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PALAMIX®

QUALITY AND FLEXIBILITY IN MIXING

HIGH CEMENT QUALITY AND SAFETY

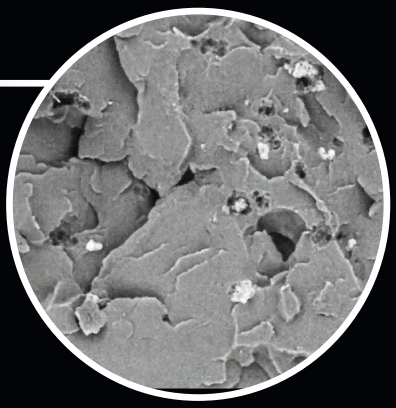
PALAMIX®: FOR SUCCESSFUL SURGICAL OUTCOME

Using modern cementing technique in arthroplasty is key to ensure long survival rates for endoprostheses and a low risk of revision.[1,2] One of its crucial success factors is a homogeneously mixed bone cement.[3]

Vacuum mixing improves cement homogeneity by reducing porosity and strengthens the cement prosthesis interface.[4] The disposable vacuum mixing system PALAMIX® enables standardised mixing of homogeneous bone cement of reproducibly high quality.

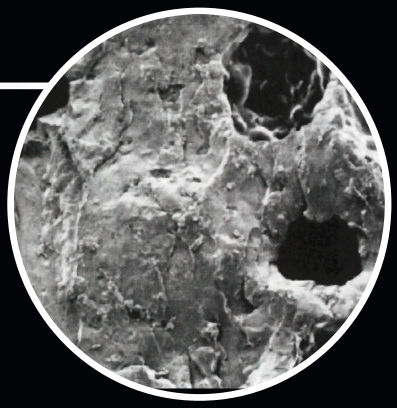
VACUUM MIXING

- porosity of 0.1–1%[5]
- substantially decreases cement implant interface voids[4]
- increases force required to separate cement and implant and improves fatigue strength[4]
- reduces the longer term risk of revision in THA[1]
- substantially reduces MMA* fumes (<10 ppm)[6,7]



NON-VACUUM MIXING

- porosity of 5–16%[5]
- weaker cement implant bonds[4]
- decreases the fatigue life of the cement[3]
- higher MMA fumes exposure[6]



SAFETY FOR STAFF AND PATIENTS

To ensure a high level of safety, PALAMIX® has a filling funnel with two separate sections for the bone cement components. A particle filter in the liquid chamber protects against small glass particles in the bone cement. It avoids injuries and preserves the cement's mechanical quality.
Additionally, the PALAMIX® vacuum hose comes with an active charcoal filter that minimises MMA fumes during mixing.[7]

* MMA=methyl methacrylate

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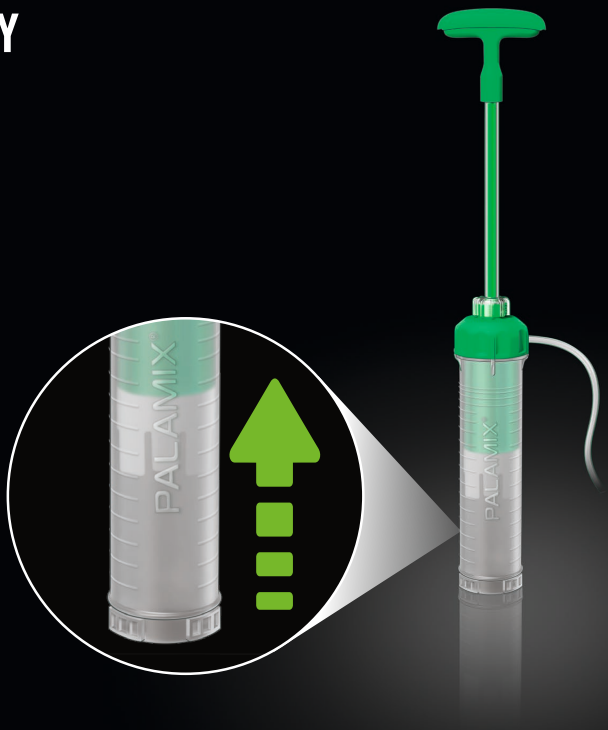
MORE CONVENIENCE AND FLEXIBILITY

MIXING AND COLLECTING

With PALAMIX®, the mixing of the components and the collection of the bone cement is carried out under vacuum, which

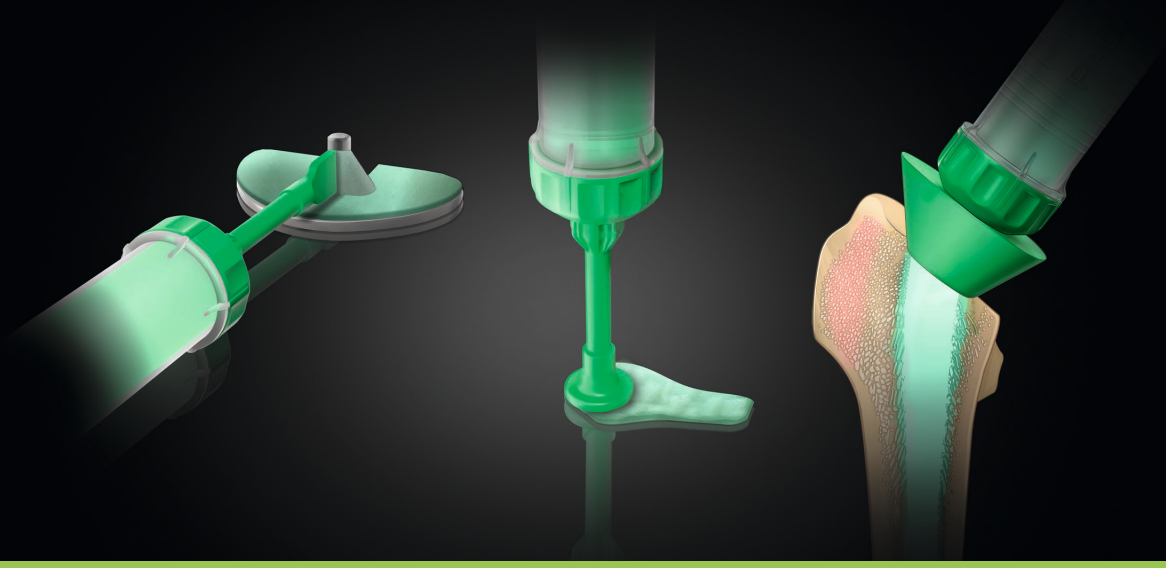
- facilitates mixing
- saves preparation time before application
- reduces porosity[5]
- results in a homogeneously mixed bone cement that builds the basis for long term success in arthroplasty.[8]



APPLYING AND PRESSURISING

PALAMIX® provides various options for application and pressurisation of bone cement. Different nozzles are available for individual procedures and allow flexibility in surgery. With PALAMIX®, it is even possible to expel the mixed bone cement remaining in the nozzle, thereby minimising cement waste.
A spatula clip can be attached to the short nozzle to apply a thin cement layer on the bone or prosthesis.

Pressurisation results in greater penetration of the bone, improved bone cement interface and increased fatigue strength of the cement.[9] The PALAMIX® system contains two pressurisers for both, hip and knee arthroplasty. The soft material and shape of the femoral pressuriser enhance the sealing of the femur during cement application.[10]
In knee surgery, the included knee pressuriser helps to increase the cement's interdigitation into the tibial plateau.[10]



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ADVANTAGES AT A GLANCE

- homogeneous bone cement of reproducibly high quality
- convenient and intuitive handling
- time saving thanks to collection under vacuum
- various application options for flexibility in surgery
- safety for staff and patients

PALAMIX®	Description	Content	REF
PALAMIX® uno	Vacuum mixing system with collection under vacuum for up to two pouches (2x40)	10	66057893
PALAMIX® duo	Vacuum mixing system with collection under vacuum, with two cartridges for up to four pouches (4x40)	10	66057897
PALAMIX® medium nozzle	Flexible, conical nozzle; ∅ 8.7–12.6 mm	10	66043960
PALAMIX® slim nozzle	For use with low-viscosity bone cements; ∅ 7 mm	10	66036747
PALAMIX® cement gun	Reusable cement gun	1	66036163
PALAMIX® vacuum pump	Vacuum pump	1	66036748

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