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

DESCRIPTION
The Ceterix Disposable Knot Pusher – Suture Cutter is designed to push knots created during arthroscopic surgery in USP 2-0 or 0 surgical suture and then cut the resulting suture tails.

INDICATION FOR USE
The device is intended for use during arthroscopic surgery.

CONTRAINDICATIONS
None known.

WARNINGS
1. Do not force the device into tight joint spaces. Excessive pushing, twisting or levering may cause breakage.
2. Do not use the Ceterix Knot Pusher – Suture Cutter for any purpose other than its intended use.
3. Avoid flexing the joint while the instrument is in place.

PRECAUTIONS
This device should be used only by physicians with a thorough understanding of arthroscopic procedures.

The device is provided STERILE for SINGLE USE ONLY.
This product is for single use only. It has not been designed to be re-used or re-sterilized. Reprocessing may lead to changes in material characteristics such as corrosion and dulled edges, which may impact the strength of the device and compromise performance. Reprocessing of single-use devices can also cause cross contamination leading to patient infections. These risks may potentially affect patient safety.

PREPARATIONS FOR USE
Read the Instructions for Use in its entirety prior to use of the device.
KNOT PUSHING

1. Create the desired knot in the appropriate set of arthroscopically-placed sutures. Position the Knot Pusher – Suture Cutter (KPSC) on the post limb of the suture, proximal to the knot by retracting the thumb lever and sliding the suture limb into the slot. Once the suture limb is within the loading slot, release the thumb lever to secure the KPSC on the suture.

2. Use the KPSC to facilitate knot advancement by simultaneously pulling on the post limb and pushing the KPSC against the knot until the knot reaches its intended position. During this step, keep the post limb taught with the KPSC coaxial to the post limb, and do not past-point with the KPSC.

   CAUTION: Failure to keep the post limb taught with the KPSC coaxial to the post limb, or using the KPSC to past-point the knot, can cause the KPSC to come off the suture.

3. Once the initial knot is secure, additional throws can be advanced by holding both suture limbs in the left hand and using the KPSC to push the throw until it reaches the previously advanced knot. As you advance the individual throw, keep the suture limbs in a 9 o’clock position relative to the Thumb Lever.
CAUTION: Failure to keep the suture limbs in a 9 o’clock position relative to the Thumb Lever may allow the tensioned suture limbs to enter the Loading Slot at the distal end of the KPSC, which can cause the KPSC to come off the suture.

SUTURE CUTTING
1. Once the desired number of throws have been placed and advanced to form a tight knot, the limbs of the suture can be cut. Load both suture limbs into the slot of the KPSC and then advance the device until the tip is against the knot.
2. Simultaneously, depress the safety trigger and advance the thumb lever forward. Once the thumb lever is fully advanced, pull the suture limbs proximally to cut the loaded suture limbs.

SUTURE RETRIEVAL
1. Sutures may be retrieved intra-articularly by advancing the KPSC to the targeted suture limb and then retracting the thumb lever to open the window.
2. Slide the tip of the KPSC around the targeted suture limb and release the thumb lever to secure the suture. With the suture limb secured, the suture may be retrieved from the knee.

STORAGE
Store in a cool, dry area.