



**GORE® VIABIL®**  
Biliary Endoprosthesis

# NOTEWORTHY POINTS FOR DEVICE USE



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# Percutaneous Implantation

## Noteworthy points for device use

### Measurements — Baseline percutaneous transhepatic cholangiography (PTC)

- Place a guidewire across the obstruction and take the following measurements:
  - Proximal and distal native duct diameter.
  - Length of stricture.

### Device selection

- Select the appropriate device (diameter and length) from the sizing table (*see back page*).
- When selecting device length, add 4 cm (2 cm on each side) to the length of the stricture unless extending device into duodenum.
- Transmural holes — When to use:
  - To preserve flow in cases where deployment across a branch duct or the cystic duct is necessary.
  - **Considerations:** Branch blockage → Symptom recurrence, cholangitis versus potential for tumor ingrowth.
  - **Configuration:**
    - Present on the hepatic end (2 cm from end) of endoprosthesis.
    - Radiopaque markers on the endoprosthesis indicate the location of the holes.

### Device preparation (*see figures 1 and 2*)

- Inspect for damage.
- Flush stent port and guidewire lumens.

### Insertion and positioning of device (*see figure 3*)

- 10 Fr introducer.
- 0.035" (0.89 mm) stiff guidewire.
- Position device across stricture using catheter markers and endoprosthesis markers.
  - Ensure 2 cm of device extends beyond either side of stricture.



Figure 1



Figure 2

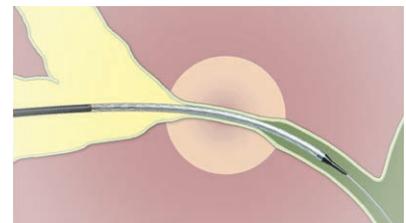


Figure 3

## Deployment

- Loosen vent cap.
- Device deployment: Hold the black inner shaft (steady in place) and pull back on outer green sheath/do not push the black inner shaft. (See figure 4)
- Marker band at the end of outer sheath denotes progress of deployment.
- Deploy 2–5 mm of device, limited repositioning may be possible. (See figure 5)
- Deploy to 10 mm — First anchoring “fins” released, repositioning is not recommended. (See figure 6)
- Complete deployment (see figure 7):
  - To fully deploy the device to its labeled length, pull gently backward on the stiff portion of the inner catheter during deployment.
  - Pushing forward on the stiff portion during deployment may result in a device length shorter than the labeled length.

### Warnings:

- Cannot be recaptured once deployment is initiated.
- Cannot be repositioned once deployment is complete.

## Catheter removal

- Reseat the catheter tip at the leading end of the outer sheath and retract the catheter. (See figure 8)
- If difficulty is encountered removing the catheter immediately after deployment, waiting for approximately one minute may allow the prosthesis to open more completely.

## Post-deployment balloon touch-up (optional)

- Select the appropriate balloon size from the sizing table (see back page).
- Dilate the entire length of the prosthesis at nominal balloon pressure.

## Completion imaging

- Confirm positioning and patency of device.
- Confirm  $\geq 2$  cm overlap beyond the stricture at each end.
- **Note:** If placing a second endoprosthesis to provide adequate length coverage, ensure  $\geq 1$  cm overlap of the telescoping devices.

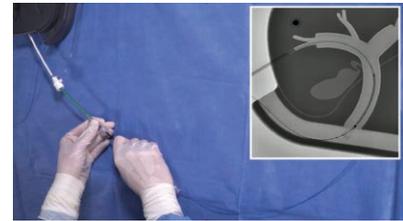


Figure 4



Figure 5



Figure 6



Figure 7

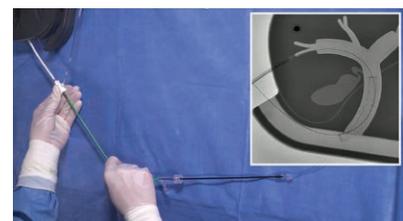


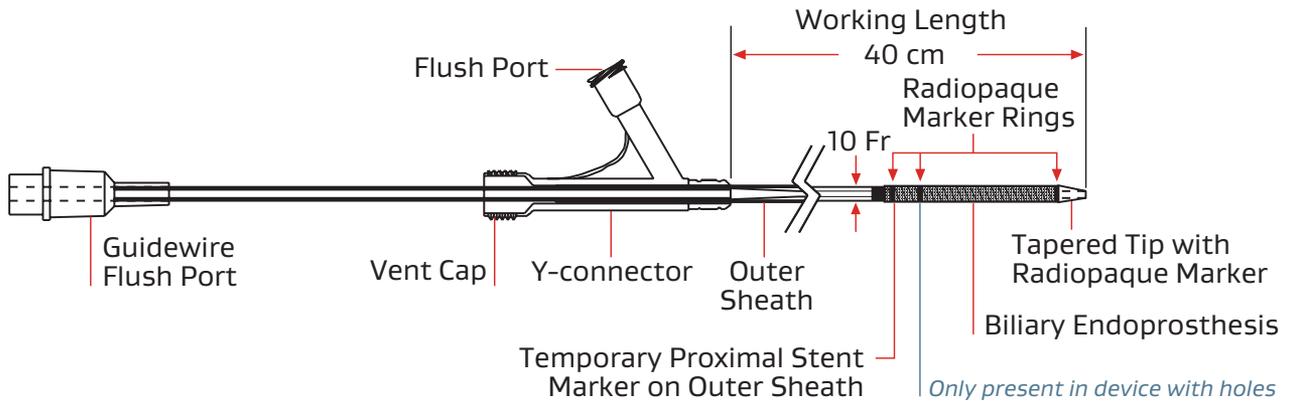
Figure 8

## Sizing table

Nominal endoprosthesis diameter*	Recommended duct diameter†	Nominal endoprosthesis lengths‡	Sheath size	Guidewire diameter (preferably stiff or extra stiff)	Working length of the delivery catheter	Recommended balloon diameter for device touch-up
8 mm	5.5–6.9 mm	4 cm, 6 cm, 8 cm, 10 cm	10 Fr	0.035" (0.89 mm)	40 cm	< 8 mm
10 mm	7.0–9.0 mm	4 cm, 6 cm, 8 cm, 10 cm	10 Fr	0.035" (0.89 mm)	40 cm	< 10 mm

Note: If multiple devices are used, it is recommended that devices of the same diameter be used and are overlapped by at least 1 cm.

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\* The outwardly directed anchoring fins extend slightly beyond the nominal diameter of the endoprosthesis.

† Recommended device diametrical oversizing relative to the non-dilated duct is 10–30%.

‡ Recommended endoprosthesis length should include  $\geq 2$  cm on each side of stricture.

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