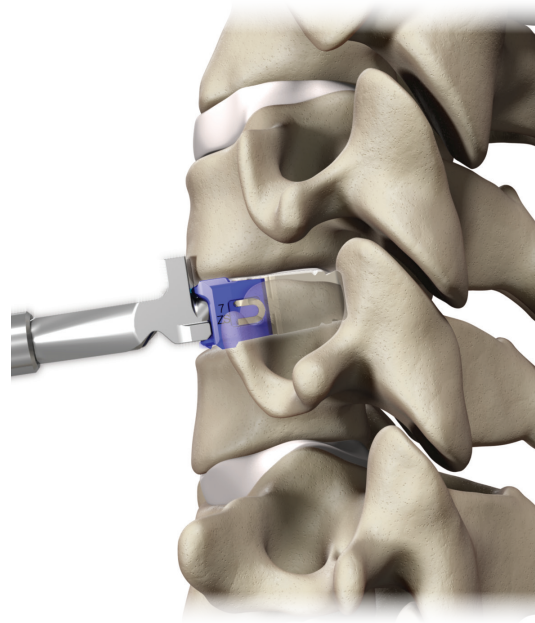


Figure 56

Plate Placement

- Once the plate is attached securely to the inserter, insert the plate into the distracted segment. If necessary, use light impaction to advance the plate into the disc space (Figure 55).

Note: Positive stops position the plate flush with the anterior aspect of the vertebral bodies.

Warning: When inserting the plate, care should be taken to avoid using excessive force, which has the potential to cause damage to the plate or surrounding tissue.

Warning: When inserting the plate, ensure a tight fit between the inserter and plate. Release distraction before drilling to prevent shifting.

- Ensure that the plate and structural allograft/autograft fit snugly between the adjacent vertebrae, and then release distraction while leaving the inserter guide attached to the plate. The modular handle may be temporarily removed from the inserter to increase visibility for screw preparation and delivery (Figure 56).

Note: If using the distraction pin, remove the distraction pin with the Caspar distractor.

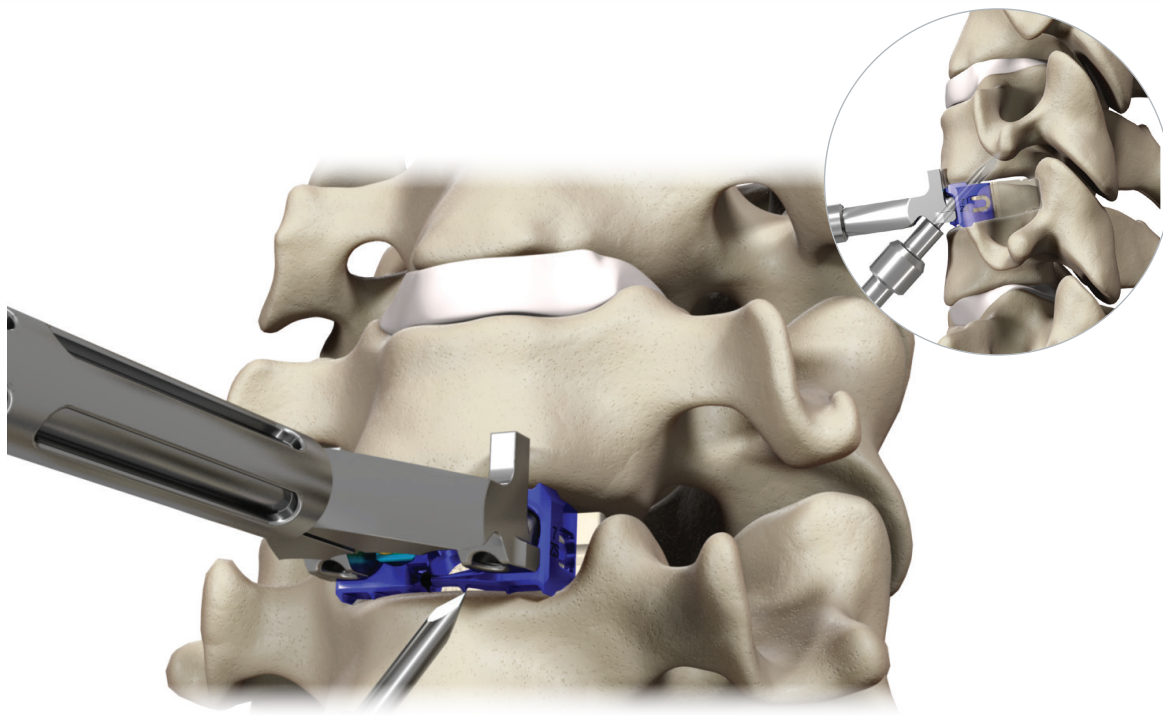


Figure 57

Lateral Screw Hole Preparation/Screw Placement

- Assemble the awl/drill to the modular spin cap handle. Create a pilot hole for the first lateral screw hole by placing the awl/drill through the guide hole of the inserter guide until the positive stop on the awl/drill contacts the guide. The awl/drill will create a pilot hole 6 mm deep on the screw hole axis (40°).
- The inserter guide allows the awl and/or drill (straight, flexible, or U-joint options) to pass through its guide holes to prepare the two lateral screw holes while the inserter guide is secured to the plate.
- Intra-operative imaging should be used to verify awl/drill position and to determine the appropriate length screw. Remove the awl/drill. Repeat the same steps on the contralateral side. Remove the inserter guide by rotating the sleeve counter-clockwise and then pulling the inserter

sleeve toward the modular impaction cap handle and pulling the inserter away from the plate (Figure 57).

Note: Lateral screw preparation and placement should precede midline screw preparation and placement.

Note: An optional tissue sleeve assembly may be used over the U-joint instrumentation if desired. The tissue sleeve assembly helps shield the U-joint from tissue and fixes the instrument tip at a 40° angle. Before attaching the modular spin cap handle to the U-joint instrument, the U-joint sleeve tip is threaded clockwise onto the U-joint sleeve tube to encase the universal joint.

Surgical Technique Option 2: Structural Allograft/Autograft of the Same Height as the Optio-C Plate

Insertor Guide (continued)

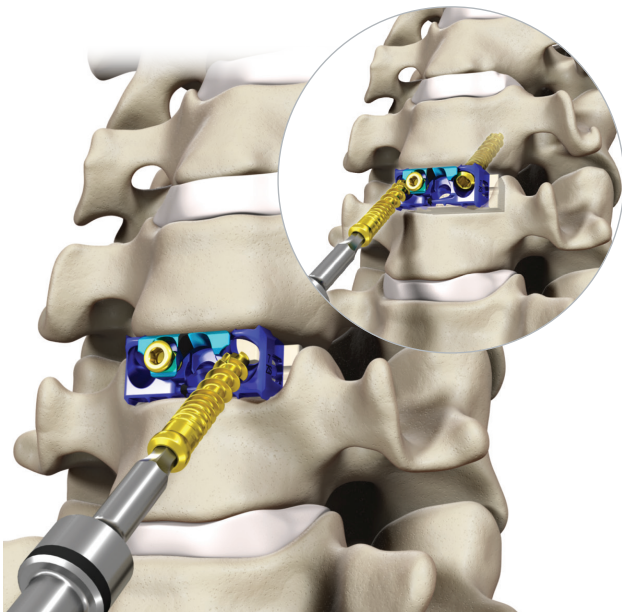


Figure 58

Lateral Screw Hole Preparation/ Screw Placement (continued)

- Assemble the 2.0 mm hex driver and modular spin cap handle. Load the desired screw onto the driver and insert the screw through the first lateral screw hole, advancing the screw until the screw head contacts the plate to provisionally stabilize the plate. Ensure that the driver is on axis to the prepared screw trajectory during screw insertion. Repeat on the contralateral side (Figure 58).

Warning: During screw insertion, care should be taken to avoid bone screw stripping, which has the potential to cause an unstable screw construct.

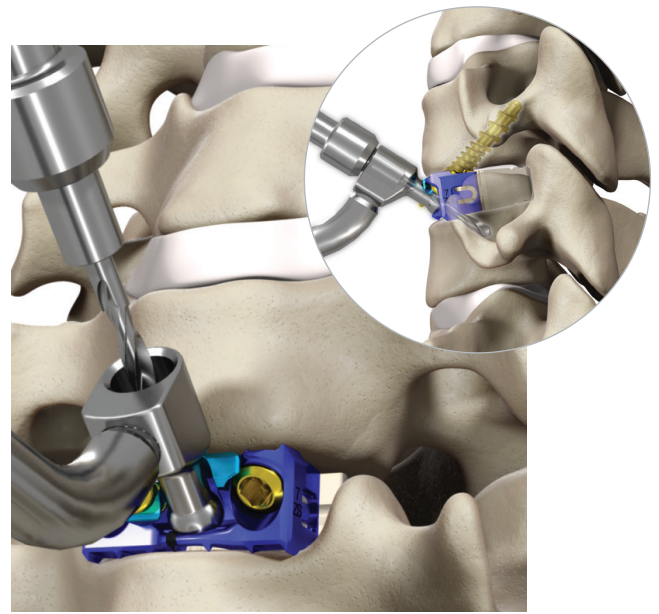


Figure 59

Midline Screw Hole Preparation/ Screw Placement

- Prepare the midline screw hole using the fixed angle guide or variable angle guide. The appropriate angle ranges for the midline screw are 35° to 45° cephalad/caudal and 0° to 10° medial/lateral.
Note: The variable angle guide allows for screw trajectories within the acceptable limits. The fixed angle guide is designed for repeatable nominal angle placement.
- The fixed angle guide or variable angle guide allows the awl/drill (straight, flexible, or U-joint options) to prepare for the midline screw hole. Seat the guide tip into the medial screw hole. Place the awl/drill through the selected drill guide until the positive stop contacts the guide. The awl/drill will create a pilot hole 6 mm deep. Intra-operative imaging should be used to verify awl/drill position and to determine the appropriate screw length (Figure 59).

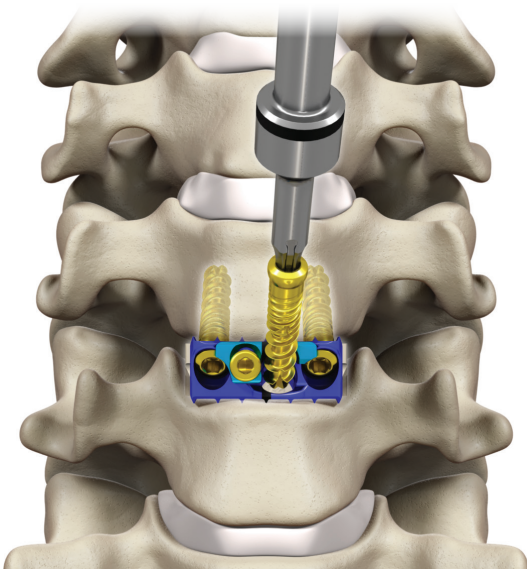


Figure 60

- Remove the awl/drill and guide. Load the desired screw onto the 2.0 mm hex driver. Insert the screw through the midline screw hole, advancing the screw until the screw head contacts the plate to provisionally stabilize the implant. Ensure the driver is on axis to the prepared screw trajectory during screw insertion and final tightening (Figure 60).

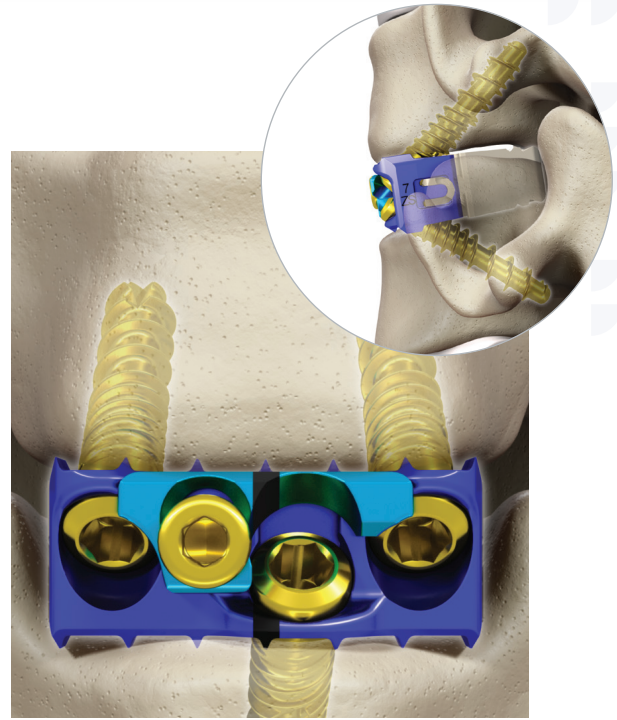


Figure 61

Final Tightening of Bone Screws

- Completely engage the 2.0 mm hex driver in each screw head and fully seat all bone screws (Figure 61).

Note: Failure to fully seat the screws could interfere with the final tightening of the locking mechanism.

Note: The locking mechanism comes in the unlocked position. Do not turn the gold locking screw counter-clockwise for any reason other than revision surgery.

Note: Confirm the screws are fully seated before securing the gold locking screw. If the teal locking cap does not move freely over the screw heads, re-check whether the bone screws are fully seated.

Surgical Technique Option 2: Structural Allograft/Autograft of the Same Height as the Optio-C Plate

Insertion Guide (continued)

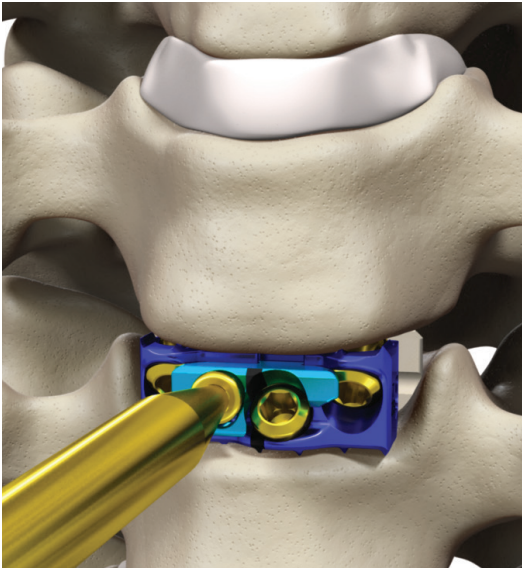


Figure 62



Figure 63

Securing the Locking Cap

- Once all screws are fully seated within the plate, assemble the gold locking cap driver and torque limiting handle. Insert the locking cap driver into the gold locking screw. Ensure that the tip of the driver is fully seated in the screw pocket and that the driver is on axis to the locking screw (Figure 62).
- Turn the driver clockwise. As the screw tightens, the teal locking cap will slide over the screw heads. Turn the torque limiting handle until an audible click is heard when the locking mechanism is tightened to 4 in-lb. The locking mechanism and torque limiting handle will provide visual, audible and tactile confirmation that the locking mechanism is fully secured and the screw heads are partially covered (Figure 63).

Surgical Technique Option 2: Structural Allograft/Autograft of the Same Height as the Optio-C Plate

Optional ATO Inserter Guide



Figure 64

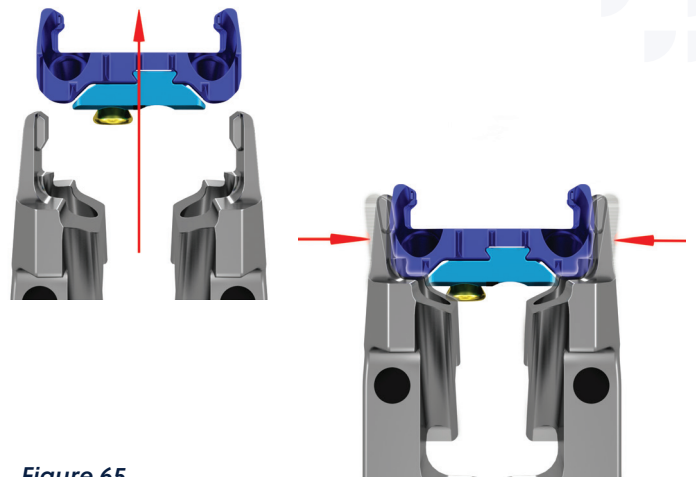


Figure 65

Planning, Positioning, and Exposure

- Repeat the steps for Pre-Operative Planning and Patient Positioning through Allograft/Autograft Placement of Option 2 on pages 27-30 (Figure 64).

Attaching the Plate

- Assemble the ATO inserter guide to the modular impactor handle. The ATO inserter guide grasps the outside of the plate by engaging the plate pockets. With the gold locking screw oriented on the left and guide circular markings facing upward, attach the ATO inserter guide around the outside of the plate. The ATO inserter guide snaps into place when the tabs are fully seated in the plate pockets (Figure 65, top).

Note: The circular markings on the ATO inserter guide should face upward when assembling the plate to the inserter. These markings are for orientation only, indicating the direction the two lateral screws will point in situ (Figure 65, bottom).

Surgical Technique Option 2: Structural Allograft/Autograft of the Same Height as the Optio-C Plate

Optional ATO Inserter Guide (continued)



Figure 66



Figure 67

Attaching the Plate (continued)

- Ensure that the inserter is fully seated on the plate by verifying that the ATO inserter guide positive stops are in contact with the plate. Verify that the guide holes and lateral plate holes are aligned, and that the inserter axis is perpendicular to the anterior face of the plate (Figure 66).
- Secure the plate by sliding the ATO inserter guide sleeve toward the plate until it bottoms out on the distal end of the ATO inserter guide (Figure 66, inset).

Plate Placement

- Insert the plate into the distracted segment. If necessary, use light impaction to advance the plate into the disc space (Figure 67).

Note: Positive stops position the plate and structural allograft/autograft flush with the anterior aspect of the vertebral bodies.

Warning: When inserting the plate, care should be taken to avoid using excessive force, which has the potential to cause damage to the plate or surrounding tissue.

Warning: When inserting the plate, ensure a tight fit between the inserter and plate. Release distraction before drilling to prevent shifting.

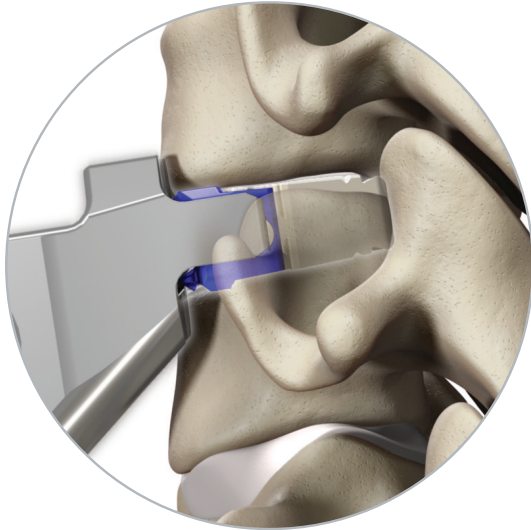


Figure 68

- Ensure that the plate fits snugly between the adjacent vertebrae, and then release distraction while leaving the ATO inserter guide attached to the implant construct. The modular handle can be removed temporarily from the inserter to increase visibility for screw preparation and delivery (Figure 68).

Note: If using the distraction pin, remove the distraction pin with the Caspar distractor.

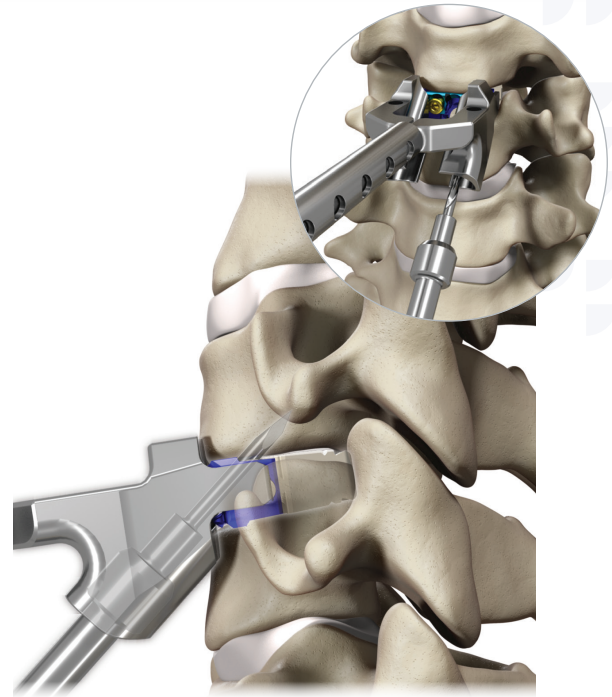


Figure 69

Lateral Screw Hole Preparation/ Screw Placement

- The ATO inserter guide allows the awl, drill, and 2.0 mm hex driver (straight and flexible options only) to pass through the guide holes for the two lateral screw holes while the ATO inserter guide is secured to the plate. The U-joint instruments are not compatible with the ATO inserter guide.
- Assemble the awl/drill to the modular spin cap handle. Create a pilot hole for the first lateral screw hole by placing the awl/drill through the guide hole of the ATO inserter guide until the positive stop contacts the ato inserter guide. The awl/drill will create a pilot hole 6 mm deep on the screw hole axis (40°). Intra-operative imaging should be used to verify awl/drill position and determine the appropriate length screw. Remove the awl/drill. Repeat the same steps on the contralateral side (Figure 69).

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Optional ATO Inserter Guide (continued)

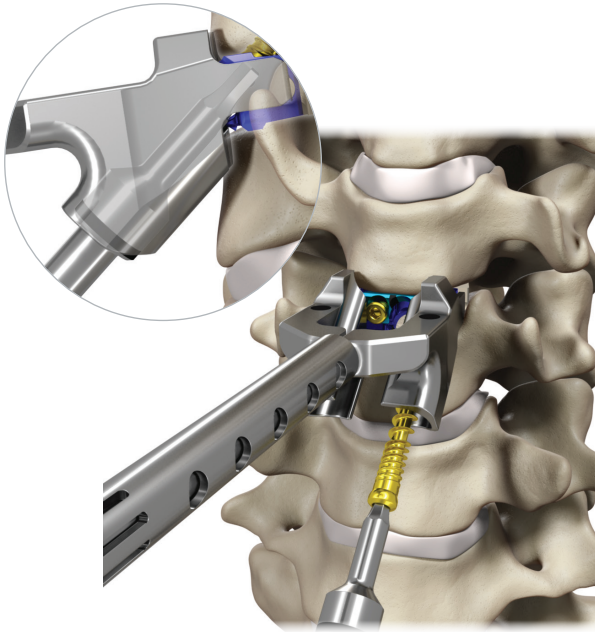


Figure 70

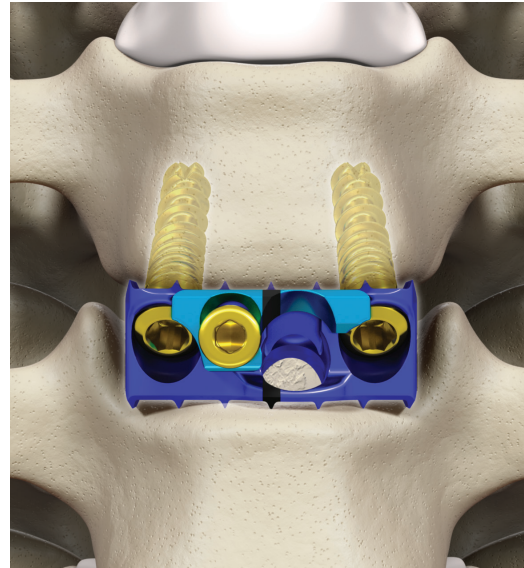


Figure 71

Lateral Screw Hole Preparation/Screw Placement (continued)

- Assemble the 2.0 mm hex driver and modular spin cap handle. Load the desired screw onto the driver and insert the screw through the first lateral screw hole until the screw head contacts the plate to provisionally stabilize the plate. Ensure that the driver is on axis to the prepared screw trajectory during screw insertion and final tightening (Figure 70).
 - The driver laser marking approaches the edge of the guide tube to indicate that the screw is nearly seated (Figure 70, inset).
 - Repeat on the contralateral side. When both lateral screws have been placed, remove the ATO inserter guide by sliding the inserter sleeve toward the modular impaction cap handle and pulling the inserter away from the plate using a gentle side-to-side motion (Figure 71).
- Note:** If self-drilling screws are used, the awl/drilling steps can be omitted at the discretion of the surgeon.
- Warning:** During screw insertion, care should be taken to avoid bone screw stripping, which has the potential to cause an unstable screw construct.

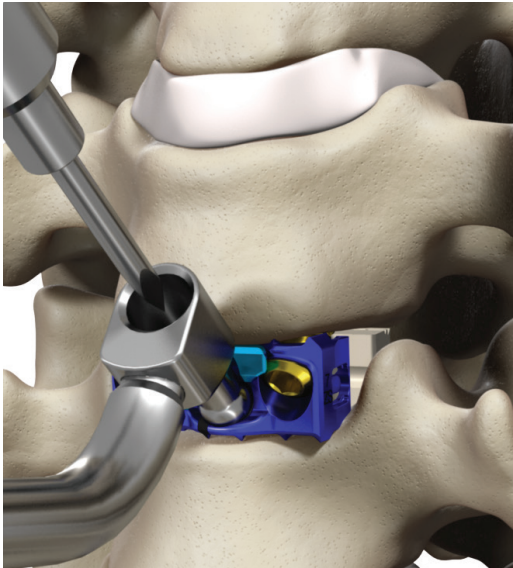


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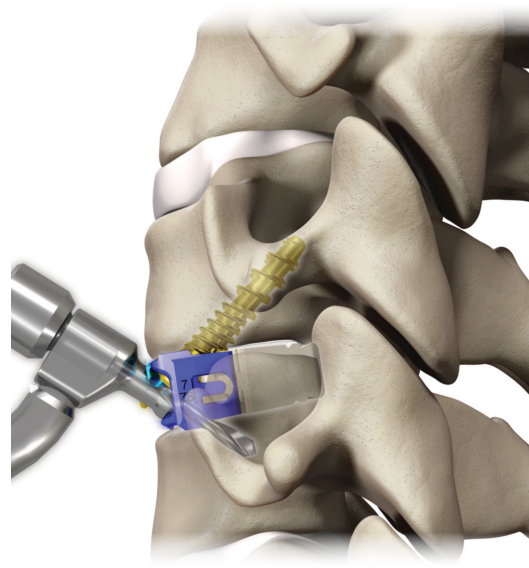


Figure 73

Midline Screw Hole Preparation/ Screw Placement

- Prepare the midline screw hole using the fixed or variable drill guide. The appropriate angle ranges for the midline screws are 35° to 45° cephalad/caudal and 0° to 10° medial/lateral (Figure 72).

Note: The variable angle guide allows for screw trajectories within the acceptable limits. The fixed angle guide is designed for repeatable nominal angle placement.

- The fixed or variable drill allows the awl/drill (straight, flexible, or U-joint options) to prepare for the midline screw hole. Seat the guide tip into the medial screw hole. Place the awl/drill through the selected drill guide until the positive stop contacts the guide. The awl/drill will create a pilot hole 6 mm deep. Intra-operative imaging should be used to verify awl/drill position and determine the appropriate screw length (Figure 73).

Note: An optional tissue sleeve assembly may be used over the U-joint instrumentation if desired. The tissue sleeve assembly helps shield the U-joint from tissue and fixes the instrument tip at a 40° angle. Before attaching the modular spin cap handle to the U-joint instrument, the U-joint sleeve tip is threaded clockwise onto the U-joint sleeve tube to encase the universal joint.

Surgical Technique Option 2: Structural Allograft/Autograft of the Same Height as the Optio-C Plate

Optional ATO Inserter Guide (continued)

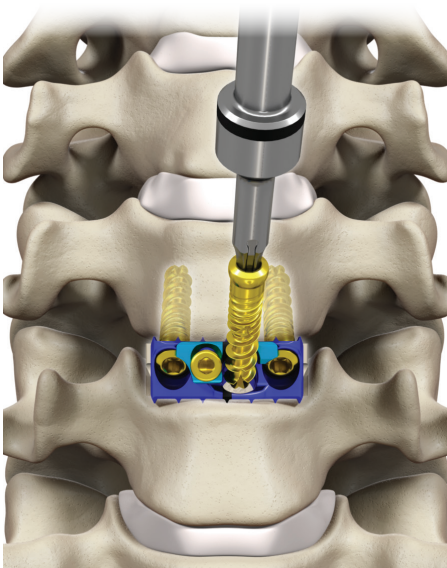


Figure 74

Midline Screw Hole Preparation/ Screw Placement (continued)

- Remove the awl/drill and guide. Load the desired screw onto the 2.0 Mm hex driver. Insert the screw through the midline screw hole, advancing the screw until the screw head contacts the plate to provisionally stabilize the plate. Ensure that the driver is on axis to the prepared screw trajectory during screw insertion and final tightening (Figure 74).

Warning: During screw insertion, care should be taken to avoid bone screw stripping, which has the potential to cause an unstable screw construct.

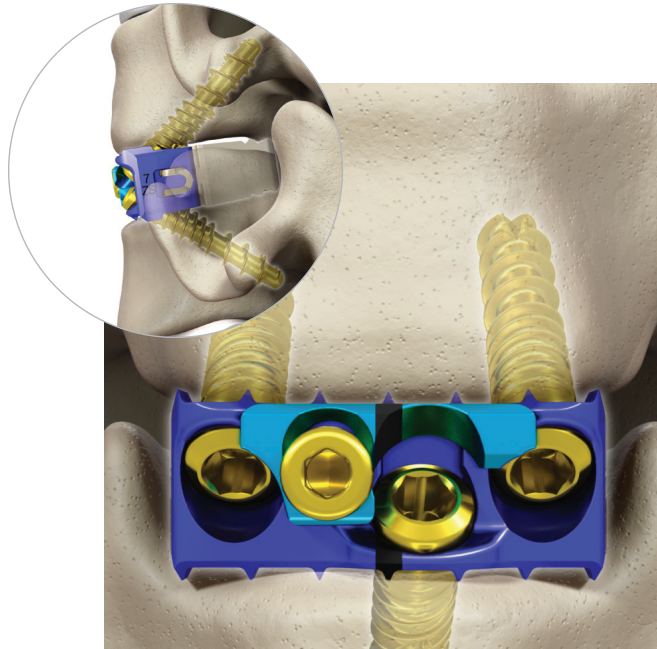


Figure 75

Securing the Locking Cap

- Completely engage the 2.0 mm hex driver in each screw head and fully seat all bone screws (Figure 75).

Note: Failure to fully seat the screws could interfere with the final tightening of the locking mechanism.

Note: The locking mechanism comes in the unlocked position. Do not turn the gold locking screw counter-clockwise for any reason other than revision surgery.

Note: Confirm that the screws are fully seated before securing the gold locking screw. If the teal locking cap does not move freely over the screw heads, re-check whether the bone screws are fully seated.

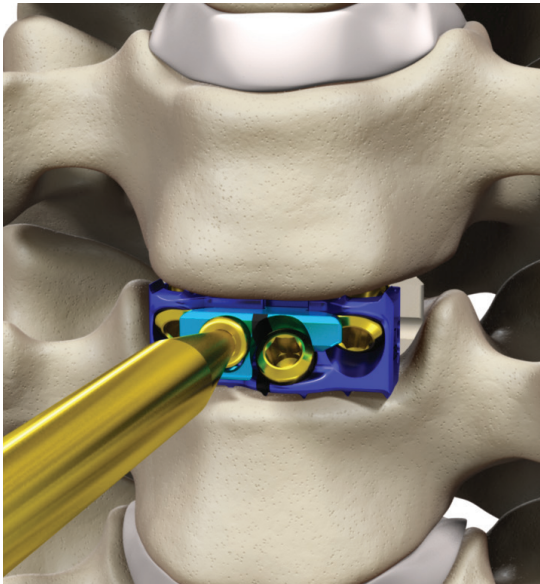


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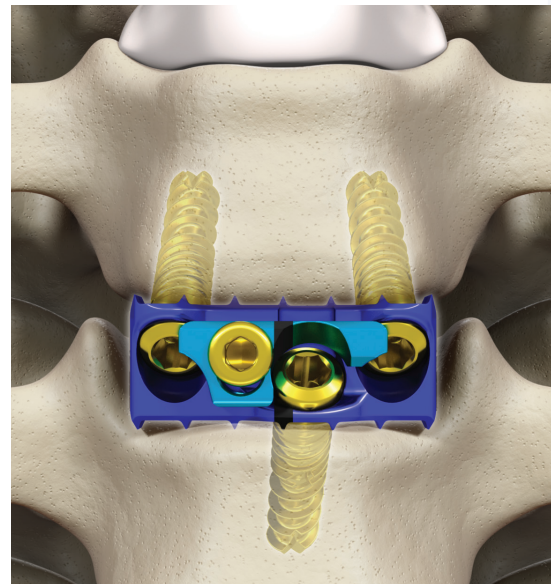


Figure 77

- Once all screws are fully seated within the plate, assemble the gold locking cap driver and torque limiting handle. Insert the locking cap driver into the gold locking screw. Ensure that the tip of the driver is fully seated in the screw pocket and that the driver is on axis to the locking screw (Figure 76).
- Turn the driver clockwise. As the screw tightens, the teal locking cap will slide over the screw heads. Turn the torque limiting handle until an audible click is heard when the locking mechanism is tightened to 4in-lb. The locking mechanism and torque limiting handle will provide visual, audible and tactile confirmation that the locking mechanism is fully secured and the screw heads are partially covered (Figure 77).

Surgical Technique Option 2: Structural Allograft/Autograft of the Same Height as the Optio-C Plate

Freehand Screw Insertion



Figure 78

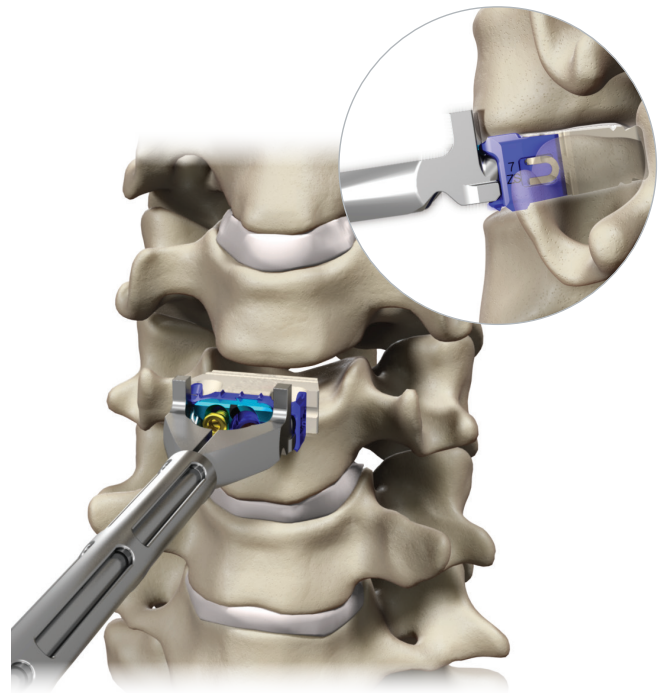


Figure 79

Planning, Positioning and Exposure

- Repeat the steps for Pre-Operative Planning and Patient Positioning through Allograft/Autograft Placement of Option 2 on pages 27-30 (Figure 78).

Implant Insertion

- Once the plate is attached securely to the inserter, insert the plate into the distracted segment. If necessary, use light impaction to advance the plate into the disc space (Figure 79).

Warning: When inserting the plate, ensure a tight fit between the inserter and plate. Release distraction before drilling to prevent shifting.

Warning: When inserting the plate, care should be taken to avoid using excessive force, which has the potential to cause damage to the plate or surrounding tissue.

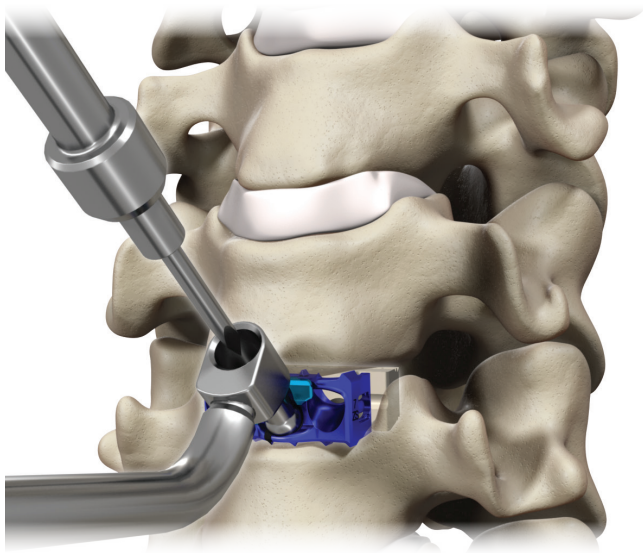


Figure 80

Screw Hole Preparation/Screw Placement

- Remove the inserter from the plate. Assemble the awl/drill and the modular spin cap handle. Place the fixed angle guide or variable angle guide in the selected screw hole. Ensure that the guide tip is fully seated.
- The appropriate angle ranges for the midline screw are 35° to 45° cephalad/caudal and 0° to 10° medial/lateral.
- The appropriate angle ranges for the lateral screws are 35° to 45° cephalad/caudal and -5° to 5° medial/lateral.
- Prepare the midline screw hole using the fixed or variable drill guide. The fixed or variable drill allows the awl/drill (straight, flexible or U-joint options) to prepare for the midline screw hole. Seat the guide tip into the medial screw hole. Place the awl/drill through the selected drill guide until the positive stop contacts the guide. The awl/drill will create a pilot hole 6 mm deep. Intra-operative imaging should be used to verify awl/drill position and to determine the appropriate length screw (Figure 80).

Note: The variable angle guide allows for screw trajectories within the acceptable limits. The fixed angle guide is designed for repeatable nominal angle placement.

Note: The Optio-C System includes an optional tamp that can be used with the modular impaction cap handle to provide minor adjustments to the plate in situ. Adjustments should only be made under slight distraction. Care should be taken when using the tamp because it does not have a positive stop.

Surgical Technique Option 2: Structural Allograft/Autograft of the Same Height as the Optio-C Plate

Freehand Screw Insertion (continued)

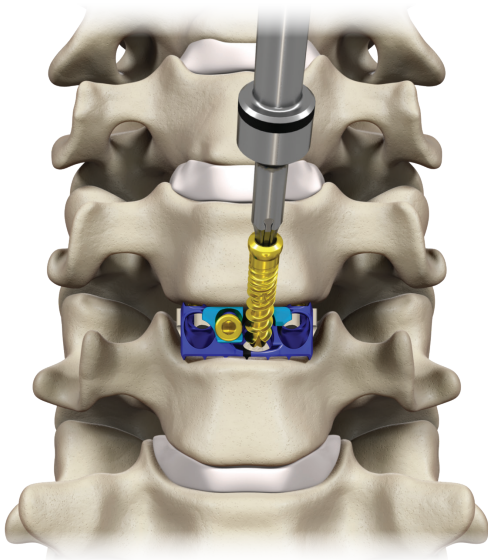


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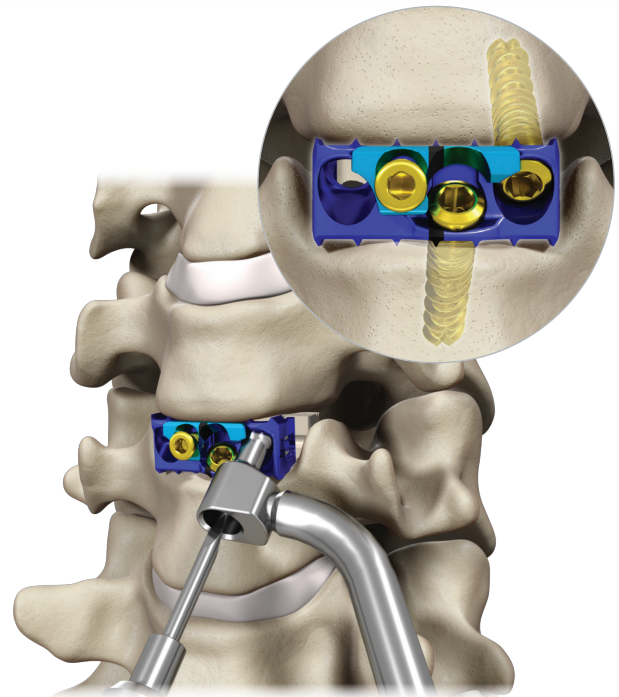


Figure 82

Screw Hole Preparation/Screw Placement (continued)

- Remove the awl/drill and guide. Load the desired screw onto the 2.0 mm hex driver. Insert the screw through the midline screw hole, advancing the screw until the screw head contacts the plate to provisionally stabilize the plate and structural allograft/autograft of the same height (Figure 81).

Note: An optional tissue sleeve assembly may be used over the U-joint instrumentation if desired. The tissue sleeve assembly helps shield the U-joint from tissue and fixes the instrument tip at a 40° angle. Prior to attaching the modular spin cap handle to the U-joint instrument, the U-joint sleeve tip is threaded clockwise onto the U-joint sleeve tube to encase the universal joint.

- Repeat steps 3 and 4 for the lateral screws, using the same “drill and fill” technique (Figure 82).

Note: Use care to maintain the plate and structural allograft/autograft.

Warning: During screw insertion, care should be taken to avoid bone screw stripping, which has the potential to cause an unstable screw construct.

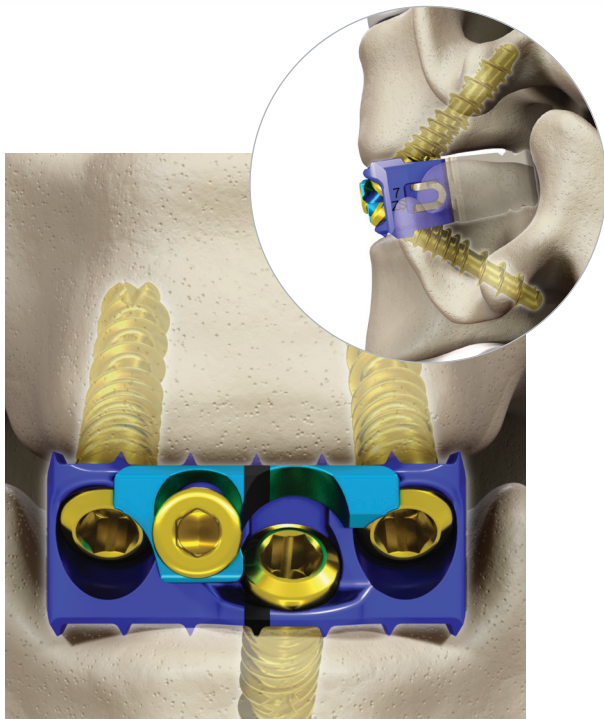


Figure 83

Final Tightening of Bone Screws

- Completely engage the 2.0 mm hex driver in each screw head and fully seat all bone screws (Figure 83).

Note: Failure to seat the screws fully could interfere with the final tightening of the locking mechanism.

Note: The locking mechanism comes in the unlocked position. Do not turn the gold locking screw counter-clockwise for any reason other than revision surgery.

Note: Confirm that the screws are fully seated before securing the gold locking screw. If the teal locking cap does not move freely over the screw heads, re-check whether the bone screws are fully seated.

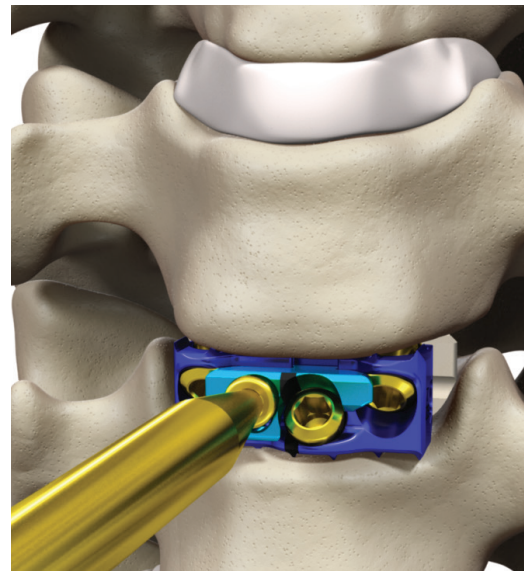


Figure 84

Securing the Locking Cap

- Once all screws are fully seated within the plate, assemble the gold locking cap driver and torque limiting handle. Insert the locking cap driver into the gold locking screw. Ensure that the tip of the driver is fully seated in the screw pocket and that the driver is on axis to the locking screw (Figure 84).

Surgical Technique Option 2: Structural Allograft/Autograft of the Same Height as the Optio-C Plate

Freehand Screw Insertion *(continued)*

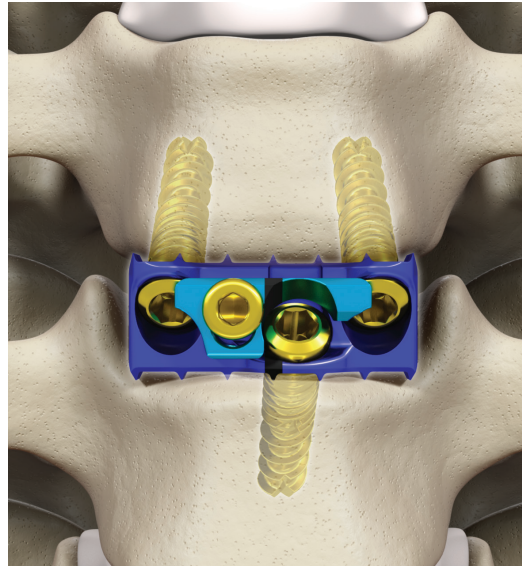


Figure 85

Securing the Locking Cap *(continued)*

- Turn the driver clockwise. As the screw tightens, the teal locking cap will slide over the screw heads. Turn the torque limiting handle until an audible click is heard when the locking mechanism is tightened to 4 in-lb. The locking mechanism and torque limiting handle will provide visual, audible and tactile confirmation that the locking mechanism is fully secured and the screw heads are partially covered (Figure 85).

Removal/Revision

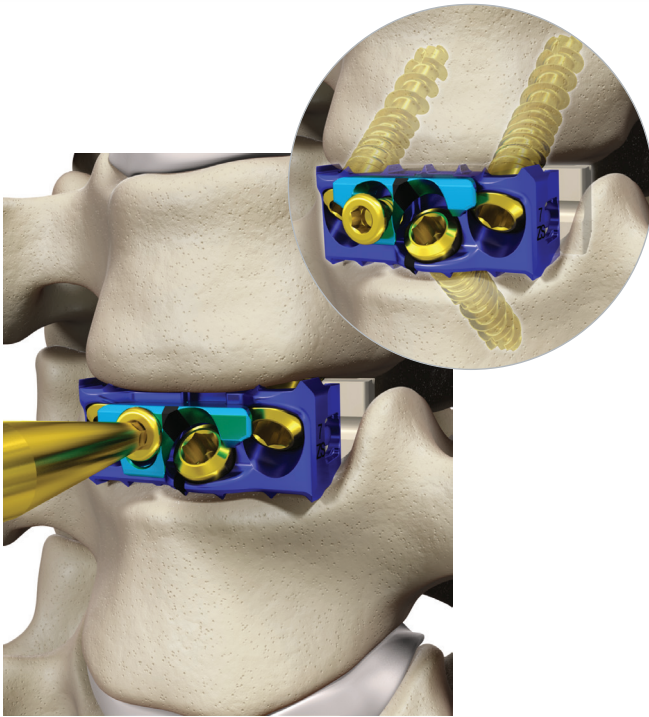


Figure 86

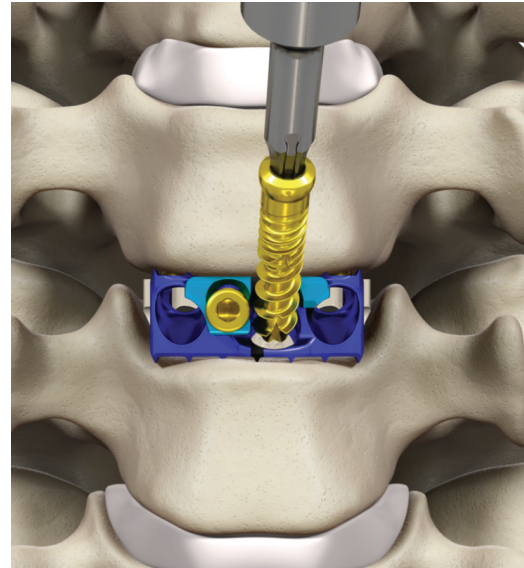


Figure 87

Plate and Structural Allograft/Autograft Removal

- The gold locking cap driver, torque limiting handle, 2.0 mm hex driver, modular spin cap handle, inserter guide and modular impaction cap handle are needed for revision/removal cases.

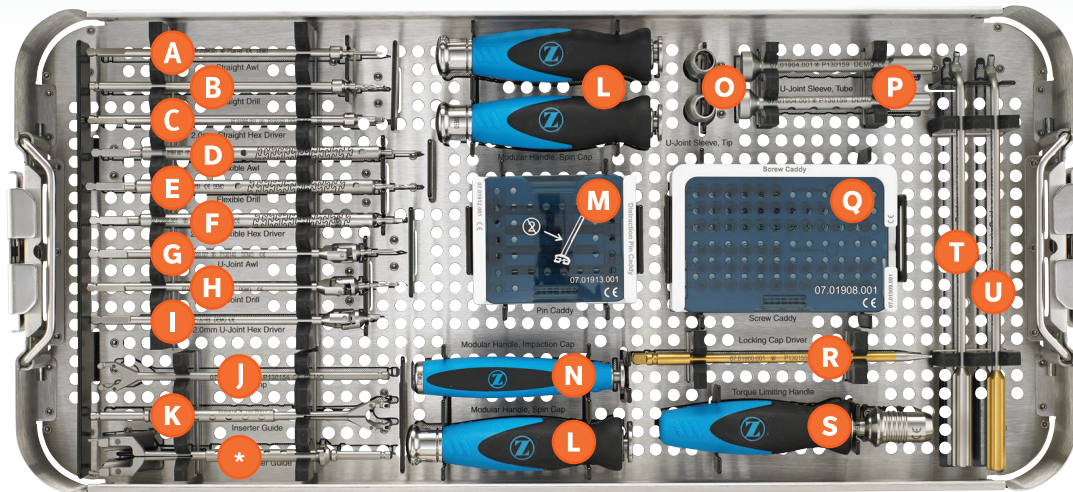
Note: *Appropriate distraction is required to remove the implant from the disc space.*

- Once the plate has been sufficiently exposed, seat the locking cap driver/modular handle assembly into the gold locking screw. Turn the gold locking mechanism screw counter-clockwise until the teal locking cap can move freely. Do not rotate the gold cap more than 1.5 turns. Slide the teal locking cap using a forceps or other general surgical instrument to uncover all three bone screws (Figure 86).

- Seat the 2.0 mm hex driver/modular handle assembly into the exposed screw head.
- Ensure that the driver is fully seated in the screw head. Remove each screw by rotating the driver counter-clockwise. Repeat these steps until each screw has been removed. Ensure that the driver is on axis to the screw trajectory during screw removal.
- Attach the inserter guide or use a general surgical instrument to remove the plate through the surgical opening. Next, remove the structural allograft/autograft through the surgical opening (Figure 87).

Warning: *Do not reuse a plate after removal.*

Kit Contents

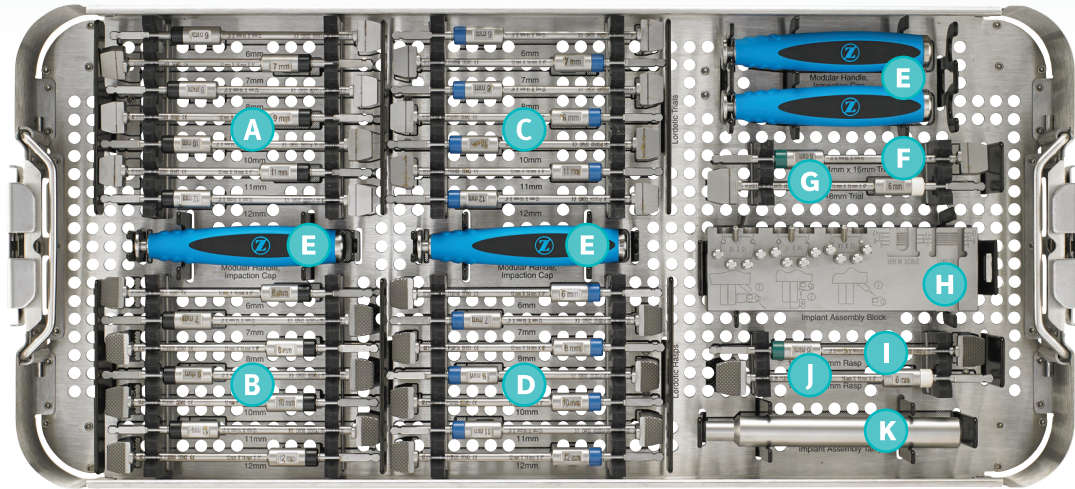


Optio-C System Core Instrument Set: 07.01974.402

DESCRIPTION	QTY	REF	PART NUMBER
Optio-C Screw, 12 mm, Variable, Self-tapping	6	(Q)	07.01874.012
Optio-C Screw, 14 mm, Variable, Self-tapping	6	(Q)	07.01874.014
Optio-C Screw, 16 mm, Variable, Self-tapping	6	(Q)	07.01874.016
Optio-C Screw, 12 mm, Variable, Self-drilling	12	(Q)	07.01875.012
Optio-C Screw, 14 mm, Variable, Self-drilling	12	(Q)	07.01875.014
Optio-C Screw, 16 mm, Variable, Self-drilling	6	(Q)	07.01875.016
Inserter Guide	1	K	07.01886.001
ATO Inserter Guide*	1	-	07.01887.001
Fixed Angle Guide	1	U	07.01888.001
Variable Angle Guide	1	T	07.01889.001
U-Joint Awl	1	G	07.01890.001
U-Joint Drill	1	H	07.01891.001
Straight Drill	2	B	07.01893.001
Straight Awl	1	A	07.01894.001
2.0 mm Straight Hex Driver	2	C	07.01895.001

DESCRIPTION	QTY	REF	PART NUMBER
Flexible Drill	1	E	07.01896.001
Flexible Awl	1	D	07.01897.001
2.0 mm Flexible Hex Driver	1	F	07.01898.001
Tamp	1	J	07.01899.001
Locking Cap Driver	2	R	07.01900.001
Torque Limiting Handle	1	S	07.01901.001
Modular Handle, Spin Cap	3	L	07.01902.001
Modular Handle, Impaction Cap	1	N	07.01903.001
U-Joint Sleeve, Tube	2	P	07.01904.001
U-Joint Sleeve, Tip	2	O	07.01905.001
Core Tray	1	-	07.01907.001
Screw Caddy Lid	1	-	07.01908.001
Screw Caddy	1	Q	07.01909.001
2.0 mm U-Joint Hex Driver	1	I	07.01910.001
Distraction Pin, Single Prong	2	(M)	07.01911.001
Distraction Pin, Double Prong	2	(M)	07.01911.002
Distraction Pin Caddy	1	M	07.01912.001
Distraction Pin Caddy Lid	1	-	07.01913.001

* This instrument is optional and must be ordered separately.



Optio-C System Bone Prep Instrument Set: 07.01974.401

DESCRIPTION	QTY	REF	PART NUMBER
Parallel Trial, 12 × 14 × 6 mm	1	A	07.01877.006
Parallel Trial, 12 × 14 × 7 mm	1	A	07.01877.007
Parallel Trial, 12 × 14 × 8 mm	1	A	07.01877.008
Parallel Trial, 12 × 14 × 9 mm	1	A	07.01877.009
Parallel Trial, 12 × 14 × 10 mm	1	A	07.01877.010
Parallel Trial, 12 × 14 × 11 mm	1	A	07.01877.011
Parallel Trial, 12 × 14 × 12 mm	1	A	07.01877.012
Parallel Trial, 14 × 16 × 6 mm	1	F	07.01877.026
Parallel Trial, 15 × 18 × 6 mm	1	G	07.01877.046
Parallel Rasp, 12 × 14 × 6 mm	1	B	07.01878.006
Parallel Rasp, 12 × 14 × 7 mm	1	B	07.01878.007
Parallel Rasp, 12 × 14 × 8 mm	1	B	07.01878.008
Parallel Rasp, 12 × 14 × 9 mm	1	B	07.01878.009
Parallel Rasp, 12 × 14 × 10 mm	1	B	07.01878.010
Parallel Rasp, 12 × 14 × 11 mm	1	B	07.01878.011
Parallel Rasp, 12 × 14 × 12 mm	1	B	07.01878.012
Parallel Rasp, 14 × 16 × 6 mm	1	I	07.01878.026
Parallel Rasp, 15 × 18 × 6 mm	1	J	07.01878.046

DESCRIPTION	QTY	REF	PART NUMBER
Lordotic Trial, 12 × 14 × 6 mm	1	C	07.01879.006
Lordotic Trial, 12 × 14 × 7 mm	1	C	07.01879.007
Lordotic Trial, 12 × 14 × 8 mm	1	C	07.01879.008
Lordotic Trial, 12 × 14 × 9 mm	1	C	07.01879.009
Lordotic Trial, 12 × 14 × 10 mm	1	C	07.01879.010
Lordotic Trial, 12 × 14 × 11 mm	1	C	07.01879.011
Lordotic Trial, 12 × 14 × 12 mm	1	C	07.01879.012
Lordotic Rasp, 12 × 14 × 6 mm	1	D	07.01880.006
Lordotic Rasp, 12 × 14 × 7 mm	1	D	07.01880.007
Lordotic Rasp, 12 × 14 × 8 mm	1	D	07.01880.008
Lordotic Rasp, 12 × 14 × 9 mm	1	D	07.01880.009
Lordotic Rasp, 12 × 14 × 10 mm	1	D	07.01880.010
Lordotic Rasp, 12 × 14 × 11 mm	1	D	07.01880.011
Lordotic Rasp, 12 × 14 × 12 mm	1	D	07.01880.012
Implant Assembly Block	1	H	07.01884.001
Implant Assembly Tamp	1	K	07.01885.001
Modular Handle, Impaction Cap	4	E	07.01903.001
Bone Prep Tray	1	-	07.01906.001

Visual Instrument Guide



Torque Limiting Handle	PART NUMBER
	07.01901.001



Modular Handle—Spin Cap	PART NUMBER
	07.01902.001



Modular Handle—Impaction Cap	PART NUMBER
	07.01903.001



Distraction Pins	PART NUMBER
Single Prong	07.01911.001
Double Prong	07.01911.002



Implant Trials—Parallel and Lordotic	PART NUMBER
Parallel Trial 12 × 14, 6-12 mm (1 mm increments)	07.01877.006-07.01877.012
Parallel Trial 14 × 16, 6 mm	07.01877.026
Parallel Trial 15 × 18, 6 mm	07.01877.046
Lordotic Trial 12 × 14, 6-12 mm (1 mm increments)	07.01879.006-07.01879.012



Implant Rasps—Parallel and Lordotic	PART NUMBER
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Parallel Rasp 14 × 16, 6 mm	07.01878.026
Parallel Rasp 15 × 18, 6 mm	07.01878.046
Lordotic Rasp 12 × 14, 6-12 mm (1 mm increments)	07.01880.006-07.01880.012



Inserter Guide	PART NUMBER
	07.01886.001



ATO Inserter Guide* (optional)	PART NUMBER
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Fixed Angle Guide	PART NUMBER
	07.01888.001

* Must be ordered separately.



Variable Angle Guide	PART NUMBER
	07.01889.001



Tamp	PART NUMBER
	07.01899.001



Locking Cap Driver	PART NUMBER
	07.01900.001



U-Joint Instruments	PART NUMBER
U-Joint Awl	07.01890.001
U-Joint Drill	07.01891.001
U-Joint 2.0 mm Hex Driver	07.01910.001



	PART NUMBER
U-Joint Sleeve Tube	07.01904.001
U-Joint Sleeve Tip	07.01905.001



Straight Instruments	PART NUMBER
Straight Awl	07.01894.001
Straight Drill	07.01893.001
Straight 2.0 mm Hex Driver	??



Flexible Instruments	PART NUMBER
Flexible Awl	07.01897.001
Flexible Drill	07.01896.001
Flexible 2.0 mm Hex Driver	07.01898.001



Implant Assembly Block	PART NUMBER
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Implant Assembly Tamp	PART NUMBER
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Important Information on the Optio-C Anterior Cervical Plate with Allograft/Autograft

Description

The Optio-C plate is a component of the Optio-C Anterior Cervical System and is intended to be used only in anterior surgical procedures. The Optio-C plate must be used with three Optio-C bone screws it is designed to be used with either one of the following:

- One Optio-C structural allograft or
- One structural allograft/autograft of the same height

The Optio-C Anterior Cervical System is secured by an anti-migration locking system that is designed to maintain no profile. The Optio-C System is designed to maximize fusion with a unique load-sharing interface and multiple implant footprints.

Indications

When the Optio-C anterior cervical plate is used with structural allograft/autograft, it is intended for one-level anterior screw fixation of the cervical spine (C2–T1). The implant has been designed for use with structural allograft/autograft to provide stabilization as an adjunct to cervical fusion. Indications for use of the Optio-C anterior plate with structural allograft/autograft include degenerative disc disease (defined as neck pain of discogenic origin with the degeneration of the disc confirmed by history and radiographic studies), spondylolisthesis, trauma (e.g., fractures, or dislocations), spinal stenosis, deformity (e.g., kyphosis, lordosis, scoliosis), tumor, pseudarthrosis or failed previous fusion. The Optio-C anterior cervical plate is intended to be used with structural allograft/autograft and with three Optio-C bone screws.

Contraindications

- Disease conditions that have been shown to be managed safely and predictably without the use of internal fixation devices are relative contraindications to the use of these devices.
- Active systemic infection or infection localized to the site of the proposed implantation are contraindications to implantation.
- Severe osteoporosis is a relative contraindication because it can increase the occurrence of subsidence.
- Any entity or condition that totally precludes the possibility of fusion, such as, cancer, kidney dialysis or osteopenia, is a relative contraindication.
- Obesity.
- Pregnancy.
- Certain degenerative disease.
- Foreign body sensitivity.
- The patient's occupation or activity level or mental capacity may be relative contraindications to this surgery. Specifically, some patients may, because of their occupation or lifestyle or because of conditions such as mental illness, alcoholism or drug abuse, place undue stresses on the implant.
- Metabolic disorders that can impair bone formation.
- Inadequate bone stock to support the device
- Poor prognosis for good wound healing (e.g., decubitus ulcer, end-stage diabetes, severe protein deficiency and/or malnutrition).
- Known patient sensitivity to device materials (titanium alloy, Ti-6Al-4V ELI).
- Use in the posterior elements (pedicles) of the cervical, thoracic or lumbar vertebrae.
- Where attempted correction exceeds the limits of physiologic conditions.
- Any condition not described in the indications for use.

See also the WARNINGS and PRECAUTIONS section of this document.

Materials

Implants: The Optio-C anterior cervical plates are manufactured from titanium alloy (Ti-6Al-4V ELI) per ASTM F-136. Structural allograft is composed of donated human bone. The structural allograft is regulated as a 361 human cell and tissue product (HCT/P) as defined in US FDA 21 CFR 1271.

Instruments: The Optio-C Anterior Cervical System instrumentation is made from medical/surgical grade stainless steel, plastic, aluminum and silicone.

Trays/Caddies: The Optio-C trays are manufactured from medical grade 304 stainless steel and Radel®. The caddies are manufactured from Radel and polypropylux plastics.

Do not use any Optio-C System components with the components from any other system or company unless stated in this document.

Warnings

- Implants and Instruments should be stored in their original packaging in a dry environment, away from aggressive or oily chemicals.
- When inserting the implant, care should be taken to avoid using excessive force, which has the potential to cause damage to the implant or surrounding tissue.
- When preparing the disc space, care should be taken to ensure that an appropriate amount of bone is removed; excessive removal of bone has the potential to cause subsidence, while failing to remove enough bone has the potential to cause poor fusion.
- During screw insertion, care should be taken to avoid bone screw stripping, which has the potential to cause an unstable screw construct.

- Care should be taken when handling the flexible instruments. Specifically, the flexible tip should be maintained in the guide to prevent soft tissue damage.
- When inserting the implant, ensure a tight fit between the inserter and implant. Release distraction before drilling to prevent shifting.
- During distraction of the disc space, care should be taken to prevent over-distraction or under-distraction which has the potential to cause irreversible damage to the patient or an unstable implant construct.
- If existing hardware is present, compatibility between the distraction pin and the existing hardware should be verified before use. When the distraction pin is used with existing hardware, extreme care should be taken to prevent damage to existing hardware.
- Potential risks identified with the use of this device system, which may require additional surgery, include:
 - Device component fracture,
 - Loss of fixation,
 - Non-union,
 - Neurological injury,
 - Vascular or visceral injury,
- Do not use this product for other than labeled indications (off-label use).
- Components of competitive spinal systems should not be used with the Optio-C devices.
- Patient selection shall consider the following factors that are important to the success of the procedure and the performance of the device:
 - The patient's weight. An overweight or obese patient can produce loads on the device that can lead to a loss of interbody height or failure of the device and/or the operation.


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- The patient's occupation or activity. If the patient is involved in an occupation or activity that includes substantial walking, running, lifting or muscle strain, the resultant forces can cause loss of disc height and/or failure of the device.
- A condition of senility, mental illness, alcoholism or drug abuse. These conditions, among others, may cause the patient to ignore certain necessary limitations and precautions in the use of the appliance, leading to implant failure or other complications.
- Certain degenerative diseases. In some cases, the progression of degenerative disease may be so advanced at the time of implantation that it may substantially decrease the expected useful life of the appliance. For such cases, orthopedic devices are considered a delaying technique or temporary relief.
- Foreign body sensitivity. Where material sensitivity is suspected, appropriate tests should be made before material selection or implantation.
- Smoking. Patients who smoke have been observed to experience higher rates of pseudarthrosis following surgical procedures in which bone graft is used.
- Implants can break when subjected to the increased loading associated with delayed union or non-union. Spinal implants are load-sharing devices that are used to obtain an alignment until normal healing occurs. If healing is delayed or does not occur, the implant may eventually break because of fatigue. The degree or success of union, loads produced by weight bearing, and activity levels will, among other conditions, dictate the longevity of the implant. Notches, scratches or bending of the implant during the course of surgery also contribute to early failure. Patients should be fully informed of the risks of implant failure.
- These warnings do not include all adverse effects that can occur with surgery in general. General surgical risks should be explained to the patients before surgery.
- The Optio-C anterior cervical plate is not intended for screw attachment or fixation to the posterior elements (pedicles) of the cervical, thoracic or lumbar spine.
- The Optio-C allograft and/or structural allograft/autograft is not to be used alone.
- The Optio-C anterior cervical plate is not to be used alone, but only with the integrated screws provided and appropriate interbody material per the Indications for Use.

Precautions

It is strongly recommended that the patient be informed of the risks associated with surgical procedures and components.

- Surgical implants must never be reused. An explanted implant should never be re-implanted. Even though the device appears undamaged, it may have small defects and internal stress patterns that may lead to early breakage. Reuse of a single-use device that has contacted blood, bone, tissue or other body fluids can lead to patient or user injury. Risks associated with re-use of single-use devices include:
 - Mechanical malfunctions
 - Transmission of infectious agents
- Based on the fatigue testing results, the physician/surgeon should consider the levels of implantation, patient weight, patient activity level and other patient conditions that can affect the performance of the system.
- Adequately instruct the patient. Postoperative care and the patient's ability and willingness to follow instructions are two of the most important aspects of successful bone healing. The patient must be made aware of the limitations of the implant and that physical activity and full



weight bearing have been implicated in fracture. The patient should understand that an implant is not as strong as normal, healthy bone and that it will fracture if excessive demands are placed on it in the absence of complete bone healing. An active, debilitated, or demented patient who cannot properly use weight-supporting devices may be particularly at risk during postoperative rehabilitation.

- The Optio-C plate with allograft/autograft should be used only after the spinal surgeon has had training in this method of fixation and has become thoroughly knowledgeable about the spinal anatomy and biomechanics.
- The Surgical Technique Guide is not a substitute for training and is for informational purposes only.
- Carefully read all instructions and be familiar with the Optio-C Anterior Cervical Allograft Interbody System surgical technique before use.

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