

## AXS Vecta 71/74 Intermediate Catheter

### RX ONLY

See package insert for complete indications, contraindications, warnings and instructions for use.

### Indications for use as a conduit

The AXS Vecta Intermediate Catheter is indicated for use in facilitating the insertion and guidance of appropriately sized interventional devices into a selected blood vessel in the peripheral and neurovascular systems. The AXS Vecta Intermediate Catheter is also indicated for use as a conduit for retrieval devices.

### Indications for use as a revascularization device

The AXS Vecta Intermediate Catheter, as part of the AXS Vecta Aspiration System, is indicated in the revascularization of patients with acute ischemic stroke secondary to intracranial large vessel occlusive disease (within the internal carotid, middle cerebral – M1 and M2 segments, basilar, and vertebral arteries) within 8 hours of symptom onset.

Patients who are ineligible for intravenous tissue plasminogen activator (IV t-PA) or who failed IV t-PA therapy are candidates for treatment.

### Contraindications

Do not use the AXS Vecta Intermediate Catheter in the coronary vasculature.

Do not use automated high-pressure contrast injection equipment with the AXS Vecta Intermediate Catheter because it may damage the device.

### Adverse events

Potential adverse events associated with the use of catheters or with the endovascular procedures include, but are not limited to:

- Acute vessel occlusion
- Air embolism
- Allergic reaction and anaphylaxis from contrast media
- Arteriovenous fistula
- Death
- Device malfunction
- Distal embolization
- Emboli
- False aneurysm formation
- Hematoma or hemorrhage at the puncture site
- Inability to completely remove thrombus
- Infection
- Intracranial hemorrhage
- Ischemia
- Kidney damage from contrast media
- Neurological deficit including stroke
- Risks associated with angiographic and fluoroscopic radiation including but not limited to: alopecia, burns ranging in severity from skin reddening to ulcers, cataracts, and delayed neoplasia
- Sterile inflammation or granulomas at the access site
- Tissue necrosis
- Vessel spasm, thrombosis, dissection or perforation

### Warnings

- Do not use kinked, damaged, or opened devices.
- Exposure to temperatures above 54°C (130°F) may damage device. Do not autoclave.
- Torqueing or moving the device against resistance may result in damage to the vessel or device.
- The AXS Vecta Intermediate Catheter has not been evaluated for more than one (1) clot retrieval attempt.
- The AXS Vecta Intermediate Catheter was evaluated for an average duration of direct aspiration of 4 minutes.
- This product is intended for single use only, do not re-sterilize or reuse. Re-sterilization and/or reuse may result in cross contamination and/or reduced performance.
- When the catheter is exposed to the vascular system, it should be manipulated while under high-quality fluoroscopic observation. Do not advance or retract the catheter if resistance is met during manipulation; determine the cause of the resistance before proceeding.
- If flow through the device becomes restricted, do not attempt to clear the lumen by infusion. Remove and replace the device.
- This device is coated with a hydrophilic coating at the distal end of the device for a length of 25 cm. Please refer to the Device Preparation Section for

further information on how to prepare and use this device to ensure it performs as intended. Failure to abide by the warnings in this labeling might result in damage to the device coating, which may necessitate intervention or result in serious adverse events.

- Verify aspiration pump is appropriate before use if using a vacuum pump other than the Medela Dominant Flex Pump. The AXS Vecta Intermediate Catheters have been verified for use with the Medela Dominant Flex Pump and AXS Universal Aspiration Tubing. The Medela Dominant Flex Pump is capable of delivering vacuum pressures between -20.08 inHg and -28 in Hg [-68 kPa to -95 kPa] [-510 mmHg to -713 mmHg] during use and is characterized by the pressure-flow performance curve below. If using another vacuum pump other than the Medela Dominant Flex Pump, carefully review the vacuum pump performance parameters to ensure it is equivalent and can achieve the same operating vacuum pressures between -20.08 inHg and -28 inHg [-68 kPa to -95 kPa] [-510 mmHg to -713 mmHg] and corresponds to the same flow rate ranges (see pump pressure-flow performance graph). The vacuum pump should also be verified to be compatible with the AXS Universal Aspiration Tubing.
- Limit the usage of the AXS Vecta Intermediate Catheter to arteries greater than the catheter's outer diameter.

### Precautions

- Use the device prior to the "Use By" date specified on the package.
- Maintain a constant infusion of appropriate flush solution.
- Examine the device to verify functionality and to ensure that its size and shape are suitable for the specific procedure for which it is to be used.
- The AXS Vecta Aspiration System should be used only by physicians trained in percutaneous procedures and/or interventional techniques.
- The Scout Introducer should be used with a guidewire and microcatheter inserted when in vasculature.
- If using the AXS Vecta Aspiration System for thrombectomy, monitor the canister fluid level and replace the canister if the fill level reaches 75% of the canister volume.
- Administration of anticoagulants and antiplatelets should be suspended until 24 hours post-treatment. Medical management and acute post stroke care should follow the ASA guidelines.
- Any neurological deterioration should be evaluated by urgent CT scan and other evaluations as indicated according to investigator/hospital best practice.
- As in all surgical interventions, monitoring of intra-procedural blood loss is recommended so that appropriate management may be instituted.
- Excessive aspiration with the distal tip of the AXS Vecta Intermediate Catheter covered by the vessel wall may cause vessel injury. Carefully investigate location of the distal tip under fluoroscopy prior to aspiration.
- There is an inherent risk with the use of angiography and fluoroscopy.
- Operators should take all necessary precautions to limit X-Radiation doses to patients and themselves by using sufficient shielding, reducing fluoroscopy times, and modifying X-Ray technical factors where possible.
- When transporting the Medela Dominant Flex Pump, utilize the pump handle.
- Ensure the RHV is fully open before inserting the AXS Vecta Intermediate Catheter. Avoid over- or under-tightening the RHV. Do not insert or advance the AXS Vecta Intermediate Catheter if resistance is encountered without careful assessment of the cause.

### Warning

- Contents supplied STERILE using an ethylene oxide (EO) process. Do not use if sterile barrier is damaged. If damage is found, call your Stryker Neurovascular representative.
- For single use only. Do not reuse, reprocess or resterilize. Reuse, reprocessing or resterilization may compromise the structural integrity of the device and/or lead to device failure which, in turn, may result in patient injury, illness or death. Reuse, reprocessing or resterilization may also create a risk of contamination of the device and/or cause patient infection or cross-infection, including, but not limited to, the transmission of infectious disease(s) from one patient to another. Contamination of the device may lead to injury, illness or death of the patient.
- After use, dispose of product and packaging in accordance with hospital, administrative and/or local government policy.