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GPS™ III Platelet Concentrate Separation Kit

ATTENTION OPERATING SURGEON

FOR INTERNATIONAL USE ONLY

NOTE: FOR SINGLE USE ONLY. Discard the tube after one use by an acceptable disposal method for devices potentially contaminated with blood products.

DESCRIPTION

The GPS™ III Platelet Concentrate Separation™ Kit aids separation of the patient's own blood components by density through the use of a Biomet Biologics centrifuge.

The GPS™ III Platelet Concentrate Separation™ Kit permits platelet concentrate to be rapidly prepared from a small volume of the patient's blood that is drawn at the time of treatment.

MATERIALS

The materials used for syringes, needles, tubing, connectors, and platelet separators consist of medical grade polymers, elastomers and stainless steels suitable for use in medical devices. Contents supplied in this kit are packaged, labeled and sterilized as indicated by their manufacturer's labeling. All components in this kit are latex free.

INDICATIONS FOR USE

The GPS™ III Platelet Concentrate Separation Kit is designed to be used for the safe and rapid preparation of autologous platelet-rich-plasma (PRP) from a small sample of blood at the patient's point of care. The PRP can be applied to the surgical site as deemed necessary by clinical use requirements. In addition, it may be used to improve bone graft handling.

WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

1. Use proper safety precautions to guard against needle sticks.
2. Follow manufacturer instructions when using centrifuge. Use only a Biomet Biologics centrifuge (GPS™ – IEC centrifuge or the Drucker Company centrifuge). Outcomes using centrifuges from other manufacturers are unknown.
3. Do not use sterilized components of this kit if package is opened or damaged.
4. Single use device. Do not reuse.
5. The surgeon is to be thoroughly familiar with the equipment and the surgical procedure prior to using this device.

6. The patient is to be made aware of general risks associated with treatment and the possible adverse effects.
7. Use prepared platelet concentrate material within 4 hours after drawing blood from patient.
8. The safety and effectiveness of this device for *in vivo* indications for use has not been established.

POSSIBLE ADVERSE EFFECTS

1. Damage to blood vessels, hematoma, delayed wound healing and/or infection.
2. Temporary or permanent nerve damage that may result in pain or numbness.
3. Early or late postoperative infection.

STERILITY

The GPS™ III Platelet Concentrate Separation Kit platelet separator is sterilized by exposure to a minimum dose of 25 kGy gamma irradiation. All other GPS™ III Platelet Concentrate Separation Kit components are sterilized by the respective suppliers using irradiation or ethylene oxide gas (ETO). Do not re-sterilize. Do not use after expiration date.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR USE

NOTE: Use standard aseptic technique throughout the following procedures.

1. **DRAW:** Draw 6ml of citrate-based anticoagulant into 60ml syringe. Attach to apheresis needle and prime with anticoagulant. Slowly draw 30 to 54ml of patient's own blood into the 60ml syringe primed with anticoagulant. Gently, but thoroughly, mix the whole blood and anticoagulant upon collection to prevent coagulation.
2. **LOAD: ENSURE BLOOD FROM ONLY ONE PATIENT IS PROCESSED PER SPIN, and that the platelet separator remains upright.** Unscrew cap on center blood port #1. Remove and discard cap and green packaging post. Slowly load blood-filled 60ml syringe (6ml of anticoagulant mixed with 30 to 54ml of patient's whole blood) into center blood port #1. Unscrew and discard clear protective inner piece from white cap tethered to port #1. Screw white cap onto port #1. Place separator filled with anticoagulated blood in Biomet Biologics centrifuge.
3. **BALANCE:**
Processing One Platelet Separator
Fill blue GPS™ counterbalance tube (800-0508) with 36-60ml of sterile saline/water (equal to amount of whole blood plus anticoagulant dispensed in the platelet separator). Place filled counterbalance directly opposite from the platelet separator in the centrifuge.
Processing Two Platelet Separators
Fill both platelet separators with equal amounts of whole blood plus anticoagulant. Place filled platelet separators directly opposite from each other in the centrifuge.
4. **SPIN:** Close centrifuge lid. Set RPM to 3.2 (x 1,000) and the time to 15 minutes. Press the start button. Once spin is complete, open centrifuge.
5. **EXTRACT PPP:** Unscrew yellow cap on port #2, and save yellow cap. Connect 30ml syringe to port #2, invert platelet separator, and extract platelet-poor-plasma (PPP). Remove 30ml syringe from port #2, cap with a sterile syringe cap, and set aside. Replace yellow cap on port #2.
6. **If PRP is desired, follow steps 7 – 8.**
7. **SUSPEND PRP:** Holding platelet separator in the upright position, unscrew red cap on port #3. Attach 10ml syringe to port #3. Extract 2ml of PRP into the 10ml syringe. Leave the syringe attached. Shake platelet separator gently for 30 seconds.
8. **EXTRACT PRP:** Immediately after suspending the platelets, extract remaining PRP into the attached 10ml syringe. Remove 10ml syringe from port #3, and cap with a sterile syringe cap.

Comments regarding this device can be directed to Attn: Regulatory Dept, Biomet, Inc. P.O. Box 587, Warsaw, IN 46581 USA, FAX: 574-372-3968.

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