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### **PREFACE**

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Until now, widespread acceptance of minimally invasive techniques has evaded spine surgery. One reason for this is the inherent difficulties new technologies (endoscopes, optical trocars, CO<sub>2</sub>) typically introduce while attempting to achieve the same surgical objectives as conventional surgery. This becomes a major obstacle for surgeons when trying to adopt these techniques.

The MaXcess System provides maximum surgical access while minimizing the soft tissue disruption that often occurs during open surgery. The MaXcess System allows the surgical fundamentals of conventional surgical techniques while eliminating the unfamiliar surgical requirements of operating coaxially through tubular portals. Additionally, since there are no necessary adjunctive visualization tools (e.g. endoscope), The MaXcess System enables direct visualization of the patient's anatomy through conventional methods.

This guide describes the XLIF 90° technique that utilizes a direct lateral, retroperitoneal approach to access the intervertebral disc without muscular disruption or trauma to nearby structures.

As we strive to decrease patient morbidity, we should require that these new minimally invasive techniques do not undermine surgical fundamentals that have served us well.

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### **INSTRUMENT SYSTEM**

### XLIF 90° INSTRUMENT SYSTEM













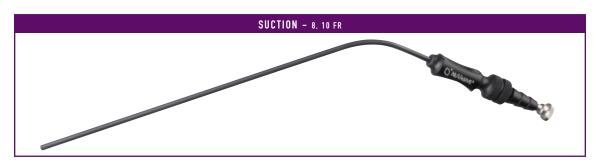












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