Advantage™ Brachytherapy Device System (ABDS)

⚠ Instructions for Use – This leaflet contains important product use and safety information. Please read carefully, and retain these instructions for future reference.

PRODUCT NAME:
ISOAID ADVANTAGE STRAND ® I-125 BRACHYTHERAPY DEVICE SYSTEM

Description:
The IsoAid Advantage-Strand Brachytherapy Device System [BDS] is a pre-sterilized device system containing 18-gauge stainless-steel brachytherapy needles measuring 20 cm in length loaded with Advantage I-125™ seeds in a brachytherapy system configuration. In addition, the brachytherapy system is loaded with I-125 seeds may or may not use absorbable spacers of various sizes. The Advantage-Strand Brachytherapy Kit is intended to be a **permanent implant excluding the stainless-steel needle**.

The ADVANTAGE I-125 sources consist of a laser welded Titanium capsule, containing Iodine-125 chemically affixed (adsorbed), as silver iodide, onto a silver rod which acts as an x-ray detectable marker. *Note: See Advantage I-125 Instructions For Use.*

The Advantage I-125 seeds are loaded within a biodegradable (70/30 PLDL) suture sleeve strand, with striations, reducing seed migration. The suture sleeve strand resembles a tube. The Advantage Strand suture-sleeve encapsulates the Advantage 1-125 seeds, and spacers, of which is oriented with respect to the dosage plan prepared by the physician specializing in brachytherapy.

The 18-gauge stainless-steel needle tip(s), which measure 20 cm length, are occluded with bone wax, in order to keep the suture sleeve strand, seeds, and spacers in place. The spacers are biodegradable, which are made from the exact same material as biodegradable sutures.

The Advantage-Strand I-125 Product may be configured with or without a spacer; and may be supplied in a 20-cm stainless-steel needle. The following configurations are loaded into the Advantage Strand I-125 suture-sleeve strand:

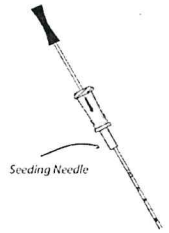
- Advantage 1-125 Seeds
  and/or:
- with or without a spacer

⚠ ***Note: A spacer and C4 MRI Marker cannot be loaded (encapsulated) within the same suture sleeve strand. See IFU for Advantage Strand seeds stranded with C4 markers and loaded into needles, #2035***

During the implantation procedure, utilizing the Advantage Strand I-125, the seeds and spacers provide radiation therapy and aid in the location of the tumor for verification of placement of the brachytherapy seeds. The verification of the placement is achieved by the healthcare team's use of the Advantage seeds at the time of implantation and after implantation, by the use of a gamma probe, or similar instrument.

Indications for Use:

The Advantage-Strand I-125 is intended to be used on individuals for brachytherapy treatment of selected localized tumors that are unresectable, or have low to moderate radio sensitivity. The devices are implanted as a source of nuclear radiation for therapy. *Note; Refer to the Advantage I-125 Instructions for Use (IFU).*



The radioactive seeds are intended to be a **permanent implant.**

⚠ **Contraindications:**
Do not use non-sterile needles to implant sources.

Physical Characteristics:
Advantage-Strand I-125 has a half-life of 59.41 days and decays by electron capture with the emission of characteristic photons and electrons. The principal photon emissions are 27.2 KeV, 27.5 KeV, 31.0 KeV and 35.5 KeV with an average energy of 28.5 KeV.

Calibration:
ADVANTAGE I-125 sources are calibrated by direct comparison against a standard source of the same model that has been calibrated by the National Institute of Standards and Technology for Air Kerma Strength. The resulting calibration is reported in Air Kerma Strength ($\mu Gy\ m^2/h$) as well as Apparent Activity (mCi) on the Technical Data Sheet provided.

ADVANTAGE I-125 sources are calibrated to the NIST SK99std WAFAC standards for I-125 seeds.

Sterilization:
The Advantage-Strand Strand Brachytherapy Device System is sterilized with a Sterility Assurance Level of 10^{-6} by Ethylene Oxide gas. The sterile packaging has a thirty-one (31) day shelf-life. If the products expiration date has been exceeded the product is considered not sterile and therefore cannot be used. Do not re-sterilize the product. The product is intended to be used on the day of implant specified by the physician. However, should the implant be delayed it may not exceed the expiration date marked on the sterile pack label.

Instructions for Safe Use:

The radioactive seed is introduced via an 18-gauge needle using standard ultrasound or radiography guidance. Once guided to the desired location of the tumor, the suture sleeve strands, configured by the order of a physician are deployed through the bone wax with the aid of the needle stylet. Ultrasound or radiography confirms the appropriate placement of the seeds.

Radiation Protection & Handling:
The 27- 35.5 KeV photons of I-125 are substantially absorbed by any high Z material but exhibit desirable penetration in tissue.

Half Value Layer Lead = 0.025 mm
Half Value Layer Tissue = 20.0 mm

Exposure can be reduced by 99.9% with a thin sheet of lead (0.25 mm or 0.01 inch). The shielding of Advantage I-125™ sources results in a reduction of exposure to attending medical personnel and visitors. I-125 sources should be handled only by those individuals trained by an authorizing governmental agency in the safe use & handling of radioisotopes.

- Direct contact with Advantage I-125 sources should be avoided. The use of vacuum or reverse action tweezers is recommended. Proper precautions must be taken when handling the sources.
- Personnel monitoring is required. Dosimetry monitors, such as TLD devices, should be used to monitor hand and whole-body exposure. During preparation and source implantation procedures, all practical steps should be taken to keep exposure as low as reasonably achievable. Limited exposure time, increasing distance, careful planning of the administration procedure and use of shielded barriers should be considered in meeting this goal.

⚠ **Accidental Damage:**
⚠ Do not use the product if there is suspicion that the product is damaged or if the sterile barrier has been breached. It is possible through rough handling (abrasion, incision, etc.), high temperatures or crushing that a seed could rupture and leak. The internal components of the seed are non-toxic, but the area should be closed off immediately and personnel limited to avoid radioactive contamination. The damaged seeds should be placed in a sealed container and the area should be decontaminated. In accordance with radiation regulations only authorized, specialized staff trained in handling radioactive substances may handle the I-125 seeds.

Accountability & Disposal:
Records of receipt, storage and disposal of Advantage I-125 sources should be maintained in accordance with government regulatory policies. Advantage I-125 sources should be strictly controlled and stored in a Advantaged area.

When disposal is indicated, the Advantage I-125 should be transferred to an authorized radioactive waste disposal agency or returned to IsoAid for disposal. Advantage I-125 sources

should not be disposed of in normal waste. Any discrepancies must be reported immediately to IsoAid Customer Service.

Licensing:
The Florida Department of Health (FDOH), Bureau of Radiation Control has approved this sealed source for distribution to persons licensed pursuant to Florida Administrative Code Chapter 64E-5, "Control of Radiation Hazard Regulations," Part VI or under equivalent licenses of the USNRC or issued by an Agreement State. IsoAid requires proof of USNRC radioactive materials license or respective government license as well as agreement state and licensing state information. Orders cannot be processed without license verification. Compliance with the applicable local, state, country, and/or government regulations concerning procurement, possession, use and disposal of radioactive materials is the responsibility of the customer.

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Application of REGDOC-2.12.3, Security of Nuclear Substances: Sealed Sources for typical uses of sealed sources, Brachytherapy - low dose rate is a category 4 source. Category 4 Sources that are very unlikely to permanently injure anyone. However, this amount of unshielded radioactive material, if not safely managed or securely protected, could possibly – although it is unlikely – temporarily injure someone who handled it or was otherwise in contact with it, or who was close to it for a period of many weeks. This Code of Conduct on the Safety and Security of Radioactive Sources was approved by the Board of Governors of the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) on 8 September 2003. It replaces the version published (with the symbol IAEA/CODEOC/2001) by the IAEA in March 2001. It reflects the important findings produced by the International Conference on Security of Radioactive Sources held in Vienna in March 2003 (the Hofburg Conference). Member States to be encouraged to join and effectively implement these Conventions. Canada is already a signatory to these conventions, together with codes of conduct on nonproliferation, research reactors and the safety and security of radioactive sealed sources, along with the Comprehensive Nuclear Test-Ban Treaty.

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Australia- Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Agency

The establishment of a NRWMF is governed by the National Radioactive Waste Management Act 2012 . A NRWMF also needs to adhere to the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999 , the Nuclear Non-Proliferation (Safeguards) Act 1987 and the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act 1998.

The proposed National Radioactive Waste Management Facility would be a controlled facility under the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act 1998 (the Act). Under the Act, licences are required to prepare a site for, construct, or operate a controlled facility. The decision to submit a licence application is a matter for the applicant. Before an application is made to the CEO of ARPANSA for a licence to prepare a site for the National Radioactive Waste Management Facility, the applicant will have to obtain approval from the Minister for the Environment under the Environment Protection and Biodiversity Conservation Act 1999. Before any radioactive material is allowed to be transported it must be packed, shielded, labelled and marked as set out in the ARPANSA Code: Safe Transport of Radioactive Materials. This code is based on the International Atomic Energy Agency's (IAEA) Regulations for Safe Transport of Radioactive Material. nrwmfsupport@arpansa.gov.au;

www.arpansa.gov.au.

A radioisotope is considered to be for medical use when it is intended to be:

1. administered to humans or used for any therapeutic procedure or purpose in any planned exposure of humans to ionising radiation
2. used in any in vitro medical diagnosis or test
3. used in research which is either directly or indirectly related towards medical diagnosis or therapy in humans.

Note: Sealed and unsealed radioactive sources that are used to calibrate instruments in medical practices and pathology laboratories are also included as medical radioisotopes for permit purposes. The applicant/"end user" declares that he/she holds an appropriate licence issued by the relevant Commonwealth, State or Territory radiation regulatory authority to deal with the above radioisotopes. The applicant/"end user" also undertakes not to supply any of the above radioisotopes to an unapproved user. The applicant/ "end user" should contact the relevant Commonwealth, State or Territory radiation regulatory authority for advice on legislative requirements. medicalpermits@arpansa.gov.au ; www.arpansa.gov.au.

ARPANSA, like other regulatory bodies in Australia and abroad, has been working on developing capability in holistic safety. Charged with the function of protecting the health and safety of people under the Australian Radiation Protection and Nuclear Safety Act 1998 (the Act), ARPANSA proposes to use a holistic approach to assess and monitor the safety of licence holders and applicants. These guidelines outline ARPANSA's vision and expectations for holistic safety.

Leak Testing:

ADVANTAGE I-125 Brachytherapy sources are 100% leak tested prior to shipment and have passed a leak test showing less than 185 Bq (5 nCi) of removable I-125 surface contamination as required by ISO 9978 "Radiation protection – Sealed radioactive sources." Advantage I-125 seeds do not require any additional leak testing provided the seeds are used within the use-by-date.

⚠ Adverse Reactions:

- Any adverse reaction associated with tissue radiation damage may be associated with use of I-125 sources. Proper precautions must be taken when handling the sources.
- As with any surgical procedure, complications may occur including: bruising, discomfort, prolonged bleeding, inflammation or infection near the implant site.
- Although the risk of source migration is minimal it can be significantly reduced through the use of stranding that links the seed and spacer together prior to implantation.
- As brachytherapy sources achieve therapeutic results through radiation, any adverse event associated with tissue radiation damage may be associated with use of Advantage I-125 sources.
- Adverse reactions associated with implant usage in the prostate. Bladder, uterus, anal and colon implant usage have been reported to include irritative uropathy symptoms including increased urinary frequency, urgency, incontinence, and obstruction.
- Complications have also included cystitis, urethritis, superficial urethral necrosis, hematuria, stricture/contracture, incontinence, proctitis, and impotence, bleeding and discharge, fibrosis and necrosis.
- Seed migration to other parts of the body is possible.
- Allergic reaction to Iodine.

⚠ Precautions:

- ⚠ Use caution when patients are diagnosed with non-cancerous tumors/lesions.
- ⚠ Product should remain in leaded pouch until ready for use. Handle lead pouch and contents with care to prevent damage to product.

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⚠ Contraindications:

- ⚠ Do not use Advantage-Strand Brachytherapy in neurological or cardiovascular tissues.
- ⚠ The Advantage-Strand Brachytherapy is sold sterile. Use of a non-sterile device may compromise patient care. Do not re-sterilize.
- ⚠ Caution should be taken when using an MRI to aid in delivery of the seeds. The needles used to deliver the seeds are stainless steel and may affect the quality of the diagnostic information.
- ⚠ Do not use a damaged seed or a seed that may have become damaged when using the device.
- ⚠ Do not use bent or broken needle.
- ⚠ Do not come in direct contact with the Advantage I-125 source. Use vacuum or reverse action tweezers to handle the Advantage I-125 sources.

⚠ Warnings:

- ⚠ Dispose of radioactive material per nuclear regulatory guidelines (for USA, 10 CFR 35.1000; for EU per EURATOM 1493/93)
- ⚠ Loss of a radioactive seed must be avoided. Protocols must be in place to ensure tracking of the seed throughout the process.
- ⚠ Any attempt to cut or segment stranded product may adversely result in radioactive contamination. Use product as intended.
- ⚠Do not use if damaged. Discard if damaged during use or after use in accordance with waste disposal procedures.
- ⚠Do not use if package has any signs of damage. Properly discard package if damaged in accordance with waste disposal procedures.
- ⚠Do not use when patients are pregnant or breastfeeding. An alternative non-radioactive device should be used to avoid radiation exposure.

⚠ The stainless-steel needle may produce image artifact and may affect the quality of the image, it is recommended that the needle is not used during the MRI procedure performed during the Brachytherapy procedure.

MRI-Conditional:

The I-125 seed has been evaluated for safety in the MRI environment. The seeds are MR-Conditional as defined in ASTM F2503-13. The seeds have been tested for heating, migration, and image artifact in the MRI environment. IsoAid seeds are made with titanium shell with non-magnetic internal materials. Patients with the seeds may safely undergo MRI under the following conditions: 1) Static field of 3 T or less 2) Whole body SAR of 4 W/kg or less and head SAR of 3.2 W/kg or less 3) Normal or first level controlled mode of the MRI system for both RF and gradients 4) Maximum spatial gradient in the static field of 30 T/m (3000 Gauss/cm) 5) Maximum slew rate of the time-varying magnetic gradient for the seed is 200 [T/m/s], which is the high-end gradient slew rate and is worst-case for the seed that does not have any magnetic or transistors in the seed components, no conceivable negative impact. The I-125 seeds has been evaluated for safety in the MRI environment. It is MRI-compatible and has been tested for heating, migration, and image artifact in the MRI environment.

⚠ The presence of other implants or the health state of the patient may require reduction of the MR limits.

⚠ Temperature rise of tissues surrounding the seed was calculated under a worst-case situation to be less than 50% above the background rise with no implant. Magnetic force and torque during MRI will be less than the values exerted by gravity. Image artifact is expected to extend less than 5 mm beyond the seeds.

⚠ The stainless-steel needle may produce image artifact and may affect the quality of the image, it is recommended that the needle is not used during the MRI procedure performed during the Brachytherapy procedure.

⚠ CAUTION: Federal (USA) and State law(s) restrict this device to sale by or on the order of a physician.

⚠ CAUTION: Use and Distribution in the EU is governed by EURATOM 2013/59 and 1493/93.

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Seeds that have become separated from their host are considered biohazardous and must be contained and disposed of in accordance with standard precautions.

Part Number	Description
#2033	Advantage Strand®, seeds and or spacers stranded and loaded into needles

⚠	Caution: Consult Accompanying Documents
2	Do Not Reuse
	Consult Instructions for Use
STERILE EO	Ethylene Oxide Sterilization
	Use by Date
REF	Catalog Number
	Do not Resterilize
	Date of Manufacture
	Biohazard
	Radioactive
MR	MR Conditional
	Do not use if package is damaged

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