

# Indications for Use

AVALIGN Vascular Clamps are devices intended for temporary occlusion of blood vessels during open vascular or minimally invasive coronary surgical procedures.

Caution: Federal U.S. laws restrict this device to sale, distribution, and use, by, or on

the order of a physician.

Warning: If this device is/was used in a patient with, or suspected of having

Creutzfeldt-Jakob Disease (CJD), the device cannot be reused and must be destroyed due to the inability to reprocess or sterilize to eliminate the risk

of cross-contamination!

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#### Warning:

Remove all protective caps and sheats carefully. Prior to surgical use, the instrument must be cleaned, lubricated, decontaminated, sterilized and inspected. Instruments are reusable and supplied as non-sterile.

## Attention:

Risk of damage - The vascular clamp is a precision device. Careful handling is important for the accurate functioning of the product. Improper external handling (e.g. bending, banging, dropping, etc.) can cause product malfunction.

#### **Control function before use:**

Before using, the general functioning and preparation of the instrument and accessories must be controlled. Please confirm prior to use.

# Operation:

Cardiovascular procedures should be performed only by persons having adequate training and familiarity with cardiovascular techniques. In addition, consult medical literature relative to techniques, complications and hazards prior to performance of any cardiovascular procedure. Before using the product, all instructions regarding its safety features as well as surgical techniques must be read carefully. The sterile instrument is inserted into the body. The instrument must be operated only by trained personnel. Please observe general operating room technique.



# **Decontamination / Cleaning / Sterilization**

<u>Decontamination</u>: Take the device with the adapter(s) and accessories to the decontamination area. Clean, decontaminate, and sterilize the device, adapter(s), and accessories following the instructions in the IFUs.

**Warning - Risk of infection!:** Before use, the entire device, including its accessories must be decontaminated. Inadequate, incorrect, or superficial decontamination can create a serious risk of infection in patients and/or users.

**Cleaning:** Clean the instrument externally with a soft sponge and a soft brush.

<u>Sterilization:</u> Autoclave sterilization: Use steam autoclave sterilization only. Standard autoclave cycle. Steam sterilize at 270°F for fifteen (15) minutes. Other time and steam temperature cycles may also be used. However, user must validate any deviation from the recommended time and temperature. (Note: Contact the manufacturer of your steam autoclave to confirm appropriate temperatures and sterilization times.) Caution: Autoclave temperatures should not exceed 280°F.

Make certain that the instrument container is sealed in appropriate packaging for sterilization. Sterilize in compliance with the local guidelines for hospital hygiene.

AVALIGN instruments are reusable and meet AAMI standards for sterilization.

## Maintenance:

**Attention:** Apply lubricant only on the connecting elements (locking mechanism) and moving parts.

**Repair:** To ensure that all repairs are completed according to the manufacturer's specifications, the precision device should repaired by AVALIGN or by an authorized service agency only.

**Warranty:** All AVALIGN products are guaranteed to be free from defects in material and workmanship at the time of shipping. All of our products are designed and manufactured to meet the highest quality standards. We cannot accept liability for failure of products which have been modified in any way from their original design.

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