A great fiducial marker for Prostate

- Minimally invasive
- Instant stability
- Great visibility
Minimally invasive

Industry leading thin needle

Benefits
- Reduce implantation time
- Reduce patient discomfort
- Reduce complications from implantation

17G, Ø 1.47 mm
Needles typically used for traditional markers

18G, Ø 1.27 mm

22G, Ø 0.70 mm
Needle used to implant Gold Anchor in prostate

Reduce implantation time

We generally recommend transrectal implantation of Gold Anchors. With Gold Anchor this is a low risk procedure that does not require anesthesia. Three Gold Anchors can typically be implanted by the doctor in less than five minutes.

Reduce patient discomfort

Intensity of pain during transrectal implantation in prostate (not showing those answering “no pain”). (5 = worst possible pain, 0 = no pain)

Gold Anchors can be implanted transrectally in prostate with a very low risk of infection vs. other transrectal procedures, see graph to the right. These results from Karolinska suggest that the thin Gold Anchor needles reduce the risk of UTI despite the use of only a single dose of non-broad-spectrum antibiotics as prophylaxis.

Testimonial – Transrectal implantation

“The application process for Gold Anchor is much easier than for other fiducial markers. With Gold Anchor we do not have to use local anesthesia – giving local anesthesia would be more painful than implanting the fine needle marker.

We have between 5-8 patients per week and have had almost no infections since we started using Gold Anchors in 2009 [see graph to the right]. When we started with gold markers, we used prophylactic antibiotic, Ciprofloxacin 500 mg twice daily, for three days before implantation, but since autumn 2010 we use two Bactrim Forte pills as a single dose two hours before the implantation.”

Enrique Castellanos, MD, PhD, Dept. of Oncology, Karolinska University Hospital, Sweden

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Sources:
Instant stability

Multiple cut-outs allow the marker to fold

The marker is passive and will form different shapes depending on implantation technique.
- Line shaped markers are useful for detecting plastic deformations and tilting.
- Completely folded markers are suitable for systems with automatic marker detection.

Benefits
- Anchors directly
- Trust each marker
- Save lead time and travel

Testimonial – Transperineal implantation

“We use two Gold Anchors per patient – one with line shape and one with ball shape. We give one pill of Eusaprim Forte in the morning of the implantation and we have never seen any events of infection.

When we use these very thin needles we have stopped to give local anaesthesia – the tiny needles are usually tolerated very well by the patient. Instead we use a small EMLA patch. We do the CT planning on the same day as the gold marker implantation.”

Save lead time and travel

With Gold Anchor there is no need to wait the usual 7–21 days before dose planning. The thin Gold Anchor needle, that causes minimal bleeding and swelling, in combination with the strong tissue attachment of the marker, makes it possible to proceed with CT and/or MR for dose plan on the same day as implantation.

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Anchors directly

Gold Anchor gets a great tissue attachment when the marker folds.

The ball shaped marker becomes thicker than the needle tract.

Even as a line shaped marker the cut-outs in the Gold Anchor marker ensure a strong tissue attachment. The flexibility of the marker also allows it to absorb tissue deformation effectively.

Trust each marker

The stability of the marker in the tissue can also be verified by comparing the marker shape over time. One Gold Anchor marker can therefore be sufficient in selected cases where corrections for rotation and tilting are not performed. Preserved shape acts as a proof of no migration.

Note: Traditional markers are more likely to migrate and many centers therefore implant at least three traditional markers to be able to detect if any of those markers have moved (by looking for a potential change in the distance between the markers).

Traditional marker

Gold Anchor

End potential sick leave earlier.

No lead time. Save travel cost.
Great visibility

Thin marker in unique material
The marker is only 0.28 or 0.40 mm thick, which improves the surface-to-volume ratio.

The marker is made of an alloy of pure gold and 0.5% pure iron for improved MR visibility.

Clearly visible on kV
Gold Anchor has been designed for use with kV imaging. The kV x-ray is heavily attenuated whenever it passes through a material of high density, such as gold. A high kV, approximately 130 kV, should be used to fade away the skeleton structures.

Ideal for proton therapy
The thin Gold Anchor marker causes minimal dose perturbation.

The film measurements to the right show dose perturbation downstream of the markers with the markers oriented perpendicular to the beam axis near the end of the SOBP (Spread-Out Bragg Peak). The dose is normalized to an unperturbed region.

Benefits
• Clearly visible on kV and ultrasound
• Ideal for proton therapy
• Reduce CT artifacts
• Easily register CT and MR images

Reduce CT artifacts
The small Gold Anchor markers cause limited CT artifacts.

To further minimize artifacts the Gold Anchor markers can be implanted with a line shape.

Easily register CT and MR images
Ball shaped Gold Anchors are clearly visible on ordinary T1-weighted MR sequences (see image to the right).

With Balanced Fast Field Echo (bFFE) sequences you can even visualize line shaped 0.4 mm diameter Gold Anchors.

Ball shaped mid or large sized Gold Anchors can often be identified on T2-weighted MR sequences. You can thereby detect and adjust for any potential organ movement between MR sequences.

Many of our customers place Gold Anchors at the same time as SpaceOAR® hydrogel. CT and MRI can then be registered based on the markers.

The image to the right is a 70/30 fusion CT/T2.

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Naslund Medical AB is a privately held medical products company focused on the improved management and care of patients receiving radiation therapy. As the pioneer and leader in developing new technology for fiducial markers, Naslund Medical markets Gold Anchor worldwide. Gold Anchor enables quicker and more effective radiation therapy treatment with increased patient safety. Naslund Medical is based in Sweden with a subsidiary in the U.S. and contracted distributors on a global level. Naslund Medical is certified to SS-EN ISO 13485:2016 and according to the Directive 93/42/EEC on Medical Devices, Annex II, Full Quality Assurance System.

Gold Anchor has been invented and developed by Ingemar Naslund, M.D., Assoc. Prof., for 20 years head of the Division of Radiation Therapy, Radiumhemmet, Karolinska University Hospital, Stockholm, Sweden, where he was one of the inventors of the SBRT technique in 1991.

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Product family

Four different markers

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Recommended products for prostate

Linac with kV imaging
- GA200-10-B implanted with ball shape,
- GA200-10-B or GA200-20-B implanted with line shape.

CyberKnife tracking
- GA200-10-B or GA200-20-B, implanted with ball shape.

MVCT (TomoTherapy)
- GA200-20-B, implanted with ball shape.

Proton therapy
- GA200-10 implanted with ball shape,
- Any GA200 product implanted with line shape.

Implantation technique
- We recommend transrectal implantation with the products mentioned above.
- For transperineal implantation some doctors prefer the stiffer GA200X needle, e.g. GA200X-10 instead of GA200-10.

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