

In-service Information

Ethicon Endo Surgery™ Linear Cutter



Illustrated Steps to Use: Indications and Contraindications

Indications

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Contraindications

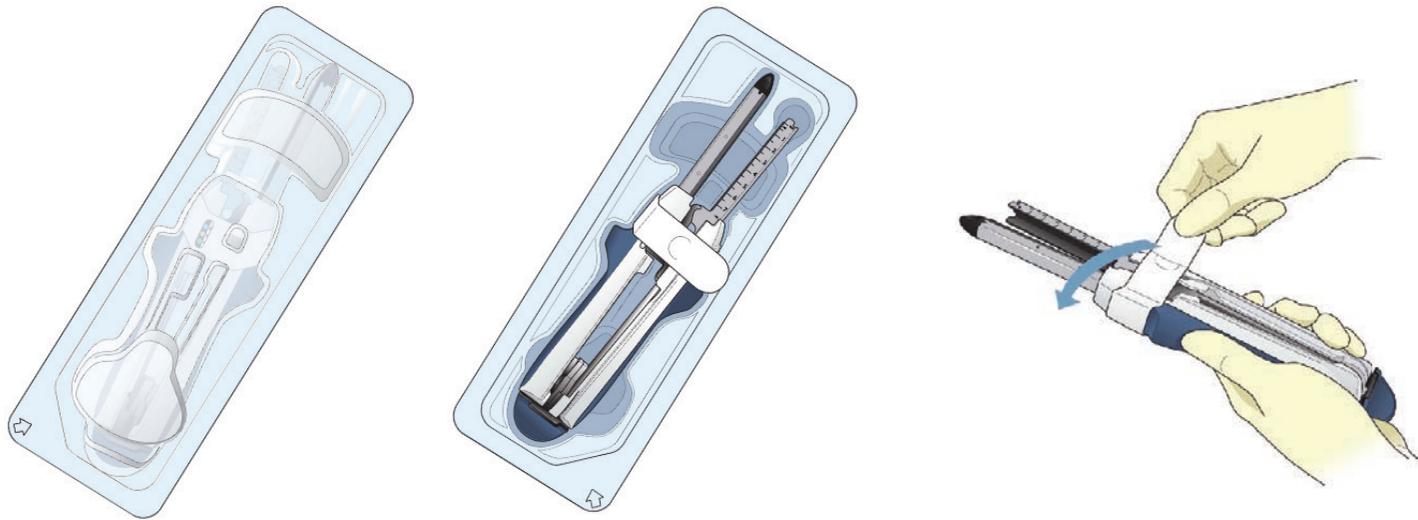
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- Do not use the instruments on ischemic or necrotic tissue.
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- These instruments are not intended for use when surgical stapling is contraindicated.

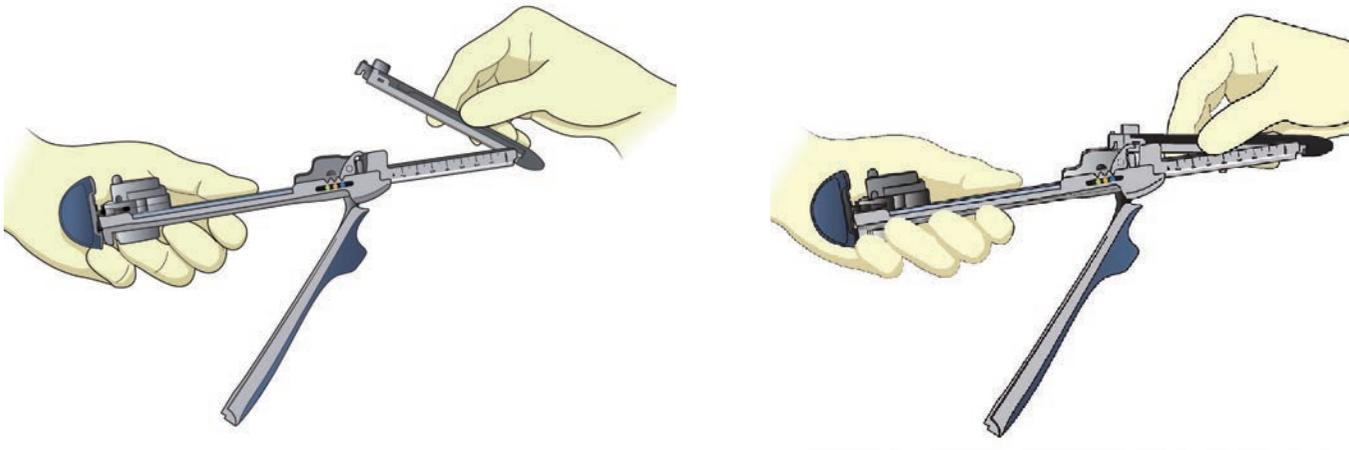
Steps 1 & 2

1. Using sterile technique, remove the instrument from the package. To avoid damage, do not flip the cartridge/reload into the sterile field.
2. If Instrument is not separated into halves, separate instrument by completely disengaging the alignment/locking lever.



Steps 3 & 4

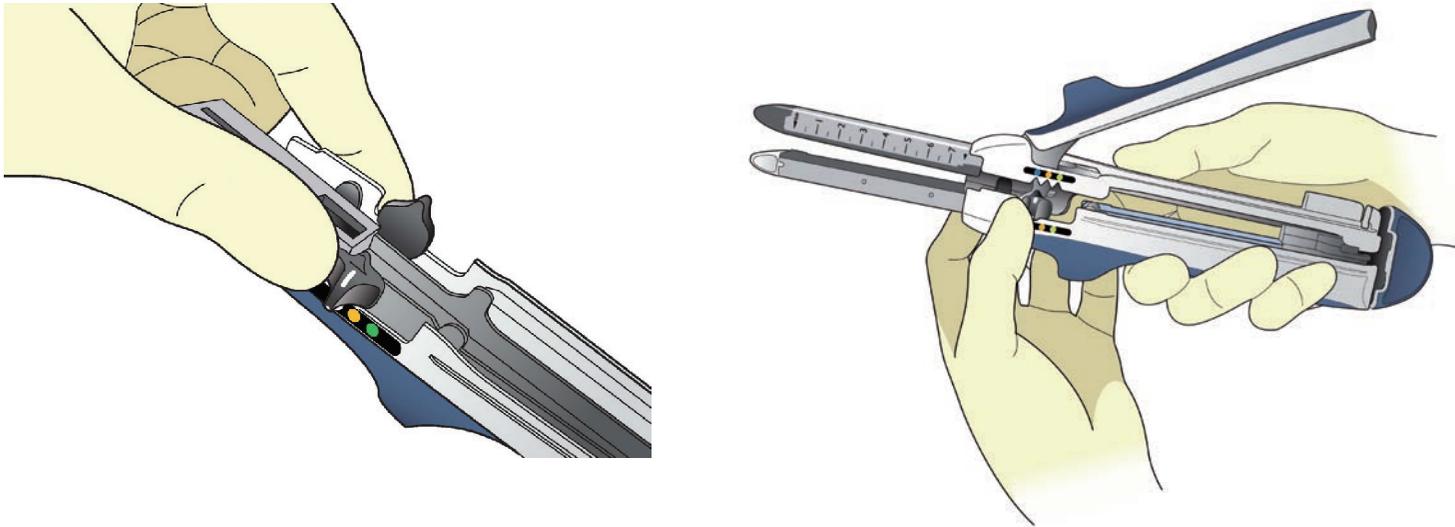
3. Load the instrument by inserting the selectable cartridge/reload by placing the alignment tabs into the alignment slots and pivoting the selectable cartridge/reload onto the cartridge/reload fork. Snap the cartridge/reload into position.
4. Remove staple retaining cap by grasping the edge of the staple retaining cap and lift straight up from the cartridge/ reload. Discard the staple retaining cap.



Step 5

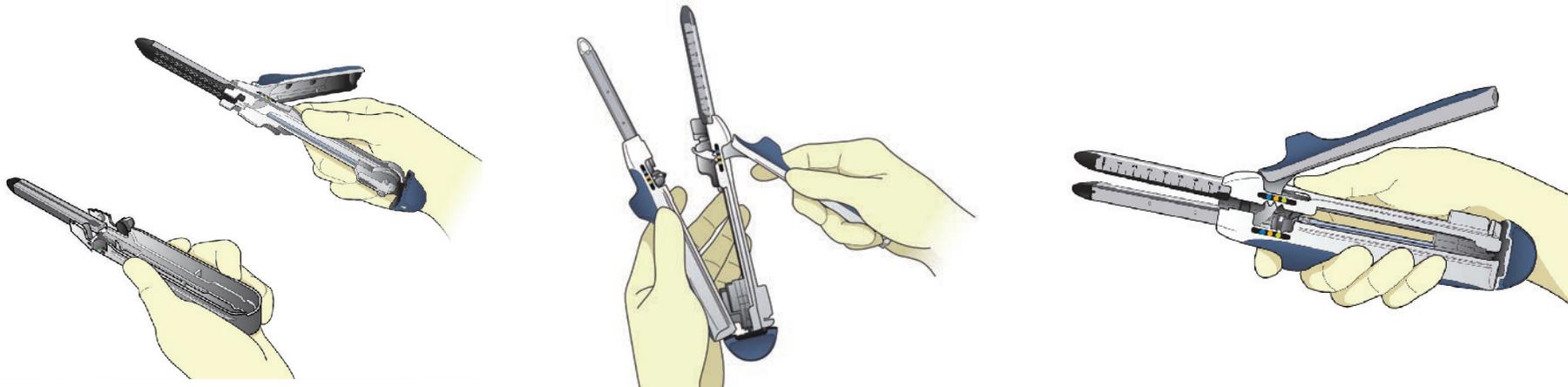
5. Prior to placing instrument across the tissue, select the desired closed staple height. In order to select the desired staple height, push the staple height selector so that it is aligned with desired color indicator, Blue 1.5mm, Gold 1.8mm or Green 2.0mm. If tissue cannot be comfortably compressed to the closed staple height, or easily compresses to less than the closed staple height, either the setting or the tissue is contraindicated for the selected staple size or setting.

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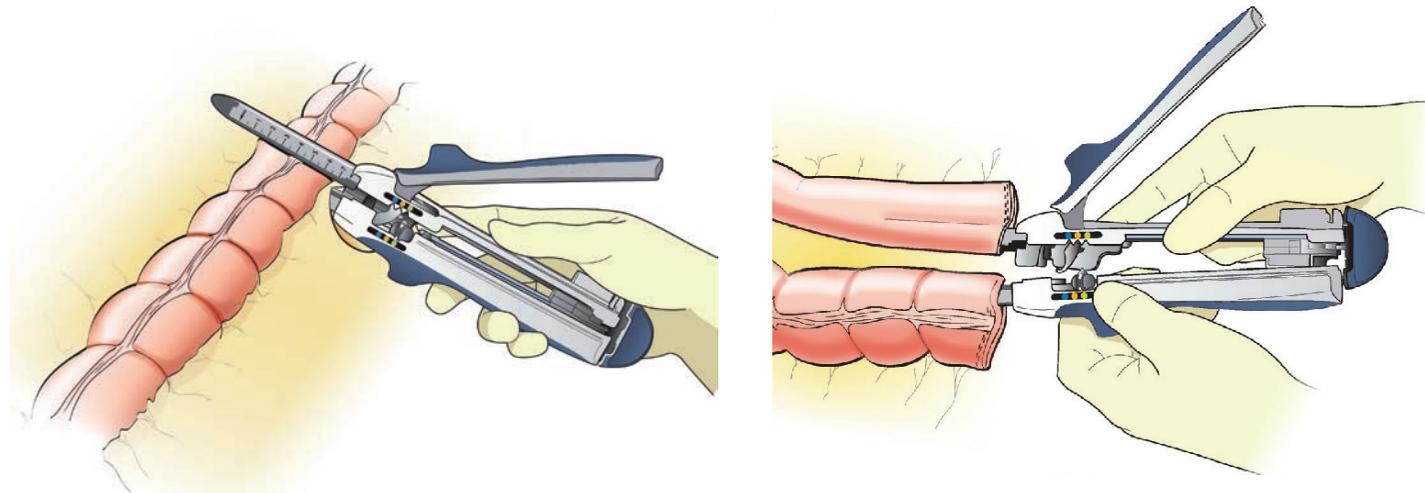
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6. With the alignment/locking lever in the completely opened position, join the instrument halves together by aligning from either the front, center, or back of the instrument.
7. To adjust tissue on the forks before firing, move the alignment/locking lever to the intermediate position. This allows maneuvering of the tissue while the instrument halves are joined.



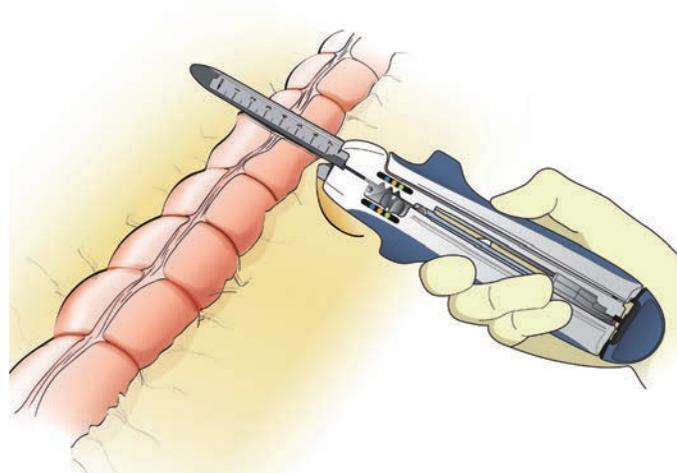
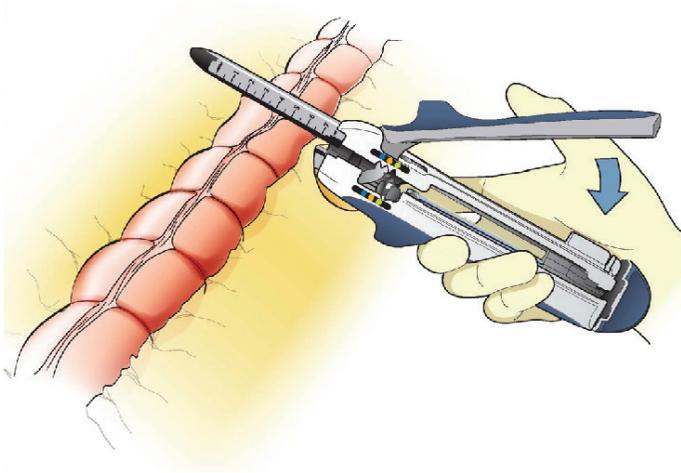
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8. Place the instrument across the tissue for transection or into the lumen to form an anastomosis.



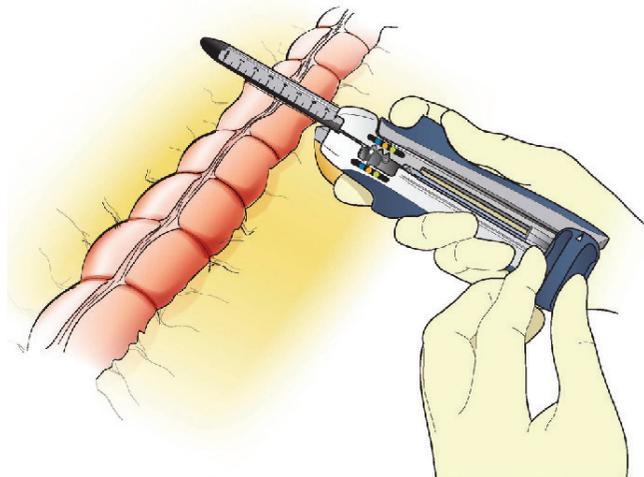
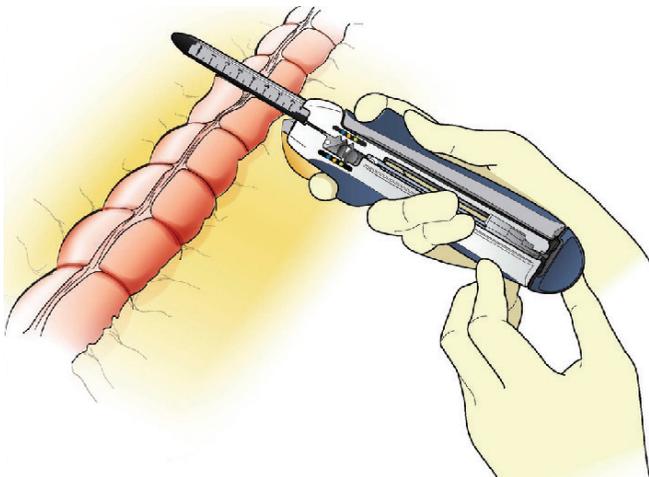
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9. Close the alignment/locking lever completely when the tissue is properly in place.



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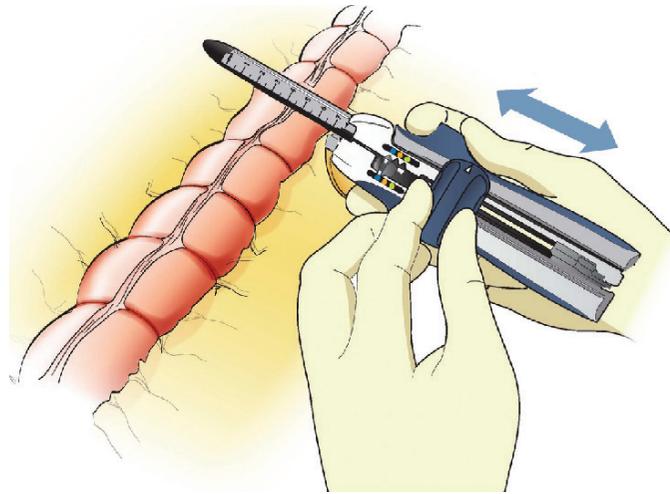
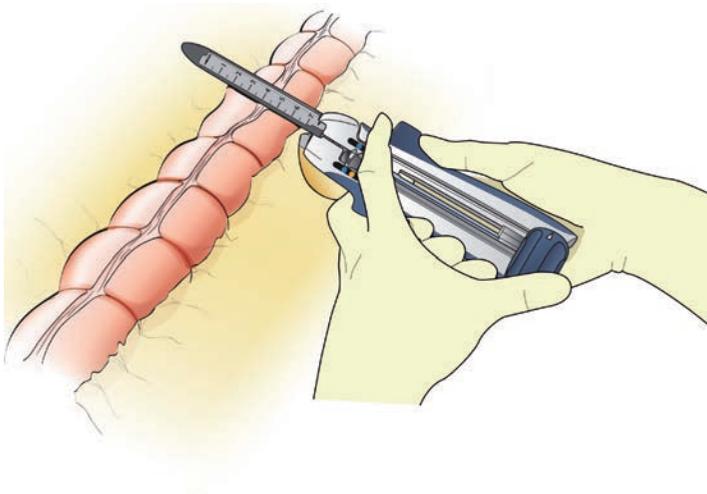
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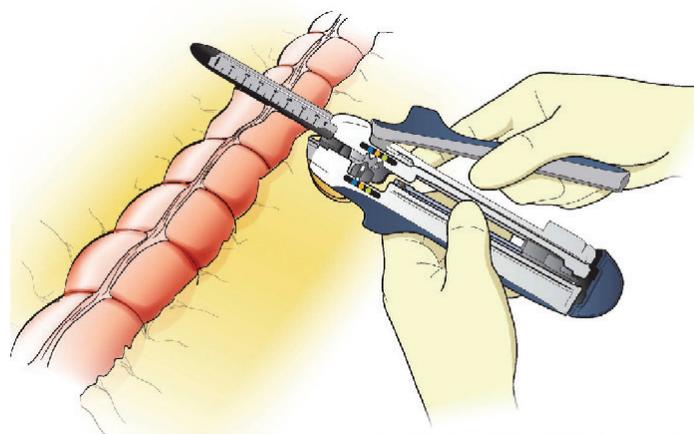
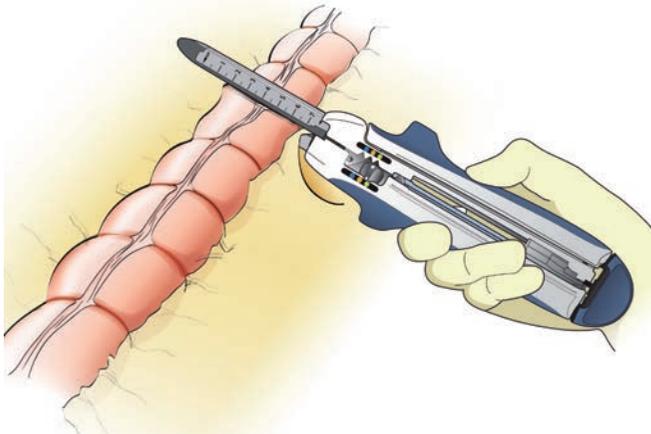
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Steps 12 & 13

12. Completely return the firing knob to the original pre-firing, "RETURN KNOB HERE" position.
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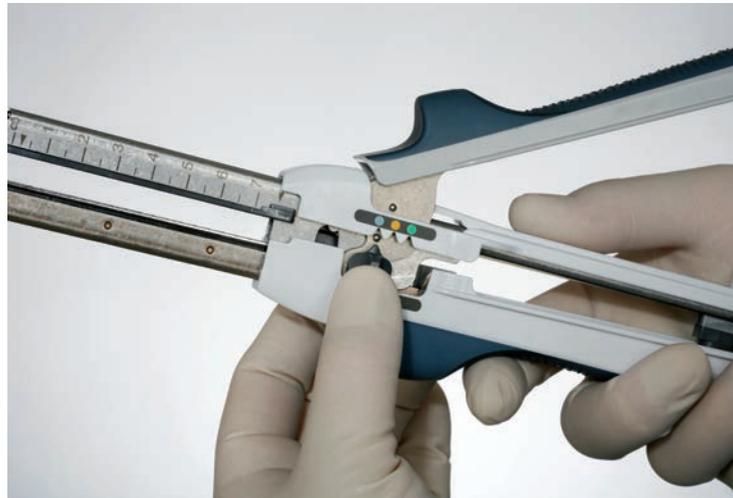
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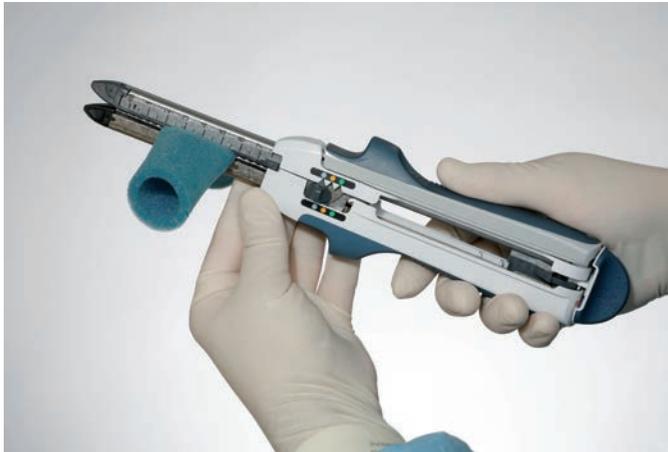
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