

# The Spanner<sup>®</sup> Stent

## Active bladder drainage.

### **The Spanner<sup>®</sup> Temporary Prostatic Stent Physician Instructions for Emergency Removal and Patient Identification**

The bearer of this card had the Spanner prostatic stent inserted into his prostatic urethra. In case of an emergency, please read the information on this card for device removal.

#### **Description of the Device**

The device consists of a short stent with a balloon on the proximal end, an anchor (in the bulbous urethra) and a black retrieval tether that extends from the device to the meatus for deflating the balloon and removing the device. See Figure 1 on the reverse side of this card.

#### **PRECAUTIONS**

- The Spanner has not been evaluated for use with Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI). If a MRI is needed, the Spanner should be removed.
- Inserting a urinary catheter prior to removal of the Spanner may result in injury to the patient. The Spanner

**must be removed prior to catheter insertion.**

### **Removing the Spanner**

1. If the black retrieval tether is indwelling and the patient can urinate, it may be beneficial to have the patient urinate immediately prior to device removal to help position the retrieval tether near the meatus. Retract the tip of the penis slightly to locate and grasp the retrieval tether. Note: If the retrieval tether cannot be located manually, urethroscopy may be required to locate and grasp the retrieval tether.
2. Remove the device by gently pulling on the black retrieval tether until you feel the plug release from the balloon then stop pulling. Wait 15-20 seconds to allow balloon to deflate.
3. Resume pulling on the black retrieval tether until stent is removed. Do not use excessive force during device removal. If unexpected resistance is encountered determine the cause of the resistance and take remedial action.

### **PRECAUTIONS**

- **If excessive resistance is felt during Spanner removal, balloon deflation may not have occurred. Removal of the device should be completed under cystoscopic guidance.**

- **If balloon rupture occurs during removal, cystoscopy should be performed to assure that all balloon fragments have been removed from the urinary tract.**
4. After use, this product may be a potential biohazard. Handle and dispose of in accordance with accepted medical practice and applicable laws and regulations.

**Patient Identification:**

Name:

Address:

Phone:

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**Figure 1. The Spanner in situ**

