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Indications for Use: Rotarex™ S catheters in combination with the Straub Medical Drive System (REF SRS-Set/80300) are intended for the percutaneous transluminal removal of thrombotic, thromboembolic and atherothrombotic material from fresh, subacute and chronic occlusions of blood vessels outside the cardiopulmonary, coronary and cerebral circulations; Indicated for: Native blood vessels or vessels fitted with stents, stent grafts or native or artificial bypasses outside the cardiopulmonary, coronary and cerebral circulations.

Contraindications: Patients not suitable for thrombectomy. Vessels of the cardiopulmonary, coronary or cerebral circulations; undersized or oversized vessel diameters; subintimal position of the guidewire – even if only in short segments; use in stents, stent grafts, or vena cava filters if the guidewire has become threaded at any point in the wire mesh / construction of stent, stent graft or the lining of the stent graft; if the introducer sheath, the guide catheter, the guidewire or the Rotarex™ S catheter sustains any damage, especially kinking; in the fracture areas of broken stents; if used inside or via narrow vessel radii or in tortuous vessel courses (radius of curvature <2 cm); in severely calcified vessel segments; in aneurysmatically altered vessel segments; in veins; if it is impossible to achieve sufficient anticoagulation and platelet aggregation inhibition.

Warning: Before using the Straub Endovascular System and its components, the user must be entirely familiar with the user manuals of the Straub Medical Drive System and Straub rotational catheters; Only use sheaths that are highly resistant to kinking. If used incorrectly, Rotarex™ S catheters and/or the guidewire used can cause vessel perforation. Insert and operate the catheter over the supplied guidewire of the appropriate length only. During the procedure, unforeseen complications of technical or medical origin may make it necessary to carry out unplanned, emergency additional measures, such as, but not limited to, administration of thrombolytic agents or surgical intervention; The products are for single use and must not be re-sterilized; Do not use the products after the expiration date; Appropriate testing of the patient's coagulation status is mandatory. Rotarex™ S catheters may only be used in the indicated diameters of target vessels. The catheter must always be guided via the guidewire, which has been correctly positioned according to the instructions for use. Make sure that the flexible tip of the guidewire is placed as distal as possible to the occluded segment to prevent the flexible tip from being aspirated into the catheter head. The guidewire must lie inside the lumen throughout its course from the introducing sheath to its flexible tip. Do not use the catheter if the guidewire has become threaded in the wire mesh of stent or stent graft or the lining of the stent graft. Do not operate the catheter in the fracture areas of broken stents or stent grafts, despite correct positioning of the guidewire. Monitor the correct position of the guidewire throughout the entire process of catheter use. The catheter must never be kinked at any stage. At no point should the catheter ever be exposed to pressure that is sufficient to compress the tube so that it is pressed against the rotating helix. The catheter lumen must be filled with liquid (heparinised isotonic saline or blood) at all times throughout catheter use in the patient. If resistance is experienced, pull the catheter back a little way into the open(ed) segment with the motor continuing to run so that the ablated material can be processed and carried away. Advancing the catheter too quickly increases the risk of this advancement mobilising more material than can be aspirated and carried away, which can cause distal embolization; Manoeuvring the catheter through areas with very hard, especially heavily calcified plaques, requires special care. .

Cautions: The internal lumen of the introducer sheath must at least correspond to the external diameter of the catheter. At all times monitor the quantity of blood transported into the collecting bag. Effective anticoagulants at a suitable dose have to be administered before the patient is treated with the Straub Endovascular System in order to achieve an activated clotting time (ACT) >250 seconds or equivalent values according to other measuring techniques, throughout use of the catheter. If used correctly, embolizations caused by material detached by the catheter head are very rare. Ensure that the catheter lumen is completely filled with solution when the motor is running. The wire adapter must be in the working position (knob pulled out) during use of the catheter; If there is unlikely to be enough natural flow of blood to the catheter head, the supply of liquid to the catheter head can be guaranteed by providing additional appropriate liquid, such as isotonic saline, via a suitable access, such as the side-port of the introducer sheath being used. If the LEDs go out or the alarm is audible, safe functioning of the catheter is no longer guaranteed. If the activated motor is not kept at the same height as the introducer sheath, or if the section of the catheter located outside the patient's body is not completely straightened at all times, or if the outlet tube does not run vertically and completely stretched from the catheter into the collecting bag, technical problems such as blockage of the catheter, helix fracture or guidewire fracture may occur; Blood and thrombus fragments in the catheter lumen might clot if the helix has stopped. Therefore, if catheter use is interrupted, the catheter must be rinsed immediately in heparinised isotonic saline.

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Potential Adverse Effects: Embolisms, especially distal thromboembolisms; pulmonary embolisms of all degrees of severity; thromboses, especially recurrent thromboses; re-occlusion; vessel wall injury or valve damage; vessel dissection/perforation/rupture; perforation as a result of mural calcium being torn out of the vessel wall; arteriovenous fistula/pseudo-aneurysm; haematoma, bleeding, haemorrhage; organ perforation; implants such as stents/stent grafts/bypass grafts getting damaged, caught or dislodged; disruption of the catheter and/or guidewire; debris remaining in the body; allergic reactions to catheter material; death; infections or necrosis at the puncture site; allergic reactions; catheter-induced sepsis.

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