

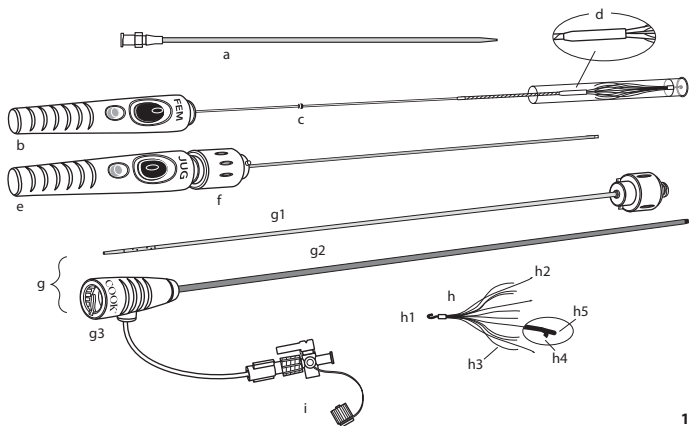
Cook Celect® Platinum Vena Cava Filter Set for Femoral and Jugular Vein Approach

Instructions for Use

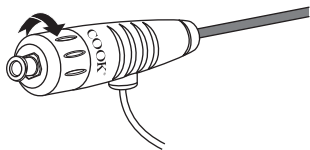
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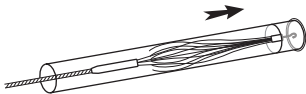




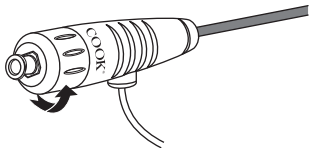
- a. Pre-dilator, radiopaque, with hydrophilic coating, 10 French, 20 cm long
- b. Femoral filter introducer with flexible tip, preloaded with filter
- c. Tactile Bump
- d. Femoral cup (metal mounting)
- e. Jugular filter introducer with protection sheath
- f. Protection sheath hub
- g. Coaxial introducer system consists of:
- g1. Introducer dilator with 8 sideports and 2 radiopaque markers at the distal end
- g2. Introducer sheath, 7 French, 65 cm long, with radiopaque band
- g3. Introducer sheath hub with Check-Flo® valve
- h. Cook Select® Platinum Vena Cava Filter (supplied preloaded)
- h1. Hook
- h2. Primary Legs
- h3. Secondary Legs
- h4. Anchors
- h5. Platinum markers
- i. Three-way Stopcock, plastic



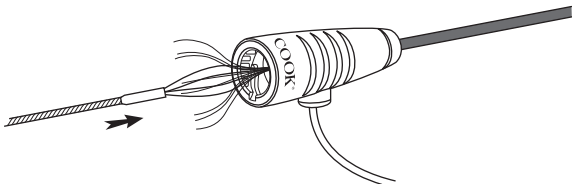
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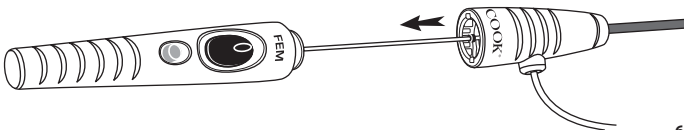
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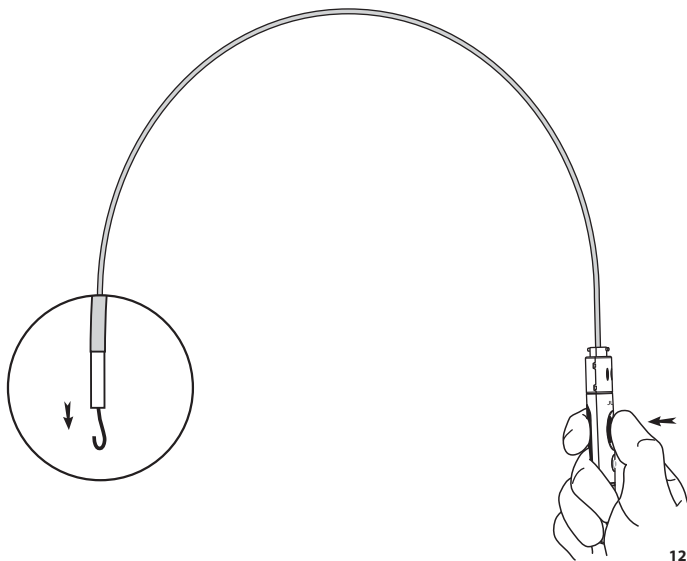
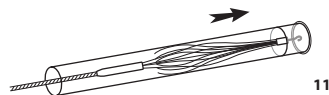
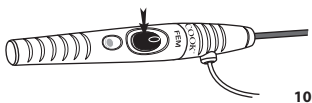
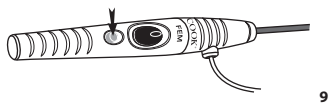
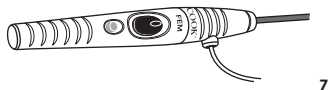
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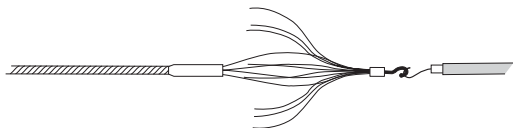


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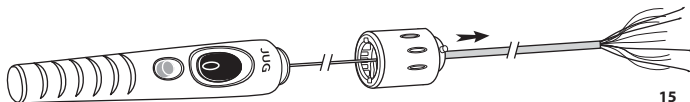




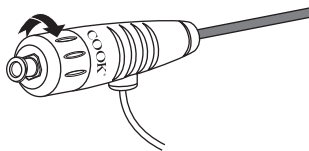
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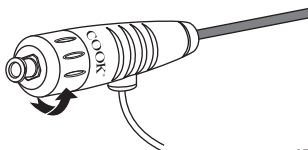
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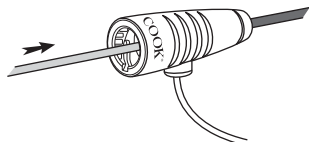
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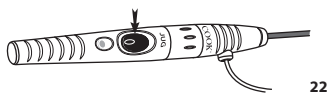
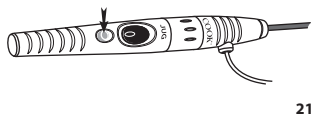
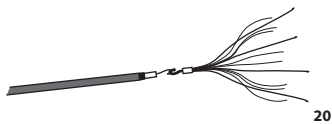
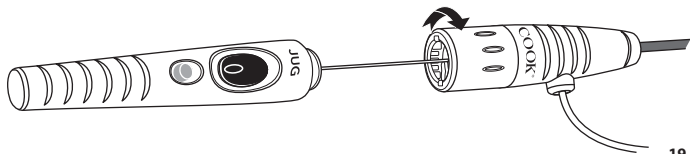
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COOK CELECT® PLATINUM VENA CAVA FILTER SET FOR FEMORAL AND JUGULAR VEIN APPROACH

CAUTION: U.S. federal law restricts this device to sale by or on the order of a physician (or a properly licensed practitioner).

DEVICE DESCRIPTION

The Cook Celect Platinum Filter Set consists of a filter composed of a paramagnetic cobalt chromium alloy (49 mm long when compressed to a diameter of 30 mm) with platinum markers, preloaded on a femoral filter introducer with a flexible tip; a jugular filter introducer; a 7 French coaxial introducer system (compatible with a .035 inch wire guide); and a 10 French pre-dilator with hydrophilic coating for vessel access. The introducer dilator has eight sideports and two radiopaque markers 30 mm apart (end-to-end). The femoral and jugular introducers are clearly identified on their respective handles.

The Cook Celect Platinum Filter implant is designed to act as a permanent filter or retrievable filter. The Cook Celect Platinum Filter implant may be retrieved if clinically indicated; please refer to the “**Optional Filter Retrieval**” section of the Instructions for Use for more information.

INTENDED USE

The Cook Celect Platinum Filter implant is intended for the prevention of recurrent pulmonary embolism (PE) via placement in the vena cava in the following situations:

- Pulmonary thromboembolism when anticoagulant therapy is contraindicated;
- Failure of anticoagulant therapy in thromboembolic diseases;
- Emergency treatment following massive PE where anticipated benefits of conventional therapy are reduced; and
- Chronic, recurrent PE where anticoagulant therapy has failed or is contraindicated.

The Cook Celect Platinum Filter implant may be retrieved if clinically indicated; please refer to the “**Optional Filter Retrieval**” section of the Instructions for Use for more information.

The product is intended for percutaneous placement via a femoral or jugular vein for filtration of inferior vena cava (IVC) blood to prevent PE.

CONTRAINDICATIONS

Filter Placement

- Megacava (diameter of the IVC > 30 mm).
- Diameter of the IVC < 15 mm.

- Extensive thrombus in the vein chosen for approach.
- Patients with risk of septic embolism.

Optional Filter Retrieval

- Filters with significant amounts of trapped thrombus (greater than 25% of the volume of the cone).
- Patients with an ongoing high risk for PE.

WARNINGS

Filter Placement

- If severe resistance is met when advancing the wire guide, then retract the wire guide and choose a different approach.
- When power injecting contrast media, do not exceed the maximum pressure rating of 68 bar/1000 psi and flow rate of 20 mL/sec. Hand injection is also possible.
- When inserting the preloaded (femoral approach) filter into the Check-Flo® valve of the introducer sheath, hold the introducer with flexible tip near the end, close to the filter.
- Do not attempt to rotate the preloaded filter inside the introducer system.
- Do not attempt to rotate the expanded filter inside the vena cava.
- Excessive force should not be exerted in placement of the filter.

Optional Filter Retrieval

- An inferior vena caval imaging evaluation for residual captured thrombus should be performed prior to attempted retrieval.
- Excessive force should not be exerted to retrieve the filter.
- Never attempt to re-deploy a retrieved filter.
- Please refer to the “**CLINICAL STUDIES**” section of the Instructions for Use for further information on filter retrieval from published clinical literature.

PRECAUTIONS

- The product is intended for use by physicians trained and experienced in diagnostic and interventional endovascular techniques.
- Standard techniques for placement of vascular access sheaths, angiographic catheters and wire guides should be employed.
- Product (filter or introducer system) modification or alteration is not recommended, as the product's safety and effectiveness have not been established following any modifications.
- Manipulation of products (e.g., placement and retrieval) requires imaging control.

- Before injecting any contrast media (by either power or hand injection) through the introducer dilator, ensure that the introducer sheath hub and introducer dilator are correctly connected.
- Possible allergic reactions (e.g., to cobalt, chromium, nickel and platinum) should be considered.
- The use of vena cava filters in pregnant patients and (or) placement in the suprarenal position have been reported. The safety and effectiveness of the filter have not been established in these patients.
- Filter tilt has been reported. Potential causes may include filter placement in IVCs with diameters smaller or larger than those specified in these Instructions for Use; improper deployment; manipulations near an implanted filter (e.g., a surgical or endovascular procedure in the vicinity of a filter); and (or) a failed retrieval attempt. Excessive filter tilt may contribute to difficult or failed retrieval; vena cava wall penetration/perforation; and (or) result in loss of filter efficiency.
- Vena cava wall penetration/perforation has been reported and may be either symptomatic or asymptomatic. Potential causes may include improper deployment; and (or) excessive force or manipulations near an in situ filter (e.g., a surgical or endovascular procedure in the vicinity of a filter).
- Filter fracture has been reported and may be either symptomatic or asymptomatic. Fracture of a filter leg may be due to repetitive motion on a filter leg in an unusual, stressed position, such as a filter leg penetrating/perforating the IVC; or a filter leg being caught in a side branch (e.g., a renal vein). Other potential causes of filter fracture may include excessive force or manipulations near an implanted filter (e.g., a surgical or endovascular procedure in the vicinity of a filter). Retrieval of a fractured filter or filter fragments (including embolized fragments) using endovascular techniques has been reported.
- Filter or filter fragment migration and (or) embolization (e.g., movement to the heart or lungs) has been reported. Filter or filter fragment movement has occurred in both the cranial and caudal direction and may be either symptomatic or asymptomatic. Potential causes may include filter placement in IVCs with diameters smaller or larger than those specified in these Instructions for Use; improper deployment; deployment into thrombus; dislodgement due to large thrombus burdens; and (or) excessive force or manipulations near an in situ filter (e.g., a surgical or endovascular procedure in the vicinity of a filter).

Femoral Filter Placement

- For placement of the filter, the right femoral vein is usually preferred due to its straighter route to the vena cava. The left femoral vein can be used, but is more tortuous. Prior to choosing an approach, assess the patient's size and anatomy, and the location of any venous thromboses.
- The filter for femoral vein approach is supplied preloaded on the femoral filter introducer. Do not attempt to separate the preloaded filter introducer.
- Do not attempt to reload the filter onto the femoral filter introducer. Any attempt to do so may damage the introducer and (or) the filter.
- Once the femoral cup (metal mounting; indicated as position d in Fig. 1) is past the tip of the introducer sheath, the secondary legs of the filter are expanded. Attempting to retract the filter at this point of the deployment sequence could damage the secondary legs or caval wall.

Jugular Filter Placement

- For placement of the filter, the right jugular vein is usually preferred due to its straighter route to the vena cava. An approach via the left jugular vein may be possible, depending on the patient's size and anatomy, and the location of any venous thromboses.
- The filter may be repositioned prior to final deployment by carefully advancing the introducer sheath over the filter; repositioning the system as desired; and again withdrawing the introducer sheath by reattaching it to the protection sheath hub, completely exposing the filter.

Optional Filter Retrieval

- Physician practice guidelines and published guidance from regulatory agencies recommend that patients with indwelling filters undergo routine follow-up. The risks/benefits of filter retrieval should be considered for each patient during follow-up. Refer to the "REFERENCES" section of the Instructions for Use for citations that include recommendations related to filter follow-up and retrieval.
- Once protection from PE is no longer necessary, filter retrieval should be considered. Filter retrieval should be attempted when feasible and clinically indicated. Filter retrieval is a patient-specific, clinically complex decision; the decision to remove a filter should be based on each patient's individual risk/benefit profile (e.g., a patient's continued need for protection from PE compared to their experience with and (or) ongoing risk of experiencing filter-related complications). For all retrievable IVC filters, retrieval becomes more challenging with time, and this is commonly due to

encapsulation of the filter legs or hook (in a tilted filter) by tissue ingrowth.

- Available retrieval data from a prospective, multicenter study demonstrate that the device can be safely retrieved (refer to Lyon et al. (2009) in the "REFERENCES" section of the Instructions for Use). These data for the Cook Celect Filter suggest that in similar patient populations the probability of successfully retrieving a Cook Celect Platinum Filter is greater than 90.0% up to 52 weeks post placement.
- The filter is designed to be retrieved with the Günther Tulip® Vena Cava Filter Retrieval Set. It may also be retrieved with the CloverSnare® Vascular Retriever. Cook has not performed testing to evaluate the safety or effectiveness of filter retrieval using other retrieval systems or techniques.
- For filter retrieval, the right jugular vein is usually preferred due to its straighter route to the vena cava.
- The published clinical literature includes descriptions of alternative techniques for filter retrieval; use of these techniques varies according to physician experience, patient anatomy, and filter position. **The safety or effectiveness of these alternative retrieval techniques has not been established.** The "REFERENCES" section of the Instructions for Use includes citations that describe alternative retrieval techniques; this information is provided as reference.

MRI SAFETY INFORMATION



Nonclinical testing has demonstrated that the Cook Celect Platinum Filter is MR Conditional. A patient with this device may be safely scanned in an MR system meeting the following conditions:

- Static magnetic field of 1.5 Tesla or 3.0 Tesla only.
- Maximum spatial gradient magnetic field of 1600 Gauss/cm (16.0 T/m) or less.
- Maximum MR system reported, whole-body-averaged specific absorption rate (SAR) of ≤ 2.0 W/kg (Normal Operating Mode) for 15 minutes of continuous scanning.

Under the scan conditions defined above, the Cook Celect Platinum Filter is expected to produce a maximum temperature rise of 4.2 °C after 15 minutes of continuous scanning.

The image artifact extends approximately 21 mm from the Cook Celect Platinum Filter as found during nonclinical testing when imaged with a gradient echo pulse sequence and a 3.0 Tesla MR system.

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Cook recommends that the patient register the MR conditions disclosed in these Instructions for Use with the MedicAlert Foundation. The MedicAlert Foundation can be contacted in the following manners:

Mail:	MedicAlert Foundation International 2323 Colorado Avenue, Turlock, CA 95382
Phone:	888-633-4298 (toll free) 209-668-3333 from outside the US
Fax:	209-669-2450
Web:	www.medicalert.org

POTENTIAL ADVERSE EVENTS

Potential adverse events that may occur include, but are not limited to, the following:

- Access site thrombosis/occlusion
- Air embolism
- Arrhythmia
- Back or abdominal pain
- Blood loss
- Branch vessel occlusion
- Cardiac damage
- Cardiac tamponade
- Coagulopathy
- Damage to the vena cava
- Death
- Deep vein thrombosis
- Edema
- Extravasation of contrast material
- Failure of filter expansion/incomplete expansion
- Filter or filter fragment embolization
- Filter fracture
- Filter migration
- Filter malpositioning
- Hemorrhage
- Hematoma at vascular access site
- Infection at vascular access site
- Intimal tear
- Obstruction of blood flow
- Pneumothorax
- Postphlebotic syndrome
- Pulmonary embolism
- Retrieval failure
- Trauma to adjacent structures
- Unacceptable filter tilt
- Vascular trauma
- Vena cava perforation

- Vena cava penetration
- Vena cava occlusion or thrombosis
- Vena cava stenosis

CLINICAL STUDIES

A previous publication for the Cook Celect Filter suggest probable clinical results for the successful retrieval of the Cook Celect Platinum Filter (refer to Lyon et al. (2009) in the "REFERENCES" section for a summary of the retrievability portion of the study described herein).

A prospective, single-arm, multicenter, international study was conducted to assess the safety and performance of the Cook Celect Vena Cava Filter as both a permanent and retrievable filter. The primary study endpoint was the composite rate of major adverse events (MAE), defined as: hemorrhage, perforation (i.e., protrusion of filter struts through the wall of the IVC causing hemorrhage or hematoma); PE; procedure-related death; IVC occlusion; significant migration (i.e., migration > 20 mm); and filter fracture. An independent Clinical Events Committee (CEC) was used to adjudicate adverse events and a Data Safety Monitoring Board provided study oversight of patient safety.

In total, 129 patients with a high risk of pulmonary thromboembolism (pulmonary embolism; PE) were enrolled at six clinical study sites. Registry A included 34 patients with a permanent need for an IVC filter (10 men; mean age of 52 ± 19 years) and Registry B included 95 patients with a temporary need for an IVC filter (61 men; mean age: 51 ± 19 years). The primary reason for IVC filter placement in Registry A was evidence of PE or deep vein thrombosis (DVT) and a contraindication, complication, or failure of anticoagulation (n=18) or massive PE with residual DVT and risk for further PE (n=12). The primary reasons for IVC filter placement in Registry B were evidence of PE or DVT and a contraindication, complication, or failure of anticoagulation (n=40), high-risk (n=29; e.g., immobilized, prophylactic preoperative placement), and severe trauma without documented PE or DVT, with a closed head injury, spinal cord injury, or multiple long bone pelvic fractures (n=23).

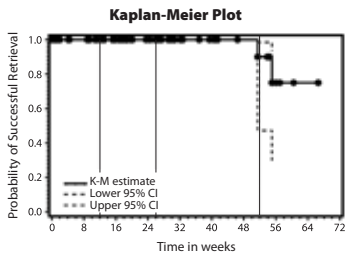
Patients were followed up at 30 days, 3 months, 6 months, and 12 months. Patients in Registry B maintained the same follow-up schedule until filter retrieval (which was attempted when deemed clinically appropriate); subsequent to filter retrieval, patients in Registry B were followed at 3 months post-retrieval.

All filters (n=129) were successfully placed. Two placement procedures were associated with deployment difficulties and were subsequently repositioned and deployed in the correct location without complication: one was attributed to

malfunction of the introducer (n=1) and the other to sheath movement resulting in a suboptimal deployment position (n=1). Significant tilt (i.e., tilt > 15°) was observed in six patients based on venographic images taken after filter placement.

Among patients in Registry A, the MAE rate was 3% (1/34); one patient experienced a PE. Among patients in Registry B, the MAE rate was 2.1% (2/95); two patient deaths were CEC adjudicated as potentially device-related, one was within 24 hours of the procedure and one was associated with a recurrent PE. Two events of vascular injury were reported: a non-occlusive thrombus of the left external iliac vein and leg ulcers with edema. There were no reports of access site complications, filter fracture, filter embolization, significant filter migration, or IVC occlusion in this study.

Filter retrieval was attempted in 58 patients (mean indwell time to attempted retrieval: 185.6 days; range 5-466 days). Based on venographic imaging at retrieval, no IVC perforations were noted and 21 cases of IVC penetration (i.e., transmural incorporation) were noted; there were no patient-reported symptoms (e.g., pain). Among the 58 patients with imaging data at placement and retrieval, five had observations of significant tilt at placement and two had observations of significant tilt at retrieval. Fifty-six (56) retrievals (96.6%) were successful (mean indwell time for successful retrievals: 179 days; range 5-466 days). The two unsuccessful retrievals were attributed to an inability to capture the filter hook due either to excessive filter tilt (360 days) or to tissue growth causing the hook to become embedded in the endothelium (without tilt; 385 days), respectively. There were no MAEs associated with the filter retrieval procedure. A Kaplan-Meier product limit estimate (see Figure below) indicates the estimated probability of successful retrieval of the Cook Celect Filter based on the study data; the probability of successful retrieval remains at 100% at up to 50 weeks post-implant and at 75% after 55 weeks post-implant.



Filter Indwell Time Weeks	Kaplan-Meier Estimated Probability of Successfully Retrieving the Celect Filter	Standard Error
0	100%	0.00
4	100%	0.00
12	100%	0.00
26	100%	0.00
52	90%	0.09
60	75%	0.16

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

Femoral Approach

General

The product is intended for use by physicians trained and experienced in diagnostic and interventional techniques. Standard techniques for placement of vascular access sheaths, angiographic catheters and wire guides should be employed. It is assumed that the operator will use local anesthesia, sedation and analgesia as required.

Preparation

1. Flush the introducer sheath and the introducer dilator.
2. Advance the introducer dilator through the middle of the Check-Flo valve on the introducer sheath. Secure the introducer dilator to the introducer sheath by twisting the dilator hub clockwise until a click is felt. (Fig. 2)
3. Remove the filter protection tube. (Fig. 3)

Filter Placement

4. Access the chosen femoral vein using the Seldinger technique.

5. Perform diagnostic imaging to confirm a single IVC, measure the IVC diameter, check for thrombus, and establish the position of the renal veins.
6. Place a supportive .035 inch wire guide in the IVC.
7. If necessary, dilate the puncture site with the 10 French pre-dilator.
8. Remove the pre-dilator and advance the coaxial introducer system over the wire guide until the tip of the introducer sheath lies approximately 1 cm caudal to the lowest renal vein.
9. Remove the wire guide.
10. Perform diagnostic imaging to verify the position of the introducer sheath tip (or radiopaque marker) approximately 1 cm caudal to the lowest renal vein.

CAUTION: Before injecting contrast media by either power or hand injection through the introducer dilator, ensure that the introducer sheath hub and introducer dilator are correctly connected.

WARNING: When using a power injector, do not exceed the maximum pressure rating of 68 bar/1000 psi and flow rate of 20 mL/sec.

11. When correct position is established, twist the introducer dilator hub counterclockwise and remove the introducer dilator. (Fig. 4)
12. Place the preloaded filter into the Check-Flo valve of the introducer sheath. (Fig. 5)

WARNING: Hold the filter introducer near the end, close to the filter, to avoid kinking the flexible tip.
13. Advance the filter introducer until the Check-Flo valve contacts the tactile bump on the filter introducer. This will place the hook of the filter inside the introducer sheath at the radiopaque band. Verify that the position of the hook is inside the introducer sheath and still caudal to the renal veins.

WARNING: Do not rotate the preloaded filter inside the introducer system.

WARNING: Do not exert excessive force to advance the filter through the introducer system.
14. Stabilize the filter introducer, withdraw the introducer sheath, (Fig. 6) and connect it to the handle of the femoral introducer. (Fig. 7) At this point the filter is expanded, still connected to the filter introducer. (Fig. 8)

CAUTION: Attempting to retract the filter at this point of the deployment sequence could damage the secondary legs or caval wall.
15. Proper position can now be verified by diagnostic imaging.

WARNING: Do not rotate the expanded filter inside the vena cava. Doing so may compromise the performance of the filter.

CAUTION: Injection of contrast medium must not be performed unless the femoral cup (metal mounting; indicated as position d in **Fig. 1**) is completely free of the introducer sheath. Use the radiopaque band for positioning.

16. Verify that the introducer sheath hub and femoral introducer handle are connected to ensure that the femoral cup is completely free of the introducer sheath before filter release.
17. When the filter position is correct, push the red safety button to prepare filter release. (**Fig. 9**)
18. Push the release button completely to ensure proper release of the filter. (**Fig. 10**) Repositioning of the filter is no longer possible. The filter is now released.
19. Perform diagnostic imaging to verify filter position.

NOTE: Hospital standard of care should be followed for removing the introducer sheath and providing hemostasis to prevent bleeding at the vascular access site.

Jugular Approach

General

The product is intended for use by physicians trained and experienced in diagnostic and interventional techniques. Standard techniques for placement of vascular access sheaths, angiographic catheters and wire guides should be employed. It is assumed that the operator will use local anesthesia, sedation and analgesia as required.

Preparation

To prepare for jugular approach, the filter must be transferred from the femoral introducer to the jugular introducer.

1. Remove the protection tube from the filter on the femoral introduction system. (**Fig. 11**)
2. Push and hold the release button on the jugular introducer handle to advance the grasping hook beyond the protection sheath. While holding the jugular introducer in a soft bend according to illustration, (**Fig. 12**) catch the hook of the preloaded filter on the femoral introducer and release the button to firmly grasp the filter. (**Fig. 13**)
3. Secure the lock on the jugular introducer handle by pushing the red knob on the back side. (**Fig. 14**)
4. To release the filter from the femoral introducer system, push the red safety button, followed by the release button on the femoral introducer. (**Fig. 9 and 10**)

NOTE: Do not kink the jugular introducer while bending it.

5. Straighten the system and then advance the protection sheath hub on the jugular filter introducer until a confirmed stop is felt (approximately 6 cm). (**Fig. 15**) This ensures that the filter is completely inside the tip of the protection sheath.

The product is now prepared for use.

6. Flush the introducer sheath and the introducer dilator.
7. Advance the introducer dilator through the middle of the Check-Flo valve on the introducer sheath. Secure the introducer dilator to the introducer sheath by twisting the dilator hub clockwise until a click is felt. (**Fig. 16**)

Filter Placement

8. Access the chosen jugular vein using the Seldinger technique.
9. Perform diagnostic imaging to confirm a single IVC, measure the IVC diameter, check for thrombus, and establish the position of the renal veins.
10. Place a supportive .035 inch wire guide in the IVC.
11. If necessary, dilate the puncture site with the 10 French pre-dilator.
12. Remove the pre-dilator and advance the coaxial introducer system over the wire guide until the tip of the introducer sheath lies approximately 5 cm caudal to the lowest renal vein.
13. Remove the wire guide.
14. Perform diagnostic imaging to verify position of the introducer sheath tip (or radiopaque marker) approximately 5 cm caudal to the lowest renal vein.

CAUTION: Before injecting contrast media by either power or hand injection through the introducer dilator, ensure that the introducer sheath hub and introducer dilator are correctly connected.

WARNING: When using a power injector, do not exceed the maximum pressure rating of 68 bar/1000 psi and flow rate of 20 mL/sec.

15. When correct position is established, twist the introducer dilator hub counterclockwise and remove the introducer dilator. (**Fig. 17**)
16. Place the filter introducer, with the protection sheath containing the preloaded filter, into the Check-Flo valve of the introducer sheath. Advance the filter introducer with the protection sheath into the introducer sheath. (**Fig. 18**)
17. Connect the introducer sheath hub and protection sheath by twisting clockwise until a click is felt. (**Fig. 19**) The filter is now positioned

at the radiopaque band of the introducer sheath. The hook of the filter should be caudal to the renal veins.

WARNING: Do not exert excessive force to advance the filter through the delivery system.

18. Stabilize the filter introducer system, and withdraw the introducer sheath and protection sheath until the protection sheath and jugular introducer handle are in contact with one another. At this point the filter is expanded, still connected to the filter introducer. (**Fig. 20**)

WARNING: Do not rotate the expanded filter inside the vena cava. Doing so may compromise the performance of the filter.

19. If the filter is not in the desired position, carefully advance the introducer sheath over the filter. Reposition the system as desired, and again withdraw the introducer sheath and protection sheath until the protection sheath and jugular introducer handle are in contact with one another, completely exposing the filter.
20. When the filter position is correct, push the red safety button to prepare filter release. (**Fig. 21**)
21. Push the release button completely to ensure proper release of the filter. (**Fig. 22**) Repositioning of the filter is no longer possible. The filter is now released.

NOTE: Excessive tension during deployment may prevent the filter from releasing when the release mechanism is activated.

22. Perform diagnostic imaging to verify filter position.

NOTE: Hospital standard of care should be followed for removing the introducer sheath and providing hemostasis to prevent bleeding at the vascular access site.

Optional Retrieval Procedure

The Cook Celect Platinum Filter implant may be retrieved. The filter was designed to be retrieved with the Günther Tulip Vena Cava Filter Retrieval Set. It may also be retrieved with the CloverSnare Vascular Retriever. Please refer to the Instructions for Use provided with the Günther Tulip Vena Cava Filter Retrieval Set or the CloverSnare Vascular Retriever (not included in the filter set).

HOW SUPPLIED

Supplied sterilized by ethylene oxide gas in peel-open packages. Intended for one-time use. Sterile if package is unopened or undamaged. Do not use the product if there is doubt as to whether the product is sterile. Store in a dark, dry, cool place. Avoid extended exposure to light. Upon removal from package, inspect the product to ensure no damage has occurred.

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These instructions for use are based on experience from physicians and (or) their published literature, IVC filter guidelines, ISO 25539-3, and regulatory safety communications regarding IVC filters. Refer to your local Cook sales representative for information on available literature.

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Filter retrieval is a patient specific, clinically complex decision; the decision to remove a filter should be based on each patient's individual risk/benefit profile (e.g., a patient's continued need for protection from PE compared to their experience with and (or) ongoing risk of experiencing filter-related complications). For all retrievable IVC filters, retrieval becomes more challenging with time, and this is commonly due to encapsulation of the filter legs or hook (in a tilted filter) by tissue ingrowth.

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