FiberTak® SpeedBridge™
Rotator Cuff Repair
Surgical Technique
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As the next evolution of knotless rotator cuff repair, the FiberTak SpeedBridge technique is completed with 2.6 FiberTak RC soft anchors on the medial row and FiberTape® sutures fixated laterally with trusted SwiveLock® anchors. This knotless repair creates a quick, secure construct in as few as three suture-passing steps.

The small size of the 2.6 FiberTak RC anchors allows for three points of medial-row fixation where previously only two fixation points could be achieved.

Advantages

- Biomechanical repair strength is comparable to traditional SpeedBridge repair
- Multiple fixation points and additional FiberTape sutures increase tendon-to-bone compression
- Contact area of the tendon-to-footprint interface increased 14% compared to traditional hard-bodied anchors
- Secure lateral fixation with trusted SwiveLock® anchors

Enhancements

Knotless 2.6 FiberTak RC anchors are adaptable and can conform to traditional repair techniques while providing the additional benefits of tensionable knotless technology for incorporating biologics or increasing medial-row compression.

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2.6 FiberTak® RC Soft Anchors

These anchors are available with fixed 1.7 mm FiberTape® suture—with joined tails for simplified suture-passing—and the option of a sliding SutureTape or tensionable knotless mechanism.

**2.6 FiberTak RC Soft Anchors**

**Knotless 2.6 FiberTak RC Soft Anchors**

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**Sliding 1.3 SutureTape**
Incorporate sliding SutureTape for knotted medial-row compression variations or remove if it is not needed for the repair.

**Self-Punching Inserters**
All 2.6 FiberTak anchors are loaded on self-punching inserters, which eliminate the need to predrill or prepunch a socket for anchor insertion, reducing surgical steps. Use these inserters with or without a guide; drills and punches are available for hard bone.

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**Tensionable Knotless Mechanism**
With the tensionable knotless mechanism, complete a variety of medial-row compression variations and easily incorporate biologics.

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**SwiveLock® Lateral-Row Anchors**
- Trusted fixation with more than 10 million anchors used since 2006
- Available with #2 suture for tensionable knotless dog-ear or cable fixation

**Joined FiberTape® Suture Tails**
- Simplified suture-passing
- Shuttle both limbs of FiberTape suture with one pass
FiberTak® SpeedBridge™ Technique: Medial Row
While viewing through a posterolateral portal, prepare the rotator cuff footprint and identify the posteromedial anchor insertion point. Using a mallet, insert and advance the 2.6 FiberTak RC anchor into bone; stop at the insertion zone laser line. If hard bone is encountered, use a punch or drill to create a socket to ease anchor insertion.

Once the anchor is fully inserted, remove the suture retention ring and inserter. Grasp all limbs of the suture and pull slowly to set the anchor. Repeat steps 1 and 2 for middle and anterior medial-row anchors. Once the anchors are inserted, remove the sliding SutureTape.

Load the single end of FiberTape® suture onto a Scorpion™ suture passer and advance through the rotator cuff. Pull the suture to smoothly lead both FiberTape suture limbs through the tissue.

Cut off the joined suture tail, allowing each suture limb to be separated for lateral fixation. Tension each suture limb independently to remove any potential slack beneath the tendon.
FiberTak® SpeedBridge™ Technique:
Lateral Row
Retrieve one FiberTape® suture tail from each medial anchor and preload them through the SwiveLock® anchor eyelet. Using a punch, prepare a bone socket about 5 mm–10 mm lateral to the edge of the tuberosity. Note: Use a hemostat to secure sutures in place while preparing a bone socket.

Bring the eyelet of the implant to the edge of the bone socket and remove slack from each suture to reduce the tissue and compress it to the bone.

Note: Do not attempt to apply tension to the sutures with the eyelet in the bone socket.

Completely advance the driver into the bone socket, beyond the first laser line and until the anchor body contacts bone. Evaluate suture tension. If tension is not adequate, back the driver out and readjust the tension.

Make sure the tip of the anchor body is in contact with bone. Hold the thumb pad steady and rotate the driver handle in a clockwise direction to insert the anchor body until it is flush with the bone.

Cut the FiberTape suture tails with a FiberTape cutter. Repeat these steps for the second lateral anchor.

Note: Do not attempt to apply tension to the sutures with the eyelet in the bone socket.
FiberTak® SpeedBridge™ Technique: Knotless Double-Pulley Ripstop
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Tendon reduction under direct visualization and tensionable knotless medial fixation can be achieved with the knotless double-pulley. Shuttle the tensionable knotless sutures through the cuff with a separate pass to help prevent the construct from twisting beneath the rotator cuff.

Once the FiberTape® sutures are passed, use a FiberLink™ shuttle suture to pass the knotless sutures. Using the Scorpion™ suture passer, load the single end of a FiberLink suture and pass it lateral and outside of the anterior and posterior 2.6 FiberTak RC anchors to form the double-pulley ripstop.

**Note:** For this technique, cut out the middle anchor’s knotless mechanism; the tensionable knotless mechanisms of the anterior and posterior anchors will be linked together in steps 4 and 5.

Retrieve the tail of the FiberLink suture from a superior portal to improve the shuttling angle through the tissue. Retrieve the sutures of the knotless mechanism, load them into the loop of the FiberLink shuttle suture, and pass the FiberLink suture through the rotator cuff. Repeat the same steps for the posterior anchor.

**Posterior Anchor**
- a. TigerLink™ shuttle stitch
- b. Blue repair stitch
- c. 1.7 mm TigerTape™ sutures

**Middle Anchor**
- d. 1.7 mm FiberTape sutures

**Anterior Anchor**
- e. FiberLink shuttle stitch
- f. Blue/black repair stitch
- g. 1.7 mm black FiberTape sutures
Retrieve the posterior blue repair suture (b) and the anterior looped end of the white/blue shuttle suture (e) from the lateral cannula. Feed the end of the repair suture through the shuttle suture loop and fold it at the ink-mark indicator. Pull the tape suture tail of the white/blue shuttle suture (e) to shuttle the repair suture into the knotless mechanism.

Note: Tension the repair suture, but do not tighten it completely until the second repair suture is shuttled.

Repeat the previous steps using the anterior blue/black repair suture (f) and the posterior looped end of the white/black shuttle suture. (a)
Tension the two repair sutures, reducing and fixating the tendon to the bone. Tension the FiberTape® suture limbs independently to remove any potential slack beneath the tendon. Cut the repair sutures flush once adequate fixation is achieved.

**Note: Refer back to the lateral-row fixation technique to complete repair.**
FiberTak® SpeedBridge™ Technique: Dog-Ear or Cable Fixation
Retrieve the knotless sutures from the lateral cannula. Load the blue repair suture onto a Scorpion™ suture passer and advance through tissue.

Achieve anterior and posterior lateral tissue fixation with the repair stitches from Knotless SwiveLock® anchors.

Feed the end of the repair suture through the shuttle suture loop and fold it at the ink-mark indicator. Pull the tape shuttle suture tail to shuttle the repair suture into the tensionable knotless mechanism.

Tension the repair suture, reducing and fixating the tendon to the bone. A suture cutter can be used to hold the anchor steady during tensioning. Cut the repair suture once adequate fixation is achieved.

Double-Pulley Ripstop With Dog-Ear or Cable Fixation

Note: If using Knotless SwiveLock anchors and additional lateral fixation is not required, pull one end of the shuttle stitch to remove and cut the repair stitch and FiberTape® sutures with a FiberTape suture cutter.
## Ordering Information

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