Important Safety Information

Edwards SAPIEN 3 Transcatheter Heart Valve with the Edwards Commander Delivery System

Indications: The Edwards SAPIEN 3 transcatheter heart valve, model 9600TFX, and accessories are indicated for relief of aortic stenosis in patients with symptomatic heart disease due to severe native calcific aortic stenosis who are judged by a Heart Team, including a cardiac surgeon, to be at intermediate or greater risk for open surgical therapy (i.e., predicted risk of surgical mortality ≥ 3% at 30 days, based on the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) risk score and other clinical co-morbidities unmeasured by the STS risk calculator).

Contraindications: The valve and delivery systems are contraindicated in patients who cannot tolerate an anticoagulant/antiplatelet regimen or who have active bacterial endocarditis or other active infections.

Warnings: Observation of the pacing lead throughout the procedure is essential to avoid the potential risk of pacing lead perforation. There may be an increased risk of stroke in transcatheter aortic valve replacement procedures, as compared to balloon aortic valvuloplasty or other standard treatments in high or greater risk patients. The devices are designed, intended, and distributed for single use only. Do not resterilize or reuse the devices. There are no data to support the sterility, nonpyrogenicity, and functionality of the devices after reprocessing. Incorrect sizing of the valve may lead to paravalvular leak, migration, embolization, and/or annular rupture. Accelerated deterioration of the valve may occur in patients with an altered calcium metabolism. Prior to delivery, the valve must remain hydrated at all times and cannot be exposed to solutions other than its shipping storage solution and sterile physiologic rinsing solution. Valve leaflets mishandled or damaged while during any part of the procedure will require replacement of the valve. Caution should be exercised in implanting a valve in patients with clinically significant coronary artery disease. Patients with pre-existing mitral valve devices should be carefully assessed prior to implantation of the valve to ensure proper valve positioning and deployment. Do not mishandle the delivery system or use it if the packaging or any components are not sterile, have been Opened or are damaged (e.g., kinked or stretched), or if the expiration date has elapsed. Use of excessive contrast media may lead to renal failure. Measure the patient’s creatinine level prior to the procedure. Contrast media usage should be monitored. Patient injury could occur if the delivery system is not un-flexed prior to removal. Care should be exercised in patients with hypersensitivities to cobalt, nickel, chromium, molybdenum, titanium, manganese, silicon, and/or polymeric materials. The procedure should be conducted under fluoroscopic guidance. Some fluoroscopically guided procedures are associated with a risk of radiation injury to the skin. These injuries may be painful, disfiguring, and long-lasting. Valve recipients should be maintained on anticoagulant/antiplatelet therapy, except when contraindicated, as determined by their physician. This device has not been tested for use without anticoagulation.

Precautions: Long-term durability has not been established for the valve. Regular medical follow up is advised to evaluate valve performance. Glutaraldehyde may cause irritation of the skin, eyes, nose, and throat. Avoid prolonged or repeated exposure to, or breathing of, the solution. To maintain proper valve leaflet coaptation, do not overinflated the deployment balloon. Appropriate antibiotic prophylaxis is recommended post-procedure in patients at risk for prosthetic valve infection and endocarditis. Safety, effectiveness, and durability have not been established for valve-in-valve procedures. Safety and effectiveness have not been established for patients with the following characteristics/omorbidities: non-calcified aortic annulus; severe ventricular dysfunction with ejection fraction < 20%; congenital unicuspid or congenital bicuspid aortic valve; mixed aortic valve disease (aortic stenosis and aortic regurgitation with predominant aortic regurgitation > 3+); pre-existing prosthetic heart valve or prosthetic ring in any position; severe mitral annular calcification (MAC); severe (> 3+) mitral insufficiency, or Gorlin syndrome; blood dyscrasias defined as leukopenia (WBC < 3000 cells/mL), acute anemia (Hb < 9 g/dl), thrombocytopenia (platelet count < 50,000 cells/mL), or history of bleeding diathesis or coagulopathy; hypertrophic cardiomyopathy with or without obstruction (HOCM); echocardiographic evidence of intracardiac mass, thrombus, or vegetation; a known hypersensitivity or contraindication to aspirin, heparin, ticlopidine (Tildia), or clopidogrel (Plavix), or sensitivity to contrast media, which cannot be adequately premedicated; significant aortic disease, including abdominal aortic or thoracic aneurysm defined as maximal luminal diameter 5 cm or greater, marked tortuosity (hyperacute bend), aortic arch atheroma (especially if thick [> 5 mm], protruding, or ulcerated) or narrowing (especially with calcification and surface irregularities) of the abdominal or thoracic aorta, severe "unfolding" and tortuosity of the thoracic aorta; access characteristics that would preclude safe placement of 14F or 16F Edwards eSheath introducer set, such as severe obstructive calcification, severe tortuosity, or diameter less than 5.5 mm or 6 mm, respectively; or bulky calcified aortic valve leaflets in close proximity to coronary ostia.

Potential Adverse Events: Potential risks associated with the overall procedure including potential access complications associated with standard cardiac catheterization, balloon valvuloplasty, the potential risks of conscious sedation and/or general anesthesia, and the use of angiography: death; stroke/transient ischemic attack, clusters, or neurological deficit; paralyis; permanent disability; respiratory insufficiency or respiratory failure; hemorrhage requiring transfusion or intervention; cardiovascular injury including perforation or dissection of vessels, ventricle, myocardium, or valvular structures that may require intervention; pericardial effusion or cardiac tamponade; embolization including air, calcific valve material, or thrombus; infection including septicaemia and endocarditis; heart failure; myocardial infarction; renal insufficiency or renal failure; conduction system defect which may require a permanent pacemaker; arrhythmia; retroperitoneal bleed; arteriovenous (AV) fistula; pseudoneuerysm; reoperation; ischemia or nerve injury; restenosis; pulmonary edema; pleural effusion; bleeding; anemia; abnormal lab values (including electrolyte imbalance); hypertension or hypotension; allergic reaction to anesthesia, contrast media, or device materials; hematoma; syncope; pain or changes at the access site; exercise intolerance or weakness; inflammation; angina; heart murmur; and fever. Additional potential risks associated with the use of the valve, delivery system, and/or accessories include: cardiac arrest; cardiogenic shock; emergency cardiac surgery; cardiac failure or low cardiac output; coronary flow obstruction/ transvalvular flow disturbance; device thrombosis requiring intervention; valve thrombosis; device embolization; device migration or malposition requiring intervention; valve deployment in unintended location; valve stenosis; structural valve deterioration (wear, fracture, calcification, leaflet tear) tearing from the stent posts, leaflet retraction, suture line disruption of components of a prosthetic valve, thickening, stenosis); device degeneration; paravalvular or transvalvular leak; valve regurgitation; hemolysis; device explants; nonstructural dysfunction; mechanical failure of delivery system and/or accessories; and non-emergent reoperation.

Edwards Crimpler

Indications: The Edwards Crimpler is indicated for use in preparing the Edwards SAPIEN 3 transcatheter heart valve for implantation.

Contraindications: There are no known contraindications.

Warnings: The devices are designed, intended, and distributed for single use only. Do not resterilize or reuse the devices. There is no data to support the sterility, nonpyrogenicity, and functionality of the devices after reprocessing.

Precautions: For special considerations associated with the use of the Edwards Crimpler prior to valve implantation, refer to the Edwards SAPIEN 3 transcatheter heart valve Instructions for Use.

Potential Adverse Events: There are no known potential adverse events associated with the Edwards Crimpler.
**Edwards SAPIEN 3 Transcatheter Heart Valve with the Edwards Certitude Delivery System**

**Indications:** The Edwards SAPIEN 3 transcatheter heart valve, model 9600TFX, and accessories are indicated for relief of aortic stenosis in patients with symptomatic heart disease due to severe native calcific aortic stenosis who are judged by a Heart Team, including a cardiac surgeon, to be at intermediate or greater risk for open surgical therapy (i.e., predicted risk of surgical mortality ≥ 3% at 30 days, based on the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) risk score and other clinical comorbidities unmeasured by the STS risk calculator). The Edwards SAPIEN 3 transcatheter heart valve and accessories are also indicated for patients with symptomatic heart disease due to failure (stenosed, insufficient, or combined) of a surgical bioprosthetic aortic valve who are judged by a heart team, including a cardiac surgeon, to be at high or greater risk for open surgical therapy (i.e., STS operative risk score ≥ 5% at a ≥ 15% risk of mortality at 30 days).

**Contraindications:** The valve and delivery systems are contraindicated in patients who cannot tolerate an anticoagulation/antiplatelet regimen or who have active bacterial endocarditis or other active infections.

**Warnings:** Observation of the pacing lead throughout the procedure is essential to avoid the potential risk of pacing lead perforation. There may be an increased risk of stroke in transcatheter aortic valve replacement procedures, as compared to balloon aortic valvuloplasty or other standard treatments in high or greater risk patients. The devices are designed, intended, and distributed for single use only. Do not resterilize or reuse the devices. There are no data to support the sterility, nonpyrogenicity, and functionality of the devices after reprocessing. Incorrect sizing of the valve may lead to paravalvular leak, migration, embolization, and/or annular rupture. Accelerated deterioration of the valve may occur in patients with an altered calcium metabolism. Prior to delivery, the valve must remain hydrated at all times and cannot be exposed to solutions other than its shipping storage solution and sterile physiologic rinsing solution. Valve leaflets mishandled or damaged during any part of the procedure will require replacement of the valve. Caution should be exercised in implanting a valve in patients with clinically significant coronary artery disease. Patients with pre-existing mitral valve disease should be carefully assessed prior to implantation of the valve to ensure proper valve positioning and deployment. Do not use the valve if the tamper-evident seal is broken, the storage solution does not completely cover the valve, the temperature indicator has been activated, the valve is damaged, or the expiration date has elapsed. Do not mishandle the delivery system or use it if the packaging or any components are not sterile, have been opened or are damaged (e.g., kinked or stretched), or if the expiration date has elapsed. Use of excessive contrast media may lead to renal failure. Measure the patient’s creatinine level prior to the procedure. Contrast media usage should be monitored. Care should be exercised in patients with hypersensitivities to cobalt, nickel, chromium, molybdenum, titanium, manganese, silicon, and/or polymeric materials. The procedure should be conducted under fluoroscopic guidance. Some fluoroscopically guided procedures are associated with a risk of radiation injury to the skin. These injuries may be painful, disfiguring, and long-lasting. Valve recipients should be maintained on anticoagulant/antiplatelet therapy, except when contraindicated, as determined by their physician. This device has not been tested for use without anticoagulation. Do not add or apply antibiotics to the storage solution, rinse solution, or to the valve.

**Precautions:** Long-term durability has not been established for the valve. Regular medical follow-up is advised to evaluate valve performance. Glutaraldehyde may cause irritation of the skin, eyes, nose, and throat. Avoid prolonged or repeated exposure to, or breathing of, the solution. Use only with adequate ventilation. If skin contact occurs, immediately flush the affected area with water; in the event of contact with eyes, seek immediate medical attention. For more information about glutaraldehyde exposure, refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet available from Edwards Lifesciences. To maintain proper valve leaflet coaptation, do not overinflate the deployment balloon. Appropriate antibiotic prophylaxis is recommended post-procedure in patients at risk for prosthetic valve infection and endocarditis. Safety, effectiveness, and durability have not been established for use in valve-in-valve procedures. Safety and effectiveness have not been established for patients with the following characteristics/comorbidities: non-calcified aortic annulus; severe ventricular dysfunction with ejection fraction < 20%; congenital unicuspid or congenital bicuspid aortic valve; mixed aortic valve disease (aortic stenosis and regurgitation with predominant aortic regurgitation > 3+); pre-existing prosthetic heart valve or prosthetic ring in any position; severe mitral annular calcification (MAC), severe (> 3+) mitral insufficiency, or Gorlin syndrome; blood dyscrasias defined as leukopenia (WBC < 3000 cells/mL), acute anemia (Hb < 9 g/dL), thrombocytopenia (platelet count < 50,000 cells/mL), or history of bleeding diathesis or coagulopathy; hypertrophic cardiomyopathy with or without obstruction (HOCM); echocardiographic evidence of intracardiac mass, thrombus, or vegetation; a known hypersensitivity or contraindication to aspirin, heparin, ticlopidine (Ticlid), or clopidogrel (Plavix), or sensitivity to contrast media, which cannot be adequately premedicated; excessive calcification at access site; or bulky calcified aortic valve leaflets in close proximity to coronary ostia.

**Potential Adverse Events:** Potential risks associated with the overall procedure including potential access complications associated with standard cardiac catheterization, balloon valvuloplasty, the potential risks of conscious sedation and/or general anesthesia, and the use of angiography: death; stroke/transient ischemic attack, clusters, or neurological deficit; paralyis; permanent disability; respiratory insufficiency or respiratory failure; hemorrhage requiring transfusion or intervention; cardiovascular injury including perforation or dissection of vessels, ventricle, myocardium, or valvular structures that may require intervention; pericardial effusion or cardiac tamponade; embolization including air, calcific valve material, or thrombus; infection including septicemia and endocarditis; heart failure; myocardial infarction; renal insufficiency or renal failure; conduction system defect which may require a permanent pacemaker; arrhythmia; retroperitoneal bleed; arteriogenous (AV) fistula or pseudoaneuysm; reoperation; ischemia or nerve injury; restenosis; pulmonary edema; pleural effusion; bleeding; anemia; abnormal lab values (including electrolyte imbalance); hypertension or hypotension; allergic reaction to anesthesia, contrast media, or device materials; hemotoma; syncope; pain or changes at the access site; exercise intolerance or weakness; inflammation; angina; heart murmur; and fever. Additional potential risks associated with the use of the valve, delivery system, and/or accessories include: cardiac arrest; cardiogenic shock; emergency cardiac surgery; cardiac failure or low cardiac output; coronary flow obstruction/transvalvular flow disturbance; device thrombosis requiring intervention; valve thrombosis; device embolization; device migration or malposition requiring intervention; valve deployment in unintended location; valve stenosis; structural valve deterioration (wear, fracture, calcification, leaflet tear/tearing from the stent posts, leaflet retraction, suture line disruption of components of a prosthetic valve. thickening, stenosis); device degeneration; paravalvular or transvalvular leak; valve regurgitation; hemolysis; injury to the mitral valve; device explants; mediastinitis; mediastinal bleeding; nonstructural dysfunction; mechanical failure of delivery system and/or accessories; and non-emergent reoperation.

**Edwards Crimper**

**Indications:** The Edwards Crimper is indicated for use in preparing the Edwards SAPIEN 3 transcatheter heart valve for implantation.

**Contraindications:** There are no known contraindications.

**Warnings:** The devices are designed, intended, and distributed for single use only. Do not resterilize or reuse the devices. There is no data to support the sterility, nonpyrogenicity, and functionality of the devices after reprocessing.

**Precautions:** For special considerations associated with the use of the Edwards Crimper prior to transcatheter heart valve implantation, refer to the Edwards SAPIEN 3 transcatheter heart valve Instructions for Use.

**Potential Adverse Events:** There are no known potential adverse events associated with the Edwards Crimper.

**Edwards SAPIEN XT Transcatheter Heart Valve with the NovaFlex+ Delivery System**

**Indications:** The Edwards SAPIEN XT transcatheter heart valve, model 9300TFX, and accessories are indicated for relief of aortic stenosis in patients with symptomatic heart disease due to severe native calcific aortic stenosis who are judged by a Heart Team, including a cardiac surgeon, to be at intermediate or greater risk for open surgical therapy (i.e., predicted risk of surgical mortality ≥ 3% at 30 days, based on the Society of Thoracic Surgeons (STS) risk score and other clinical comorbidities unmeasured by the STS risk calculator). The Edwards SAPIEN XT transcatheter heart valve and accessories are also indicated for patients with symptomatic heart disease due to failure (stenosed, insufficient, or combined) of a surgical bioprosthetic aortic valve who are judged by a heart team, including a cardiac surgeon, to be at high or greater risk for open surgical therapy (i.e., STS operative risk score ≥ 5% at a ≥ 15% risk of mortality at 30 days).

**Contraindications:** The valve and delivery systems are contraindicated in patients who cannot tolerate an anticoagulation/antiplatelet regimen or who have active bacterial endocarditis or other active infections.
Warnings: Observation of the pacing lead throughout the procedure is essential to avoid the potential risk of pacing lead perforation. There may be an increased risk of stroke in transcatheter aortic valve replacement procedures, as compared to balloon aortic valvuloplasty or other standard treatments in high or greater risk patients. The devices are designed, intended, and distributed for single use only. Do not resterilize or reuse the devices. There are no data to support the sterility, nonpyrogenicity, and functionality of the devices after reprocessing. Care should be exercised when sizing the native annulus or surgical valve; implanting a valve that is too small may lead to paravalvular leak, migration or embolization, whereas implanting a valve that is too large may lead to residual gradient (patient-prosthesis mismatch) or annular rupture. Accelerated deterioration of the valve may occur in patients with an altered calcium metabolism. Prior to delivery, the valve must remain hydrated at all times and cannot be exposed to solutions other than its shipping storage solution and sterile physiologic rinsing solution. Valve leaflets mishandled or damaged during any part of the procedure will require replacement of the valve. Caution should be exercised in implanting a valve in patients with clinically significant coronary artery disease. Patients with pre-existing mitral valve devices should be carefully assessed prior to implantation of the valve to ensure proper valve positioning and deployment. Do not use the valve if the tamper evident seal is broken, the storage solution does not completely cover the valve, the temperature indicator has been activated, the valve is damaged, or the expiration date has elapsed. Do not mishandle the NovaFlex® delivery system or use it if the packaging or any component is not sterile, have been opened or are damaged (e.g. kinked or stretched), or the expiration date has elapsed. Use of excessive contrast media may lead to renal failure. Measure the patient’s creatinine level prior to the procedure. Contrast media usage should be monitored. Patient injury could occur if the delivery system is not un-locked prior to removal. Care should be exercised in patients with hypersensitivities to cobalt, nickel, chromium, molybdenum, titanium, manganese, silicon, and/or polymeric materials. The procedure should be conducted under fluoroscopic guidance. Some fluoroscopically guided procedures are associated with a risk of radiation injury to the skin. These injuries may be painful, disfiguring, and long-lasting. Valve recipients should be maintained on anticoagulant/antiplaquette therapy, except when contraindicated, as determined by their physician. This device has not been tested for use without anticoagulation. Do not add or apply antibiotics to the storage solution, rinse solutions, or to the valve.

Precautions: Long-term durability has not been established for the valve. Regular medical follow-up is not advised to evaluate valve performance. Glutaraldehyde may cause irritation of the skin, eyes, nose and throat. Avoid prolonged or repeated exposure to, or breathing of, the solution. Use only with adequate ventilation. If skin contact occurs, immediately flush the affected area with water; in the event of contact with eyes, seek immediate medical attention. For more information about glutaraldehyde exposure, refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet available from Edwards Lifesciences. To maintain proper valve leaflet coaptation, do not overinflate the deployment balloon. Appropriate anticoagulation prophylaxis is recommended post-procedure in patients at risk for prosthetic valve infection and endocarditis. Safety, effectiveness, and durability have not been established for transcatheter valve in transcatheter valve procedures. Safety and effectiveness have not been established for patients with the following characteristics/romoborbidities: non-calculated aortic annulus, severe ventricular dysfunction with ejection fraction < 20%, congenital unicupid or congenital bicuspid aortic valve disease, mixed aortic valve disease (aortic stenosis and aortic regurgitation with predominant aortic regurgitation > 3+), pre-existing prosthetic ring in any position, severe mitral annular calcification (MAC), severe (> 3+) mitral insufficiency, or Gorlin syndrome, blood dyscrasias defined as: leukopenia (WBC < 3000 cells/ml), acute anemia (Hb < 9 g/dL), thrombocytopenia (platelet count <50,000 cells/ml), or history of bleeding diathesis or coagulopathy, hypoproteinemic cardiomyopathy with or without obstruction (HOCM), echocardiographic evidence of intracardiac mass, thrombus, or vegetation, a known hypersensitivity or contraindication to aspirin, heparin, ticlopidine (Ticlid), or clopidogrel (Plavix), or sensitivity to contrast media, which cannot be adequately premedicated, significant aortic disease, including abdominal aortic or thoracic aneurysm defined as maximal luminal diameter 5 cm or greater; marked tortuosity (hyperacute bend), aortic arch atheroma (especially if thick > 5 mm), protruding, or ulcerated) or narrowing (especially with calcification and surface irregularities) of the abdominal or thoracic aorta, severe “unfolding” and tortuosity of the thoracic aorta, access characteristics that would preclude safe placement of 16F, 18F, or 20F Edwards expandable introducer sheath set, such as severe obstructive calcification, severe tortuosity or diameter less than 6 mm, 6.5 mm, or 7 mm, respectively, bulky calcified aortic valve leaflets in close proximity to coronary ostia, a concomitant paravalvular leak where the surgical bioprosthesis is not securely fixed in the native annulus or is not structurally intact (e.g. wireform frame fracture), and a partially detached leaflet of the surgical bioprosthesis that in the aortic position may obstruct a coronary ostium. The safety and effectiveness have not been established for implanting the transcatheter valve inside a stented bioprosthetic valve < 21 mm (labeled size) or an unstented bioprosthetic aortic valve. Residual mean gradient may be higher in a “TAV-in-SAV” configuration than that observed following implantation of the valve inside a native aortic annulus using the same size device. Patients with elevated mean gradient post procedure should be carefully followed. It is important that the manufacturer, model and size of the preexisting surgical bioprosthetic aortic valve be determined, so that the appropriate valve can be implanted and a prosthetic-patient mismatch be avoided. Additionally, pre-procedure imaging modalities must be employed to make as accurate a determination of the internal orifice as possible.

Potential adverse events: Potential risks associated with the overall procedure including potential access complications associated with standard cardiac catheterization, balloon valvuloplasty, the potential risks of conscious sedation and/or general anesthesia, and the use of angiography: death; stroke/transient ischemic attack, clusters or neurological deficit; paralysis; permanent disability; respiratory insufficiency or respiratory failure; hemorrhage requiring transfusion or intervention; cardiovascular injury including perforation or dissection of vessels, ventricle, myocardium or valvular structures that may require intervention; pericardial effusion or cardiac tamponade; embolization including air, calcific valve material or thrombus; infection including sepsis and endocarditis; heart failure; myocardial infarction; renal insufficiency or renal failure; conduction system defect which may require a permanent pacemaker; arhythmia; retroperitoneal bleed; Arterioscleroticosis (AV) fistula or pseudoaneurysm; reoperation; ischemia or nerve injury; restenosis; pulmonary edema; pleural effusion; bleeding; anemia; abscess; localized infection; or abscesses (including electrolyte imbalances, contrast media, or anaphylactic shock); device embolization; device migration or malposition requiring intervention; valve deployment in unintended location; valve stenosis; structural valve deterioration (wear, fracture, calcification, leaflet tear/tearing from the stent posts, leaflet retraction, suture line disruption of components of a prosthetic valve, thickening, stenosis); device degeneration; paravalvar or transvalvular leak; valve regurgitation; hemolysis; device explants; nonstructural dysfunction; mechanical failure of delivery system, and/or accessories, non-emergent reoperation.

Edwards Expandable Introducer Sheath Set

Indications: The Edwards expandable introducer sheath is indicated for the introduction and removal of devices used with the Edwards SAPIEN XT transcatheter heart valve.

Contraindications: This product is contraindicated for tortuous or calcified vessels that would prevent safe entry of the introducer and sheath.

Warnings: The devices are designed, intended, and distributed for single use only. Do not resterilize or reuse the devices. There is no data to support the sterility, nonpyrogenicity, and functionality of the devices after reprocessing. The Edwards expandable introducer sheath set must be used with a compatible 0.035” guidewire.

Precautions: Do not use the introducer sheath set if the packaging sterile barriers and any components have been opened or damaged. The Edwards Expandable Sheath temporarily enlarges to allow the passage of devices; ensure that the vasculature can accommodate the maximum diameter of the expanded sheath. When inserting, manipulating or withdrawing a device through the expandable sheath, always maintain sheath position. When puncturing, suturing or incising the tissue near the sheath, use caution to avoid damage to the sheath.

Potential adverse events: Complications associated with standard catheterization and use of angiography include, but are not limited to, injury including perforation or dissection of vessels, thrombosis, and/or plaque dislodgement which may result in emboli formation, distal vessel obstruction, stroke, infection, and/or death.
Precautions:
The devices are designed, intended, and distributed for single use only. Do not resterilize or reuse the devices. There are no data to support the sterility, nonpyrogenicity, and functionality of the devices after reprocessing. Care should be exercised when sizing the native annulus or surgical valve; implanting a valve that is too small may lead to paravalvular leak, migration or embolization, whereas implanting a valve that is too large may lead to residual gradient (patient-prosthesis mismatch) or annular rupture. Accelerated deterioration of the valve may occur in patients with an altered calcium metabolism. Prior to delivery, the valve must remain hydrated at all times and cannot be exposed to solutions other than its shipping storage solution and sterile physiologic rinsing solution. Valve leaflets mishandled or damaged during any part of the procedure will require replacement of the valve. Caution should be exercised in implanting a valve in patients with clinically significant coronary artery disease. Patients with pre-existing mitral valve devices should be carefully assessed prior to implantation of the valve to ensure proper valve positioning and deployment. Patients presenting with combination AV low flow, low gradient should undergo additional evaluation to establish the degree of aortic stenosis. Do not use the valve if the tamper evident seal is broken, the storage solution does not completely cover the valve, the temperature indicator has been activated, the valve is damaged, or the expiration date has elapsed. Do not mishandle the Ascendra+ delivery system or use it if the packaging or any components are not sterile, have been opened or are damaged (e.g. kinked or stretched), or the expiration date has elapsed. Care should be exercised in patients with hypersensitivities to cobalt, nickel, chromium, molybdenum, titanium, manganese, silicon, and/or polymeric materials. The procedure should be conducted under fluoroscopic guidance. Some fluoroscopic-guided procedures may be associated with a risk of radiation exposure to the skin. These injuries may be painful, disfiguring, and long-lasting. Valve recipients should be maintained on anticoagulant/antiplatelet therapy, except when contraindicated, as determined by the physician. This device has not been tested for use without anticoagulation. Do not add or apply antibiotics to the storage solution, reseal solutions, or to the valve.

Contraindications:
Long-term durability has not been established for the valve. Regular medical follow-up is advised to evaluate valve performance. Glutaraldehyde may cause irritation of the skin, eyes, nose and throat. AVOID prolonged or repeated exposure to, or breathing of, the solution. Use only with adequate ventilation. If skin contact occurs, immediately flush the affected area with water; in the event of contact with eyes, seek immediate medical attention. For more information about glutaraldehyde exposure, refer to the Material Safety Data Sheet available from Edwards Lifesciences. To maintain proper valve leaflet coaptation, do not overinflate the deployment balloon. Appropriate antibiotic prophylaxis is recommended post-procedure in patients at risk for prosthetic valve infection and endocarditis. Safety, effectiveness, and durability have not been established for transcatheter valve in transcatheter valve procedures. Safety and effectiveness have not been established for patients with the following characteristics:comorbidities: Non-calcified aortic annulus, severe ventricular dysfunction with ejection fraction < 20%, congenital unicuspid or congenital bicuspid aortic valve, mixed aortic valve disease (aortic stenosis and aortic regurgitation with predominant aortic regurgitation > 3+), pre-existing prosthetic ring in any position, severe mitral annular calcification (MAC), severe (> 3+) mitral insufficiency, or Gorlin syndrome. Blood dyscrasias defined as: leukopenia (WBC < 3000 cells/mL), acute anemia (Hb < 9 g/dL), thrombocytopenia (platelet count <50,000 cells/mL), or history of bleeding diathesis (e.g., > 3+), pre-existing prosthetic ring in any position, severe mitral annular calcification (MAC), severe (> 3+) mitral insufficiency, or Gorlin syndrome. Blood dyscrasias defined as: leukopenia (WBC < 3000 cells/mL), acute anemia (Hb < 9 g/dL), thrombocytopenia (platelet count <50,000 cells/mL), or history of bleeding diathesis (e.g., > 3+), pre-existing prosthetic ring in any position, severe mitral annular calcification (MAC), severe (> 3+) mitral insufficiency, or Gorlin syndrome. Blood dyscrasias defined as: leukopenia (WBC < 3000 cells/mL), acute anemia (Hb < 9 g/dL), thrombocytopenia (platelet count <50,000 cells/mL), or history of bleeding diathesis (e.g., > 3+). Contraindications: No known contraindications.

Warnings:
The devices are designed, intended, and distributed for single use only. Do not resterilize or reuse the devices. There are no data to support the sterility, nonpyrogenicity, and functionality of the devices after reprocessing. Do not mishandle the device or use it if the packaging or any components are not sterile, have been opened or are damaged (e.g. kinked or stretched), or the expiration date has elapsed. Should not be used in patients with left ventricular aneurysm. The Ascendra+ introducer sheath set must be used with a 0.035” guidewire.

Precautions:
No known precautions.
Potential adverse events: Complications associated with cardiac surgical intervention and use of angiography include, but are not limited to, allergic reaction to anesthesia or to contrast media, injury including myocardial injury, thrombus formation, and plaque dislodgement which may result in myocardial infarction, arrhythmia, stroke, and/or death. Reference the Edwards SAPIEN XT transcatheter heart valve with the Ascendra+ delivery system Instructions for Use for a full list of potential adverse events.

Edwards Crimper

Indications: The Edwards crimper is indicated for use in preparing the Edwards SAPIEN XT transcatheter heart valve for implantation.

Contraindications: No known contraindications.

Warnings: The device is designed, intended, and distributed for single use only. Do not resterilize or reuse the device. There are no data to support the sterility, nonpyrogenicity, and functionality of the device after reprocessing. Do not mishandle the device. Do not use the device if the packaging or any components are not sterile, have been opened or are damaged, or the expiration date has elapsed.

Precautions: For special considerations associated with the use of this device prior to valve implantation, refer to the SAPIEN XT transcatheter heart valve Instructions for Use.

Potential adverse events: No known potential adverse events.
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Indications: The Edwards SAPIEN 3 transcatheter heart valve, model 9600TFX, and Edwards Crimper are indicated for patients with symptomatic aortic valve disease for whom surgical therapy (i.e., predicted risk of surgical mortality ≥ 3% at 30 days, based on STS risk calculator) is not an option. The Edwards SAPIEN 3 transcatheter heart valve is also indicated for patients with symptomatic mitral valve disease for whom surgical therapy is not an option. The Edwards SAPIEN XT transcatheter heart valve is also indicated for valve-in-valve procedures. Safety, effectiveness, and durability have not been established for valve-in-valve procedures.

Contraindications: The valve and delivery systems are contraindicated in patients with known hypersensitivity or contraindication to aspirin, heparin, ticlopidine (Ticlid), warfarin, or other anticoagulants; patients who are uncooperative; unmeasured by the STS risk calculator; severe mitral regurgitation; aorta less than 22 mm in diameter; non-calcified aortic annulus; severe (> 3+) mitral insufficiency; Gorlin syndrome (Marfan's syndrome); congenital unicuspid or congenital bicuspid aortic valve; mixed aortic valve disease (aortic stenosis and aortic regurgitation with predominant aortic regurgitation > 3+); any components are not sterile, have been opened or are damaged (e.g., kinked or stretched), or the expiration date has elapsed. Use of excessive contrast media may cause acute kidney injury.

Warnings: The Edwards SAPIEN 3 transcatheter heart valve, model 9600TFX, and Edwards Crimper are contraindicated for patients with pseudoaneurysm; reoperation; ischemia or nerve injury; restenosis; pulmonary hypertension; right heart failure; pulmonary embolism; stroke/transient ischemic attack; deep vein thrombosis; pulmonary edema; pleural effusion; bleeding; anemia; abnormal lab values (including electrolyte imbalance); hypertension or hypotension; allergic reaction to anesthesia, contrast media, or device materials; hematoma; syncope; pain or changes at the access site; and any device-related injury, including potential access complications associated with standard cardiac catheterization, balloon valvuloplasty, the potential risks of conscious sedation and general anesthesia, and the use of angiography: death; stroke/transient ischemic attack; deep vein thrombosis; pulmonary embolism; pulmonary edema; pleural effusion; bleeding; anemia; abnormal lab values (including electrolyte imbalance); hypertension or hypotension; allergic reaction to anesthesia, contrast media, or device materials; hematoma; syncope; pain or changes at the access site; and any device-related injury, including potential access complications associated with standard cardiac catheterization, balloon valvuloplasty, the potential risks of conscious sedation and general anesthesia, and the use of angiography.

Precautions: The Edwards SAPIEN 3 transcatheter heart valve, model 9600TFX, and Edwards Crimper are to be used with caution in patients with one or more of the following characteristics/comorbidities: mild or moderate mitral regurgitation; moderate aortic insufficiency; severe mitral insufficiency; ACL, severe (> 3+) mitral insufficiency, or Gorlin syndrome; blood dyscrasias; severe (≥ 2+ to < 3+) aortic stenosis; severe left ventricular outflow tract obstruction; severe (≥ 2+ to < 3+) aortic insufficiency; conduction abnormalities; severe mitral insufficiency; conduction abnormalities; severe mitral stenosis; severe (≥ 2+ to < 3+) aortic insufficiency; mitral regurgitation; mitral stenosis; or cardiac tamponade; embolization including air, calcific valve material, or thrombus; reoperation; ischemia; ventricular dysfunction with ejection fraction < 20%; congenital unicuspid or congenital bicuspid aortic valve; mixed aortic valve disease (aortic stenosis and aortic regurgitation with predominant aortic regurgitation > 3+); any components are not sterile, have been opened or are damaged (e.g., kinked or stretched), or the expiration date has elapsed. Do not mishandle the delivery system or use it if the packaging or any components are not sterile, have been opened or are damaged (e.g., kinked or stretched), or the expiration date has elapsed.

Potential Adverse Events: The Edwards SAPIEN 3 transcatheter heart valve, model 9600TFX, and Edwards Crimper are associated with potential cardiovascular and/or non-cardiovascular injury including perforation or dissection of vessels, ventricle, or general anesthesia, and the use of angiography: death; stroke/transient ischemic attack; deep vein thrombosis; pulmonary embolism; pulmonary edema; pleural effusion; bleeding; anemia; abnormal lab values (including electrolyte imbalance); hypertension or hypotension; allergic reaction to anesthesia, contrast media, or device materials; hematoma; syncope; pain or changes at the access site; and any device-related injury, including potential access complications associated with standard cardiac catheterization, balloon valvuloplasty, the potential risks of conscious sedation and general anesthesia, and the use of angiography.

Other Information: Contact with eyes, seek immediate medical attention. For more information about potential adverse effects, see the Edwards SAPIEN 3 transcatheter heart valve Instructions for Use.
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