

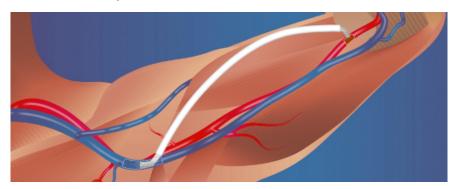
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## The InterGraft System

The InterGraft system is a minimally invasive procedure for delivering an arteriovenus graft.

The Phraxis InterGraft System connects a standard 6-millimeter arteriovenous graft without sutures. The connectors are delivered via a catheter, and they employ stent-like technology to provide both venous and arterial flow to the graft. Unlike a standard sutured graft, the InterGraft System is designed to provide a smooth, controlled flow. The InterGraft System is a minimally invasive procedure that takes about 30 minutes, and can provide next-day vascular access for hemodialysis.



### **Pre-Procedure Checklist**

### **Required Supplies**

Prepare these items prior to the InterGraft procedure

- Two micro puncture kits (needle, access wire, 4F sheath)
- One 11F introducer sheath (maximum length 11 cm)
- One 7F introducer sheath (maximum length 11 cm)
- One 0.018" diamter soft tip guidewire (length 145 cm)
- One 0.014" diameter soft tip guidewire (length 145-185 cm)
- Three stopcocks
- Graft tunneling set
- · Atraumatic vascular graft clamp
- One each sterile 3 cc and 10 cc syringe
- · Sterile saline solution
- Sterile 50:50 heparinized saline for flush
- Contrast agent
- 6 mm sterile stright graft (non-tapered), length appropriate for planned AV access

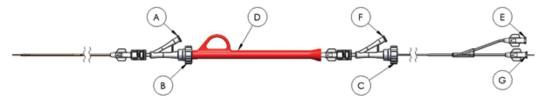
## **Deliver the InterGraft System**

### Prepare Arterial InterGraft

Arterial InterGraft system preparation

Follow these steps prior to delivering arterial InterGraft connection

- 1. Using sterile technique, open AIG package and place InterGraft delivery system in a sterile field.
- 2. Remove the white graft grippers.
- 3. Attach stopcocks to each of the two T-B ports A, F and open the valves B,C. Close valve C and flush sterile saline through port F. Close stopcock on port F and remove 10 cc syringe.



- a. Close valve B and flush sterile saline through port A.
- **b.** Close stopcock on port **A** and remove 10 cc syringe.
- c. Flush guidewire lumen through port G using sterile saline.
- d. Gently tighten T-B valves B,C.
- 4. Attach stopcock to balloon luer E. Evacuate balloon using a 10 cc syringe, close stopcock and remove syringe.
  - a. Draw up 50:50 contrast/saline soultion in a 3 cc syringe, attach to stopcock, open stopcock and inject solution.
  - **b.** Visually confirm positioning balloon inflation.
  - c. Withdraw contrast from the balloon, close the stopcock, and leave 3 cc syringe connected to luer.
- 5. Loosen T-B valves B,C, backload 0.014" wire into AIG delivery system and gently tighten T-B valve B.

#### **Deliver Arterial InterGraft**

Arterial InterGraft implant procedure

Follow these steps to implant the aterial InterGraft connection

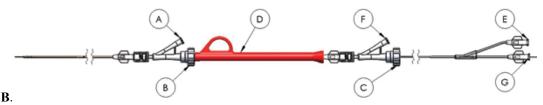
- 1. Prepare Arterial InterGraft on page 3
- 2. Identify arteriotomy site and mark with surgical clamp.
- 3. Attach vessel loops or vascular clamps for proximal and distal control of artery. Do not tighten at this stage.
- 4. Gain access to artery using a micropuncture kit, insert wire, remove needle and insert 4F sheath.
- **5.** Exchange 4F sheath for 7F sheath replace micropuncture wire with 0.0014" wire.
- **6.** Load AIG delivery system over the 0.014" wire.
- 7. Under fluoroscopic guidance, advance AIG over the wire and into the artery approximately 1 2 cm past arteriotomy.

Arrow points to clamp tip at arteriotomy site.



**8.** Remove red deployment lock labeled D and position AIG marker band approximately 2 cm central to clamp tip that marks the arteriotomy site.

9. Loosen T-B valve



- **10.** Reconfirm marker band position, remove 7F sheath and deploy AIG under floroscopy using standard "pin and pull" technique until **only the tines** emerge from the delivery sheath.
- 11. Inflate positioning baloon, pull the inflated baloon back to engage tines, tighten T-B valve B.
  - a. Slowly pull entire AIG system up vertically from artery until resistance is felt.

Resistance indicates apposition of the tines at the artery wall.

- 12. Complete deployment of the AIG using "pin and pull" technique, deflate balloon and remove entire system and guidewire.
- 13. Grasp protruding end of AIG to control bleeding, stabilize base of AIG by grasping.
  - a. Insert AIG into graft.
  - **b.** Remove clamp and verify flow through circuit.
- 14. Release vessel loops or vascular clamps, close incisions.

### **Prepare Venous InterGraft**

Venous InterGraft delivery system preparation

Follow these steps prior to delivering venous InterGraft connection

- 1. Using sterile technique, open VIG package and place InterGraft delivery system in sterile field.
  - a) Remove the white graft grippers



- 2. Attach a stopcock to each of the T-B ports D,E.
  - a) Loosen the T-B valves A,C.
- 3. Using 10cc syringe, flush the delivery system with sterile saline solution. Close valve A
- 4. To load the 0.018" guide wire into the VIG delivery system, loosen both T-B valves A, C.
  - a. Backload wire into delivery system and gently close T-B valve C.

#### **Deliver Venous InterGraft**

Venous InterGraft implant procedure

Follow these steps to implant the venous InterGraft connection

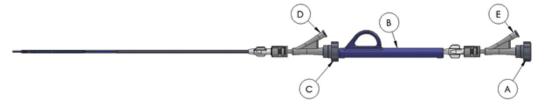
- 1. Prepare Venous InterGraft on page 5
- 2. Pre-tunnel graft with ends adjacent to target vein and artery anastomotic sites using specified tunneling procedure.
- 3. Identify target venotomy site and mark with a surgical clamp.
- 4. Access the vein using micropuncture kit, insert wire, remove needle and insert 4F sheath.
- **5.** Exchange 4F sheath for 11F sheath--replace micropuncture wire with 0.018" wire.

- 6. Load VIG delivery system over the wire.
- 7. Under flouroscopic guidance, advance VIG over the wire and into vein, approximately 1 cm past venomy.
- **8.** Remove blue deployment lock labeled B and position marker band approximately 1cm peripheral to clamp. Arrow points to marker band.



9. Loosen T-B valve C and under fluoroscopic guidance slowly advance the hypotube until it just engages the VIG or

"closes the gap"



- 10. Reconfirm the marker band position and remove the 11F sheath from vein.
- 11. Deploy VIG under floroscopy using standard "pin and pull" technique, ensuring the marker bands and venotomy clamp remain in position throughout deployment.
- 12. Remove VIG delivery system and wire, gently grasp and compress protruding end of VIG to control bleeding and insert VIG into pre-tunneled graft end.
- 13. Verify blood flow through graft
  - a. Clamp graft to stop venous back-bleeding
  - **b.** Prepare 10 cc syringe with hepranized flush
  - c. Remove graft clamp
  - d. Flush graft
  - e. Reattach clamp