

**PAJUNK®**

**IntraLong Cath**  
**EpiLong Cath**  
**EpiLong Soft Cath**  
NRFit®

Regional Anesthesia



## Instructions for Use

### Special notice



*Please read the following information and operating instructions carefully!*



*Caution: Federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician.*

PAJUNK® does not recommend any particular treatment method. Professional medical staff are responsible for the way in which the device is used and for patient selection.

In addition to these instruction for use, the relevant information also applies according to the corresponding specialist literature and current state of the art and knowledge.

Failure to comply with the user instructions invalidates the warranty and puts patient safety at risk.

If used in combination with other products, it is essential that the compatibility information and user instructions for these other products are taken into account. A decision regarding the combined use of devices from different manufacturers (where they do not constitute treatment units) is the responsibility of the user.



*The device must not be used under any circumstances if there are good reasons to suspect incompleteness, damage or loss of sterility.*



*Only devices in perfect condition, which are within the sterile expiry date marked on the label, in undamaged packaging, may be used.*

### Product specification / compatibility



*Please see the current declaration of conformity for product numbers and the scope of these instructions for use.*

Catheter: with optional internal coil, stylet, tip geometry: central distal or lateral openings

Direct accessories: Catheter introductory aid, ClampingAdapter

Compatibility with: cannula of suitable and correct size for placing a catheter, filter, FixoLong and FixoCath.

Hub connectivity: NRFit®



*Caution!*

*Only products with NRFit® 80369-6 connector are compatible with each other.*




*Caution!*


*Do not try to connect such NRFit® 80369-6 connectors with other connectors.*

## Intended use

The catheters are intended to remain in the target area (epidural/subarachnoid space) and constantly deliver a local anaesthetic from an external source.

 *Indwelling time for the continuous system: 7 days (168h)*

 *PAJUNK® cannulas and catheters can be introduced into the body also under ultrasound, fluoroscopic or CT guidance.*

 *Warning:*

*Do not use catheters with an internal stylet, internal spiral or stimulating electrodes and cannulas for MRI techniques!*


*After fitting, it is essential that you either attach the „Not suitable for MRI“ label supplied to the catheter or mark it clearly to this effect according to your institution's rules so that third parties are aware of this.*

## Indications

Continuous epidural/spinal block for surgical anaesthesia, obstetrical analgesia, postoperative analgesia and treatment of chronic pain as well as a complement to general anaesthesia.

## Contraindications

### Device-specific contraindications

 *Under no circumstances is the device to be used in the event of known material incompatibilities and/or known interactions.*

### Clinical contraindications

#### *Absolute contraindications:*

- Patient refusal
- Poorly controlled bleeding diathesis or anticoagulation (coagulation disorders)
- Systemic infection (sepsis/ bacteremia)
- Local infection at the site of injection
- Local malignancy at the site of injection
- Weakened immune system
- Strong, de-compensated hypovolemia, shock
- Uncontrolled diabetes mellitus

#### *Relative contraindications:*

- Specific neurological disorders
- Specific cardiovascular disorders
- Allergic reaction/ hypersensitivity to the administered agents (contrast, anesthetic or corticosteroid)

- Severe deformations of the spine, arthritis, osteoporosis, spinal disc herniation or condition after spinal disc surgery
- Condition after spinal fusion, spinal metastasis
- Recent consumption of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications
- Unexperienced user

## Complication

### Device-specific complications

Catheter breakage, catheter shearing, catheter kinking, catheter knotting, reduced/absence of flow (occlusion), catheter disconnection.

### Procedure-specific complications

#### *During placement:*

Inability to locate catheter tip within subarachnoid space, inability to place catheter tip within epidural space (result in catheter knotting or shearing on the introduction cannula tip), accidental intravascular catheter placement, accidental subarachnoid catheter placement, difficulty in advancing the catheter (may result in catheter kinking).

#### *During application:*

- Technical problems resulting in the premature discontinuation of epidural analgesia can be due to catheter disconnection, catheter obstructions (occlusion); leakage at the catheter exit site.
- Premature discontinuation of epidural analgesia due to catheter-related infections
- Catheter migration


#### *During removal:*


Resistance when removing the catheter resulting in catheter breakage.

### Clinical complications

- Local and systemic infections
- Neuronal damage (during cannula/catheter placement, which may result in temporary increase in pain, temporary motor weakness, transient back or extremity pain, numbness and/or tingling, paraplegia)
- Accidental vascular punctures with corresponding complications (vascular lesions, bleeding/ bruising, hematoma, vasovagal reactions, intravascular injection etc.)

- Intra-arterial injection (direct injection into the spinal cord, vertebral artery or radicular artery include spinal cord infarct, epidural hematoma and brain-stem hemorrhage, neurological events, vascular complications, thrombosis or thromboembolism)
- Accidental puncture of the dura with corresponding complications
  - *Dura puncture and liquor loss*: post-spinal head or back ache, nausea, vomitus, neurological damage, epidural hematoma, epidural abscess
  - *Anaesthetic in the subarachnoid space*: Circulatory disorders, decrease of the body temperature, urinary retention, respiratory side effects and complications, extremities weakness, total spinal anaesthesia, cauda-equina syndrome
- Toxicity of local anesthetic


 *Users must inform patients of complications typically associated with the procedure.*

 *If complications occur while using the device, follow the protocols of your organisation. If this does not resolve the complications, or if they are regarded as serious or untreatable, carefully stop the procedure and remove invasive device components from the patient.*

## Warnings

 *for sterile product:*


This is a disposable medical device for use with only one patient!

 *This device must not be re-used under any circumstances!*

 *This device must not be re-sterilised under any circumstances!*


The materials used in the manufacture of this device are not suitable for reprocessing or re-sterilisation.

This device is not designed to be reprocessed or re-sterilised.


-  **Unauthorised re-use or reprocessing**
- can cause the device to lose the essential performance properties intended by the manufacturer.
  - leads to a significant risk of cross-infection/ contamination as a result of potentially inadequate processing methods.
  - may cause the device to lose functional properties.
  - may cause materials to break down and lead to endotoxic reactions caused by the residues.

 *for catheter placement and removal:*

1. Check that the catheter will pass through the cannula immediately before use.
2. The tip of the cannula can be damaged by bone contact during insertion. If a catheter is passed through a cannula that is damaged in this way, it can itself become damaged. If this happens, use a new cannula.
3. Once the catheter has left the tip of the cannula, do not retract the catheter as there is a risk of shearing.
4. If blood (or cerebrospinal fluid in the case of epidural applications) is visible in the catheter return window or in the piston chamber of the syringe, remove the catheter and reattempt puncture. The catheter was incorrectly positioned.
5. If the procedure is interrupted, remove the catheter and the cannula together if possible.
6. If flow is impeded, check the locking mechanism of the ClampingAdapter.
7. When using catheters with a closed tip and lateral openings, extend the catheter at least 15 mm (no more than 50 mm) beyond the tip of the cannula to ensure unimpeded injection.
8. Never insert the catheter more than 50 mm. It is more likely to become knotted if it is inserted more than 50 mm.
9. Ensure that the catheter is not kinked on fixing.
10. Be sure to regularly check the connection between the cannula/catheter and the infusion devices.
11. Do not tug the catheter or pull it sharply when removing it from the patient.
12. Do not exert excessive force when removing the catheter. Do not continue to pull the catheter if it starts to stretch too much.
13. If you detect resistance while removing the catheter, do not withdraw it any further. If necessary, reposition the patient so as to enlarge the gap between the vertebrae. Then try to withdraw the catheter again. If this is still difficult, investigate with fluoroscopy or an X-ray before taking any further action.
14. After removing the catheter, check the distal tip to see whether it is complete. The tip should be intact. Only in this case you can be sure that the entire catheter has been removed.

 *for use with other compatible products:*

1. When using multiple components, familiarise yourself with their operation before use by checking connections and passages (cannulas, adapters).
2. When connecting the catheter to the ClampingAdapter, always make sure that the catheter is fully inserted into the ClampingAdapter as far as the stop (at least as far as the orientation mark). Never preflush before making the connection.
3. Disinfectants based on or containing alcohol can damage the filter.
4. The locking cap must be screwed on before you disinfect the filter.

 *further warning indications:*

1. You must routinely take general precautions for handling blood and bodily fluids when using and disposing of the device, due to the risk of contact with blood-borne pathogens.
2. Please note that the continued use of a device of the same type must be assessed cumulatively as described in the legislation on medical devices, even after the device has been exchanged or replaced.
3. Do not administer drugs that are not indicated for the intended use.

### **Sequence of use**

Catheter placement is performed with the patient in a sitting or lateral decubitus position with his back arched to maximize the opening of the vertebral interspaces.

Puncture site is identified and marked. After skin disinfection and sterile covering of the puncture site local anesthesia of the skin and the subcutaneous tissue is performed by injecting local anesthetic.

A perforating incision is performed at the puncture point using a lancet or an injection cannula with a large lumen.

### *Placement of a catheter in the epidural space*

1. An epidural cannula is advanced into the interspinal ligament. The stylet is removed and a LOR-syringe filled with NaCl or air is attached to the cannula.
2. The cannula is advanced carefully into the epidural space. Entrance of the epidural space is characterized by a loss of resistance. The content of the LOR-syringe can be emptied out easily. (Loss of resistance technique)

Alternatively the cannula can be advanced without a LOR-syringe attached to the cannula hub. In this case the epidural space is identified by a hanging drop which is attached to the cannula hub when the interspinous ligament has been reached and is sucked in the cannula hub when reaching the epidural space.

3. Careful aspiration is performed to exclude intravascular cannula placement.
4. The distal end of the catheter is introduced into the cannula. The catheter is advanced through the cannula up to the desired depth. The catheter should not be advanced more than 5 cm beyond the cannula tip.
5. Then the cannula is retracted carefully over the catheter.
6. The catheter is fixed in this position under sterile conditions with a FixoLong.
7. The catheter is now connected to a ClampingAdapter. The proximal end of the catheter is therefore introduced into the central opening of the adapter and advanced up to the marking of insertion depth and locked in this position.
8. A bacterial filter is attached to the ClampingAdapter connection and a test dose of local anaesthetic is administered through the catheter.

#### *Placement of the spinal catheter*

1. Place the spinal cannula into the subarachnoid space.
2. Place the catheter container on the cannula hub.
3. Push the catheter with the marked end into the target area until it has reached the required depth.
4. Take the catheter out of the catheter container and withdraw the container until the mandrin has also been completely pulled out of the catheter.
5. The correct catheter position must be checked by means of CSF reflux.
6. Once it is in place, remove the cannula via the catheter. Hold the catheter tightly with the other hand, if necessary.
7. After removing the cannula, connect the catheter to the ClampingAdapter.
8. Fill the filter with the anaesthetic solution to be used at the beginning of the anaesthesia/analgesia to compensate for the dead volume (the filling volume of the filter is approximately 0.8 ml).
9. Connect the catheter adapter to the filter hub.
10. Fill the syringe with the selected anesthetic or analgesic and connect it to the filter hub. The catheter system is now ready for the injection.
11. Secure the catheter at the exit site using the optionally supplied FixoCath.

#### *Fastening of the FixoLong (optional)*

1. Fasten the PAJUNK® FixoLong with the fixed catheter cross in the vicinity of the catheter exit.
2. Lock the catheter in the fastening clips. This guarantees maximum freedom of movement while simultaneously fixing the catheter.
3. Place the filter base on the catheter cross.
4. Secure the bacterial filter on the filter base.



### Fastening of the FixoCath (optional)

1. Hold the catheter over the incised side of the FixoCath securing plaster at the position of the catheter outlet.
2. Remove the three adhesive strips at the lower part of the securing plaster and fasten the plaster to the skin.
3. Now remove the longitudinal adhesive strips on the foam padding and place the catheter over it.
4. Remove the adhesive film of the perforated cover plaster and secure this over the catheter.

### Use and storage conditions



Temperature limit +10 °C to +30 °C



Humidity limitation 20 % to 65 %



Keep away from sunlight



Keep dry

### General information

The devices are manufactured in accordance with globally applicable guidelines for hazardous substances.



Non-pyrogenic



*Any serious incident that has occurred while using the device should be reported to the manufacturer and the corresponding authorities of the country the user and/or patient are residing in.*



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## Key to symbols used in labelling



Manufacturer



Use-by date



Catalogue number



Sterilized using ethylene oxide



Do not re-sterilize



Do not use if package is damaged



Keep dry



Humidity limitation



Do not re-use



Caution



Date of manufacture



Batch code



Keep away from sunlight



Temperature limit



Consult instructions for use



Non-pyrogenic



Caution: Federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician



MR unsafe



Advice



Information



Product is in conformity with the applicable requirements set out in Community harmonization legislation and is monitored by a notified body



Does not contain Phthalates (acc. to sec.)



Natural rubber latex has not been used as a component in the manufacture of this product



Quantity



Hub connection: NRFit® according to ISO 80369-6



Translation



Medical device

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