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A novel **two-portal endoscopic** approach to the spine

# The Marriage of dualPortal Spinal Endoscopy and dualX TLIF: Amplify dualLIF

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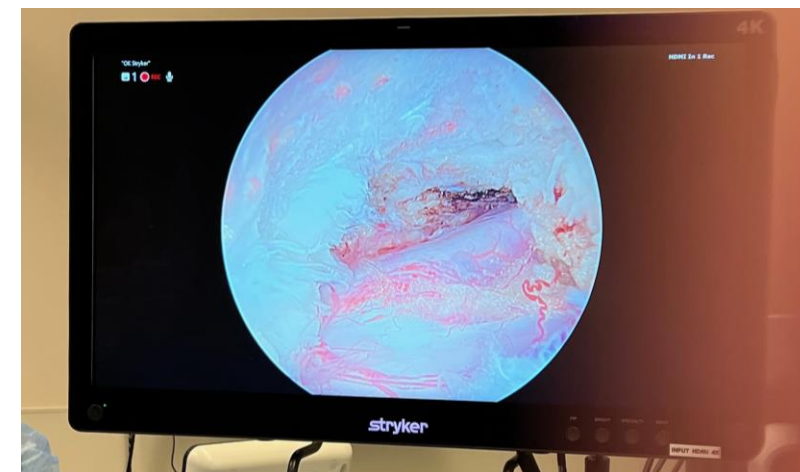
Transforming the Ordinary

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- Consultant: Stryker, GS Medical, Globus
- Royalties: Seaspine, Alphatec
- Strategic Board Member: Amplify Surgical

# dualPortal Spinal Endoscopy

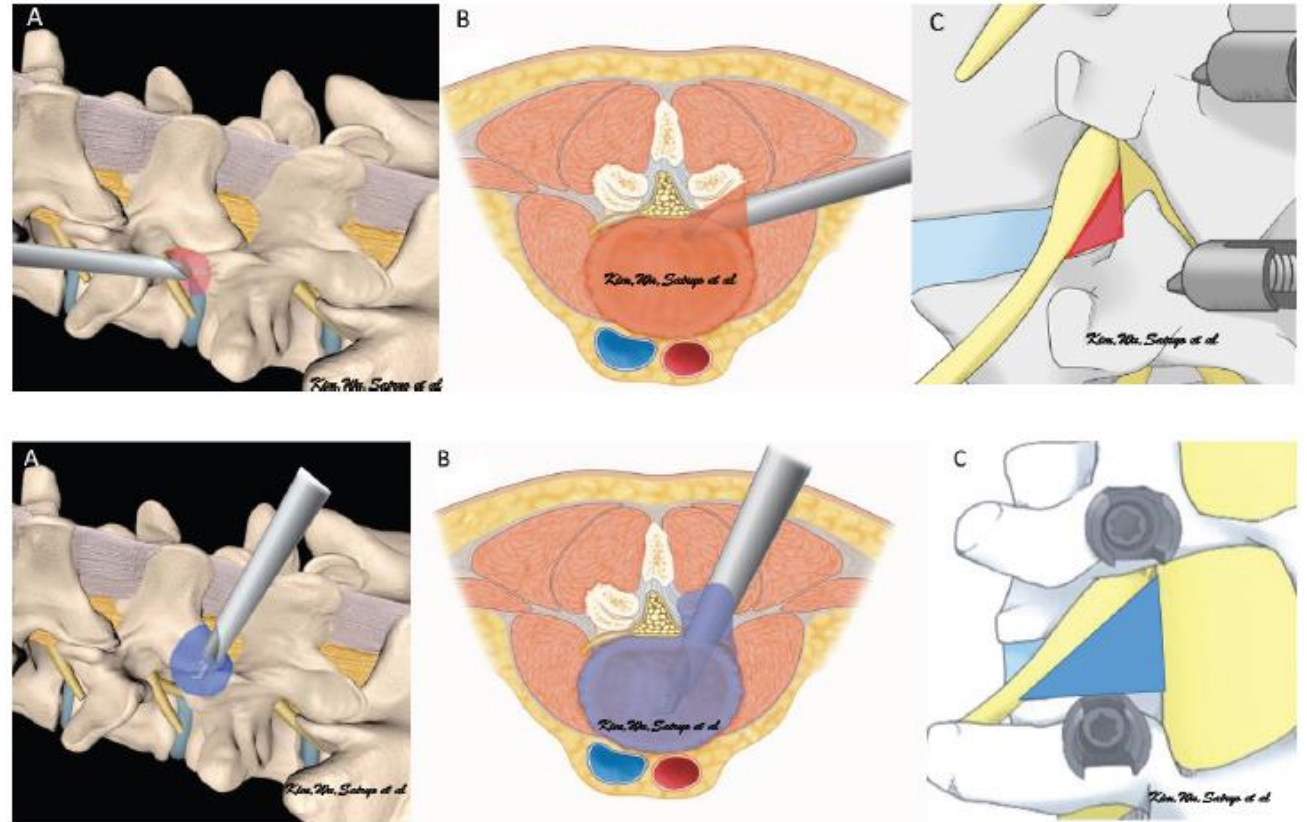
- dualPortal: endoscopic viewing portal + working portal
  - Same surgery with same instruments
  - Different tool to visualize
  - Water based endoscopy: enhanced visualization





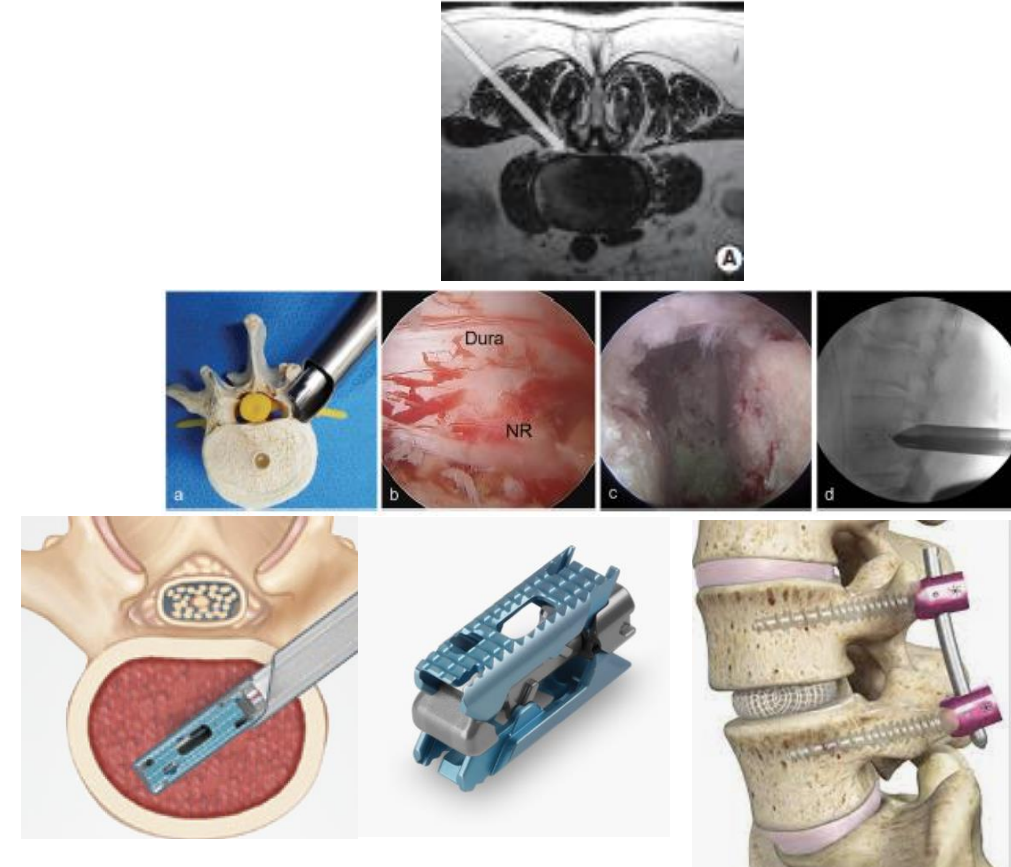
# Endoscopic Fusion: True Advances in Spine Surgery

- 2 uniportal techniques:
  - Uniportal facet preserving trans-Kambin endoscopic fusion
  - Uniportal facet sacrificing posterolateral TLIF
- Advanced endoscopic technique



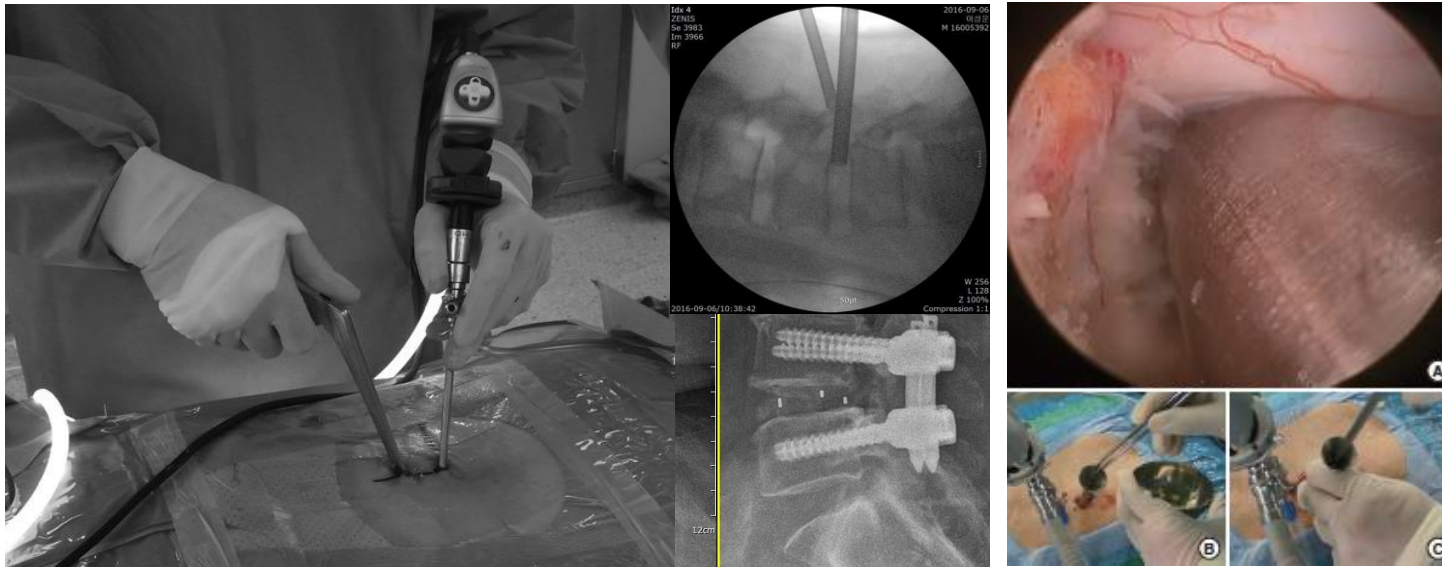
# Challenges of EndoTLIF

- Uniportal limitations
  - Trans-Kambin: Quad palsy, exiting nerve root injury, radiculitis, fusion?...
  - Trans-facet: Requires large stenosis scope
- Limitations in cage options for endoscopic TLIF
  - Narrow cage to fit through the trans-Kambin approach
  - Endplate resorption
- Biggest limitation: unfamiliar territory
  - Steep learning curve



# dualPortal™ Endoscopic TLIF

- Developed and advanced in South Korea
- Large PEEK cages placed posterolaterally after laminotomy, facetectomy
  - More familiar anatomy, similar to MIS TLIF



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**Fully endoscopic lumbar interbody fusion using a percutaneous unilateral biportal endoscopic technique: technical note and preliminary clinical results**

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## Technique of Biportal Endoscopic Transforaminal Lumbar Interbody Fusion

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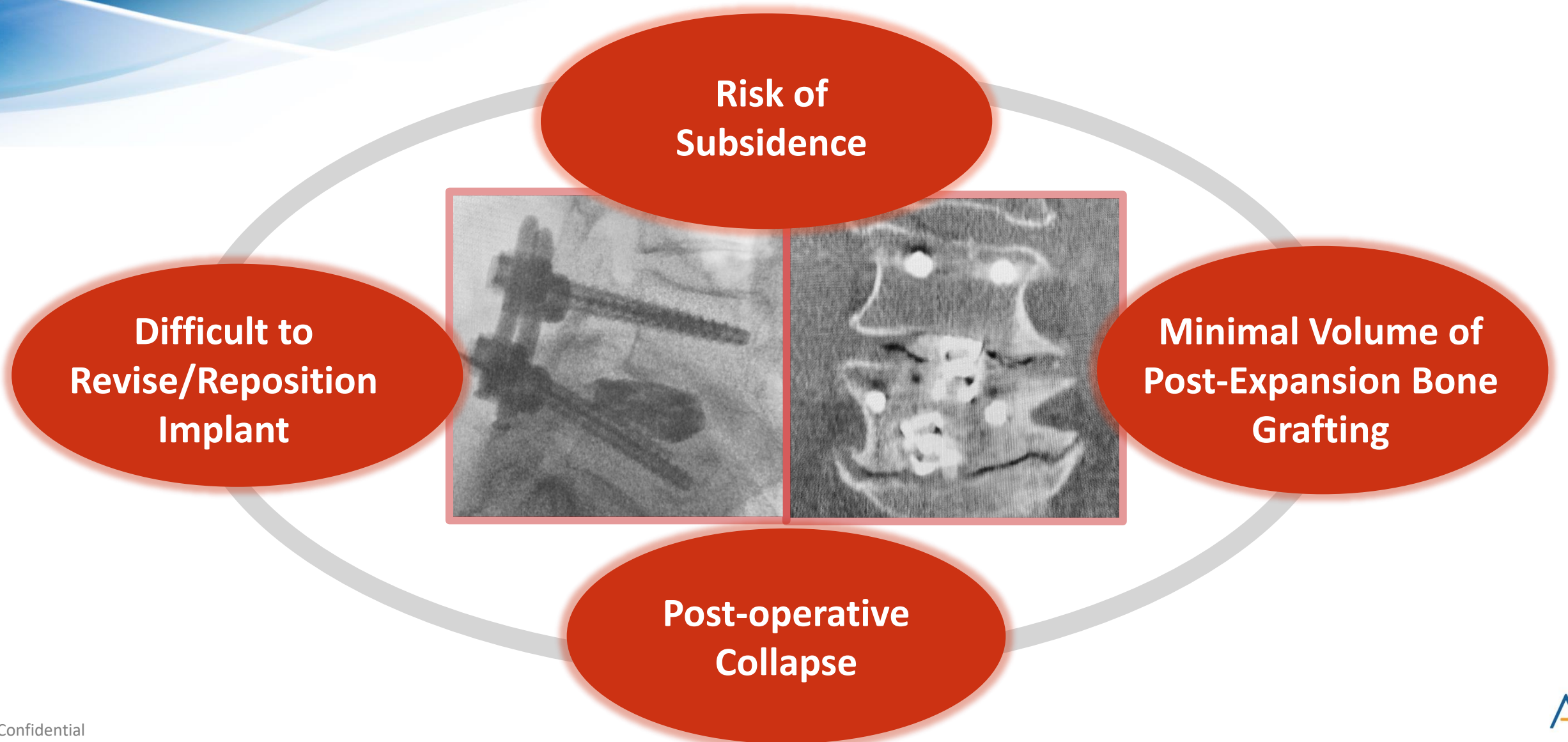
# Advantages of Expandable Cages in TLIF

- Ease of insertion
  - Insert in collapsed state, expand to larger final state
  - Reduce backing out into foramen
- Improve disc height restoration
- Improve sagittal alignment





# Challenges of Expandable Interbody Devices



# High Subsidence / Collapse Risk with Uni-directional Expandable Cages

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**dualX Broad Footprint Mitigates the Risk of Subsidence**

## Long-term radiographic outcomes of expandable versus static cages in transforaminal lumbar interbody fusion

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### Abstract

**Objective:** Potential advantages of using expandable versus static cages during transforaminal lumbar interbody fusion (TLIF) are not fully established. The authors aimed to compare the long-term radiographic outcomes of expandable versus static TLIF cages.

**Methods:** A retrospective review of 1- and 2-level TLIFs over a 10-year period with expandable and static cages was performed at the University of California, San Francisco. Patients with posterior column osteotomy (PCO) were subdivided. Fusion assessment, cage subsidence, anterior and posterior disc height, foraminal dimensions, pelvic incidence (PI), segmental lordosis (SL), lumbar lordosis (LL), pelvic incidence-lumbar lordosis mismatch (PI-LL), pelvic tilt (PT), sacral slope (SS), and sagittal vertical axis (SVA) were assessed.

**Results:** A consecutive series of 178 patients (with a total of 210 levels) who underwent TLIF using either static (148 levels) or expandable cages (62 levels) was reviewed. The mean patient age was  $60.3 \pm 11.5$  years and  $62.8 \pm 14.1$  years for the static and expandable cage groups, respectively. The mean follow-up was  $42.9 \pm 29.4$  months for the static cage group and  $27.6 \pm 14.1$  months for the expandable cage group. Within the 1-level TLIF group, the SL and PI-LL improved with statistical significance regardless of whether PCO was performed; however, the static group with PCOs also had statistically significant improvement in LL and SVA. The expandable cage with PCO subgroup had significant improvement in SL only. All of the foraminal parameters improved with statistical significance, regardless of the type of cages used; however, the expandable cage group had greater improvement in disc height restoration. The incidence of cage subsidence was higher in the expandable group (19.7% vs 5.4%,  $p = 0.0017$ ). Within the expandable group, the unilateral facetectomy-only subgroup had a 5.6 times higher subsidence rate than the PCO subgroup (26.8% vs 4.8%,  $p = 0.04$ ). Four expandable cages collapsed over time.

**Conclusions:** Expandable TLIF cages may initially restore disc height better than static cages, but they also have higher rates of subsidence. Unilateral facetectomy alone may result in more subsidence with expandable cages than using bilateral PCO, potentially because of insufficient facet release. Although expandable cages may have more power to induce lordosis and restore disc height than static cages, subsidence and endplate violation may negate any significant gains compared to static cages.

# dualX TLIF cage: A Revolution in Expandable Interbody Devices

**Minimize Subsidence –**  
Wide Horizontal Expansion  
Largest Footprint

**trueLordosis™**  
8°, 12°, 15°, 18°\*

**Long Term Durability,  
Stability**  
– Two Independent Locking  
Mechanisms

**Highest  
Post-Expansion Graft  
Volume Delivery**

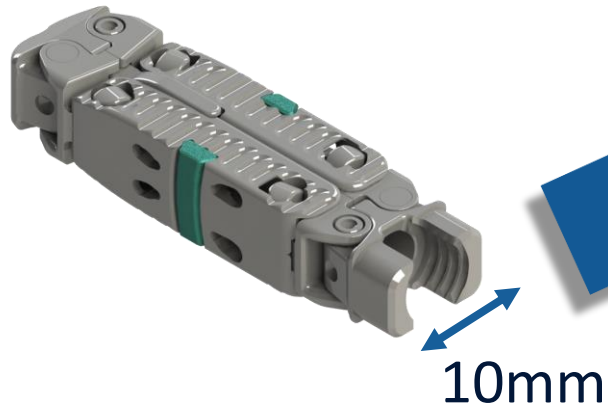




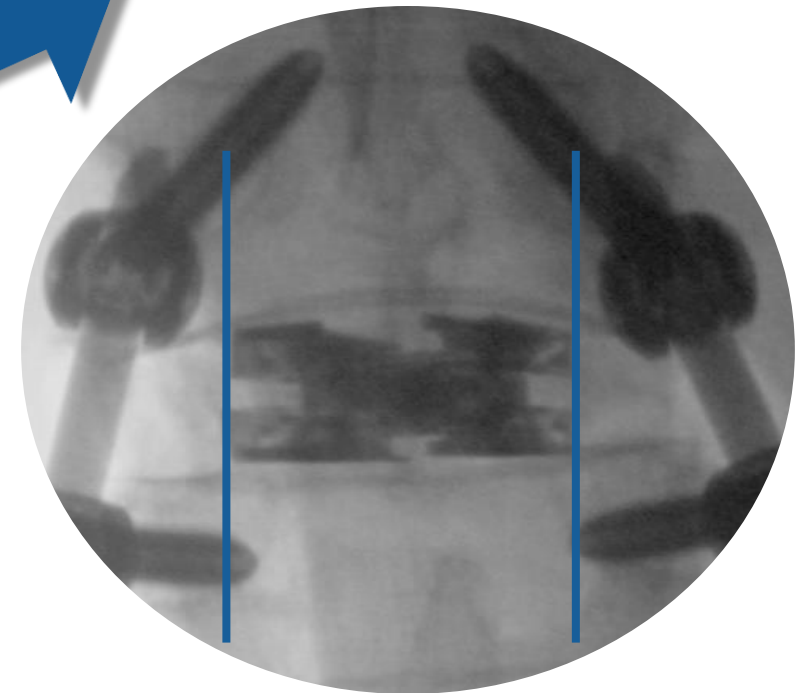
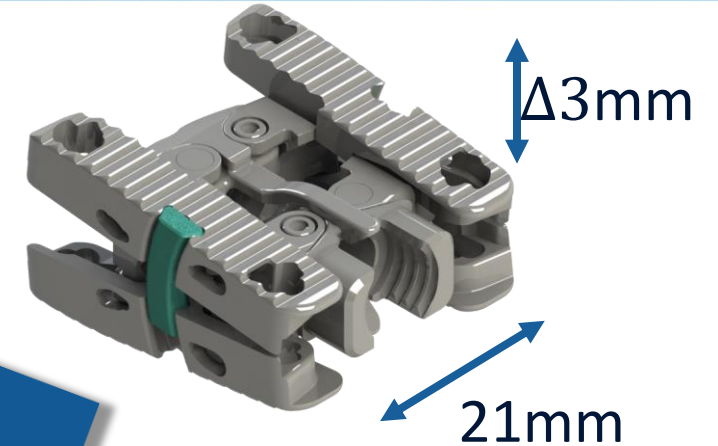
# dualX – The Largest Footprint Expandable Cage

## Safe and Secure

- Minimize subsidence due to wide footprint
- Only implant that provides wide horizontal expansion followed by powerful vertical expansion
- Allows for completely endoscopic placement

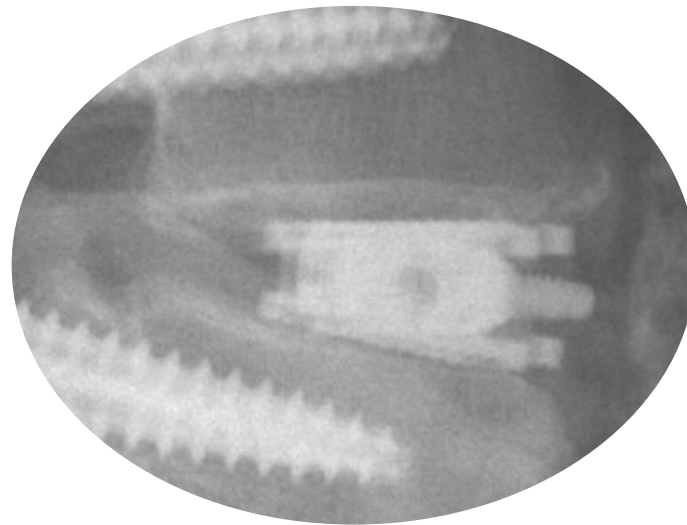
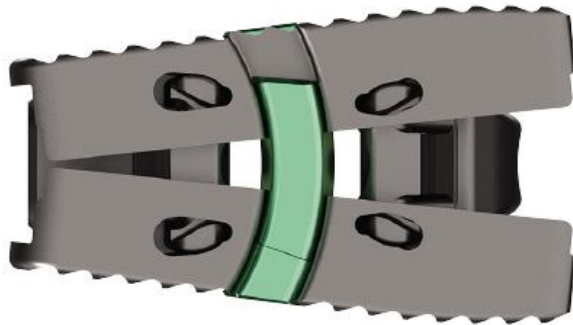


110% Increase in Width



# trueLordosis™

- The Implant will always provide the prescribed Lordosis
- Available in 8°, 12°, 15°, 18°\*



# dualX – Long Term Durability and Inherent Stability

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Ensures Durability and Stability with Two Independent Locking Mechanisms

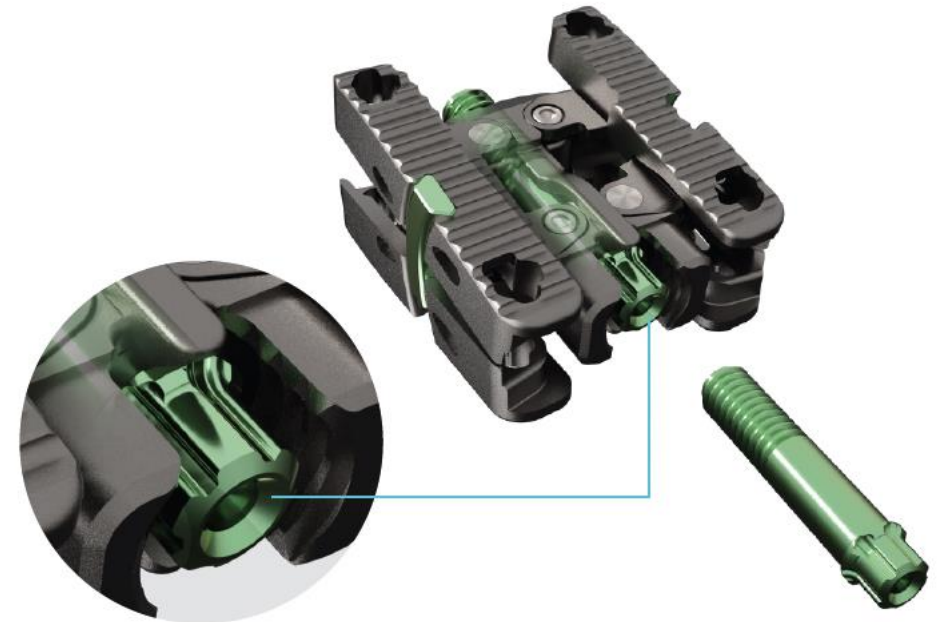
## dual|Locking

Expansion Locking Mechanism



Secondary Screw Lockout

- Innovative dual locking design
  - Maintains the integrity of the implant until the patient is fused
- Final locking screw
  - Ensures implant stays expanded in width and height
- The only one of two “non-screw based” Expansion Mechanism





# Post-expansion, Surgeon Preferred Bone Grafting

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## Maximize Bone Graft Delivery
































- Integrated Post Packing Through Delivery Handle
- Large Internal Atrium Retains Extensive Bone Graft Volume
- Unique “Open Structure” Enables Bone Graft to Flow Beyond Cage and Fill Entire Disc Space



# dualX 2.0 – dualXSlim

dualX®Slim

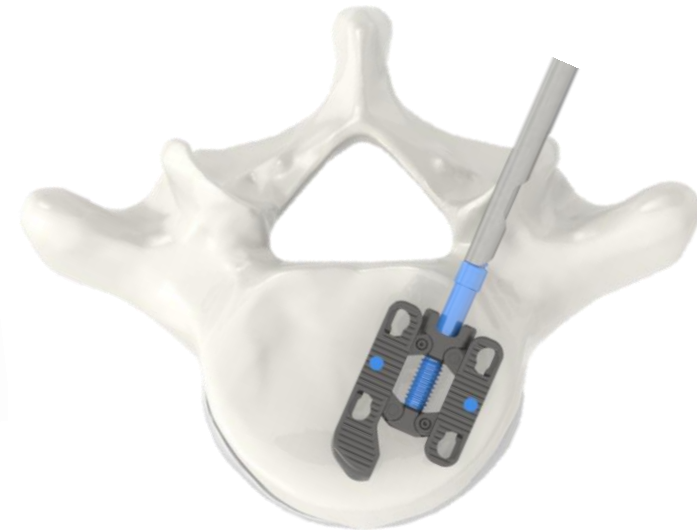
# Market Leading, Differentiated Benefits

		Accelus	Globus	Medtronic	Nuvasive
Bi-Directional Expansion					
Large Footprint					
Largest Footprint Size (WxL) (vs. height expanding devices)	21x30mm (TLIF)	14x29	12x30	10x32	11x36
Significant Volume for Internal Bone Graft Filling					
Dual Locking Safety					
Solution to Minimize Psoas Retraction (LLIFs)					
All Titanium Solution and Adaptable for 3D Printing					



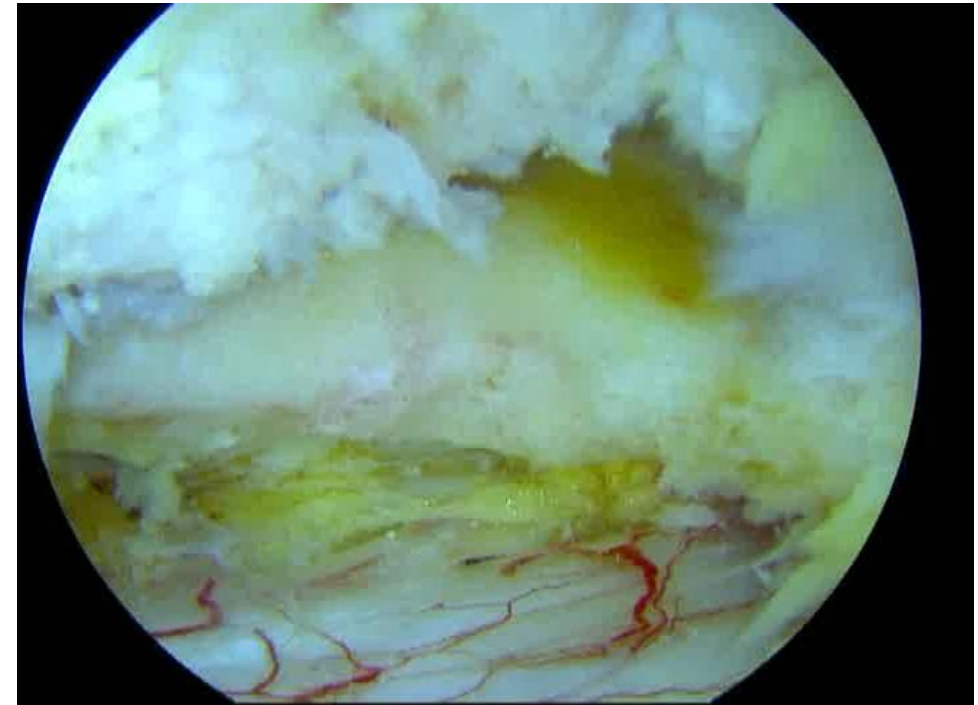
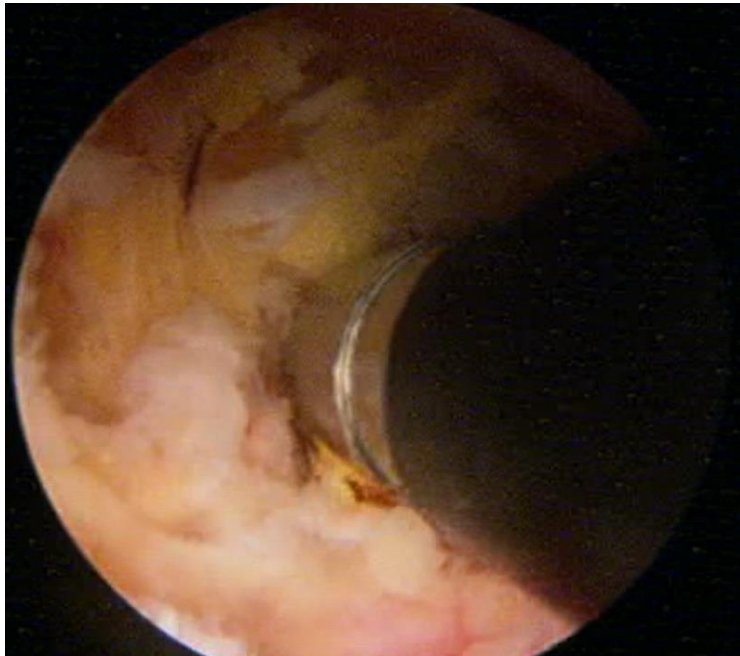
# Instrument Simplicity & Safety

- All steps performed safely through a single inserter
  - Insertion
  - Lateral expansion
  - Vertical expansion
  - Graft filling
  - Screw lock out



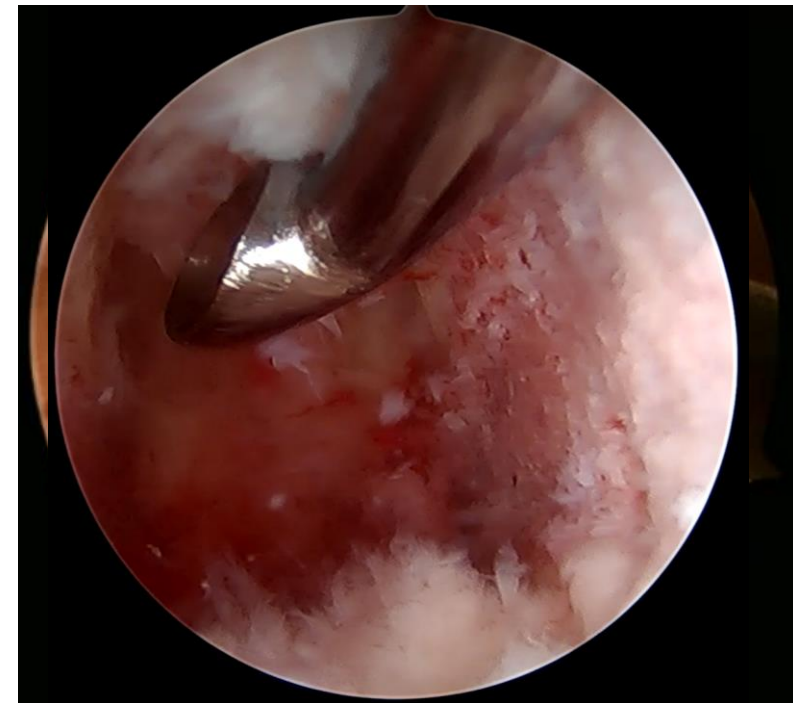
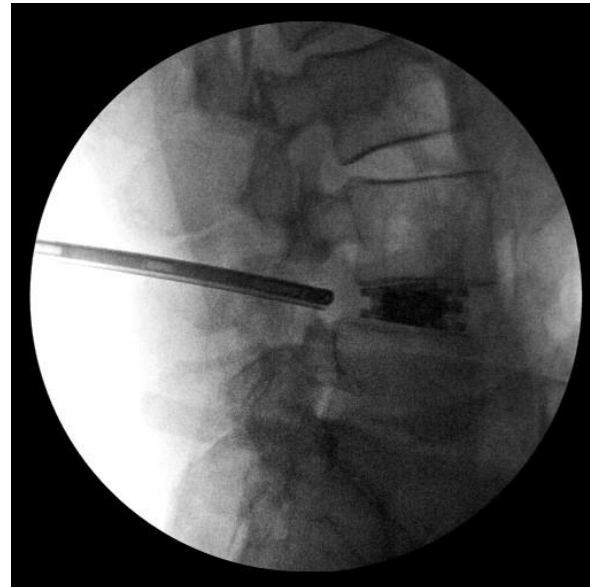
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- Facetectomy
- Exposure of Kambin's Triangle



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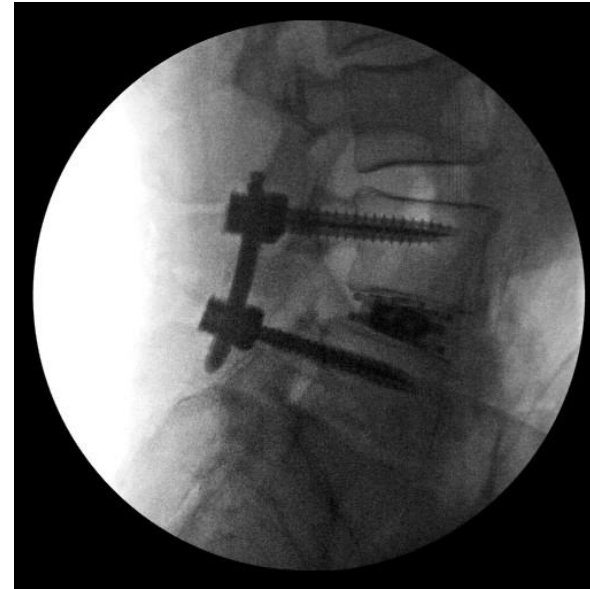
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- Disc Preparation
- Cage placement

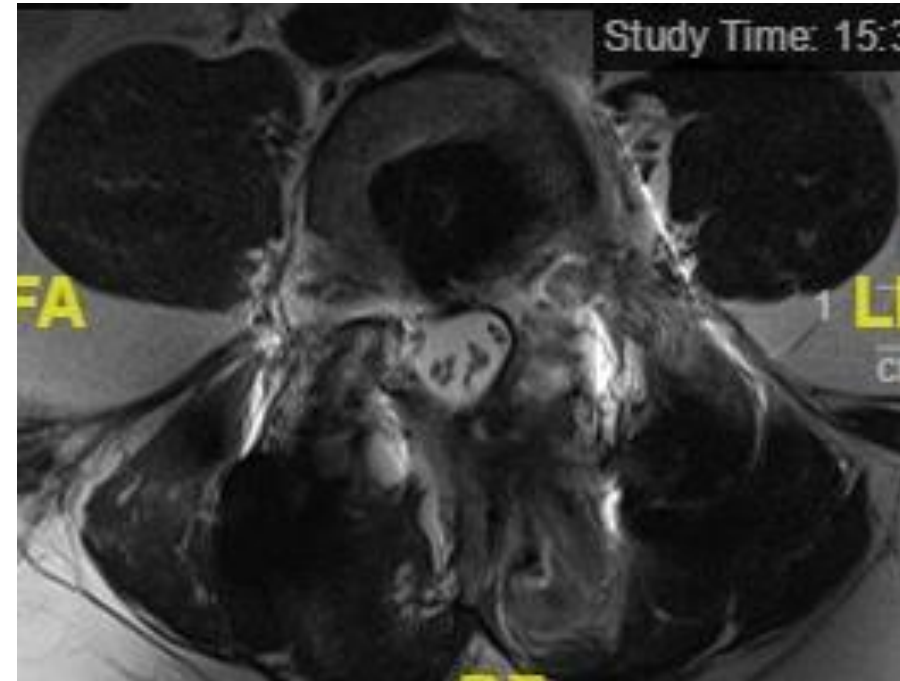




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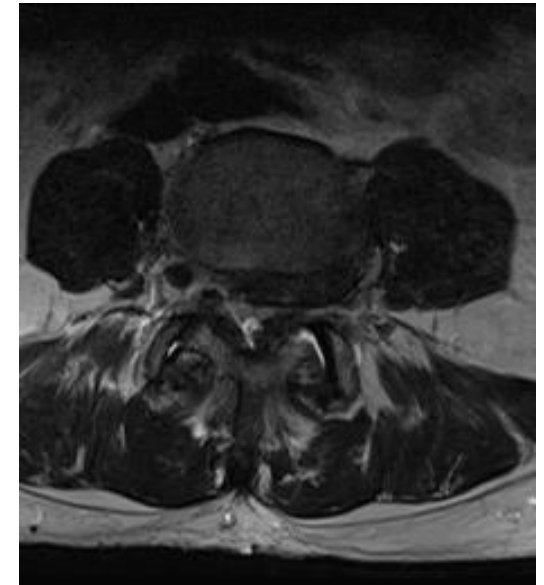
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- Pedicle screw placement





# Case Presentation

- 76-year-old male with LBP, BLE pain
- Pain radiates to the bilateral thighs posteriorly
- Numbness in the feet with walking more than 10 minutes
- Failed pain medications, physical therapy, ESIs







- Initial dimensions: 8 mm height, 10 mm width, 40 mm length
- Final dimensions: 11 mm height, 20 mm width, 23 mm length  
15 degrees of lordosis





- Triple threat: Titanium cage that expands in width, height with greater lordosis
- Significant advancement in expandable cage technology

# The Use of Dual Direction Expandable Titanium Cage With Biportal Endoscopic Transforaminal Lumbar Interbody Fusion: A Technical Consideration With Preliminary Results

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- Early experience, 6 months Follow-up

Characteristic	Value
Age (yr)	68.5 ± 8.0
Sex, male:female	4:6
Operation segment	
L4-5	8
L5-S1	2
Diagnosis	
Degenerative spondylolisthesis with central stenosis	9
Isthmus spondylolisthesis	1
Mean operation time (min)	151.4 ± 30.6
Mean estimated blood loss (mL)	156.6 ± 74.2
Complication, epidural hematoma	1

Values are presented as mean ± standard deviation or number.

Variable	Preoperative	Postoperative		
		6 Weeks	3 Months	6 Months
VAS back*	6.9 ± 1.19	2.1 ± 1.85	1.3 ± 1.57	1.25 ± 0.63
VAS leg*	8.3 ± 1.16	0.55 ± 1.57	1.6 ± 1.65	1.0 ± 0.94
ODI*	55.2 ± 9.1	32.3 ± 17.3	29.1 ± 15.5	26.6 ± 7.5

Values are presented as mean ± standard deviation.

VAS, visual analogue scale; ODI, Oswestry Disability Index.

\*p < 0.05.

Variable	Preoperative	Postoperative	
		Immediate	6 Months
Disc height of operative segment (mm)*	5.7 ± 2.7	13.2 ± 1.1	12.6 ± 1.1
Lordotic angle of operative segment (°)*	17.6 ± 7.7	21.1 ± 6.2	20.3 ± 6.0
Lumbar lordotic angle (°)*	34.3 ± 6.2	41.1 ± 2.6	42.9 ± 4.7

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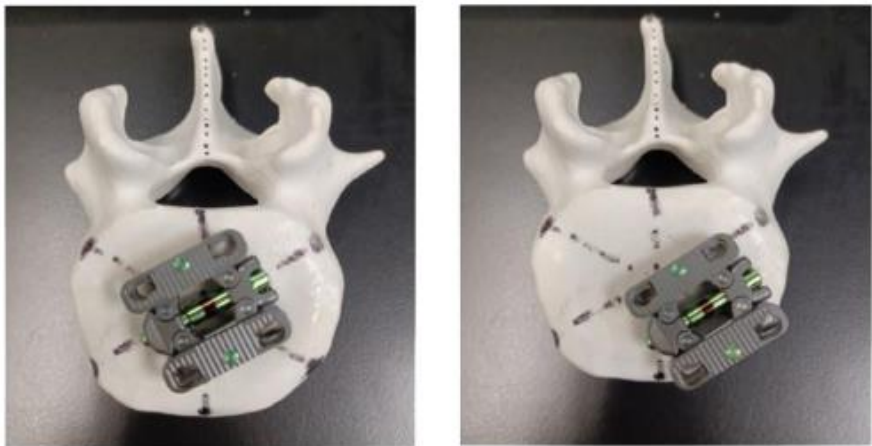
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Influence of Placement of Lumbar Interbody Cage on Subsidence Risk: Biomechanical Study

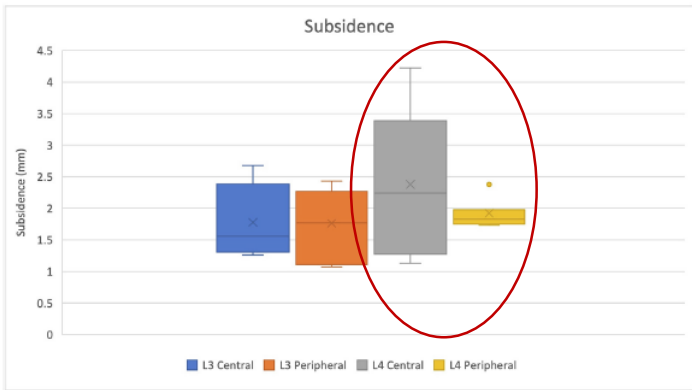
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- Biomechanical study
- Anterior apophyseal cage placement vs central placement
  - Higher stiffness of vertebra-cage assembly ( $K_s$ , 962.89 N/mm)
  - Higher subsidence stiffness ( $K_b$ , 987.21 N/mm)



	Central		Peripheral		P Values; P < 0.05 Significant
	Mean	Standard Deviation	Mean	Standard Deviation	
$K_b$ (N/mm)	863.37 + 105.57	±105.57	987.21	±67.07	0.03
$K_s$ (N/mm)	844.55	±101.15	962.89	±63.94	0.03





Minimally invasive transforaminal lumbar interbody fusion  
using the biportal endoscopic techniques versus  
microscopic tubular technique

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- MIS TLIF vs dualPortal TLIF, at least 1 year followup
- VAS scores and ODI scores significantly improved after surgery in both groups
  - Greater improvements in VAS Back and SF-36 at 1 month postop in dualPortal TLIF vs MIS TLIF
  - No significant difference in VAS, ODI, SF-36 between groups at 6 months and 1 year
- No significant difference in fusion rates, segmental height, lordosis
- No difference with post-operative complications

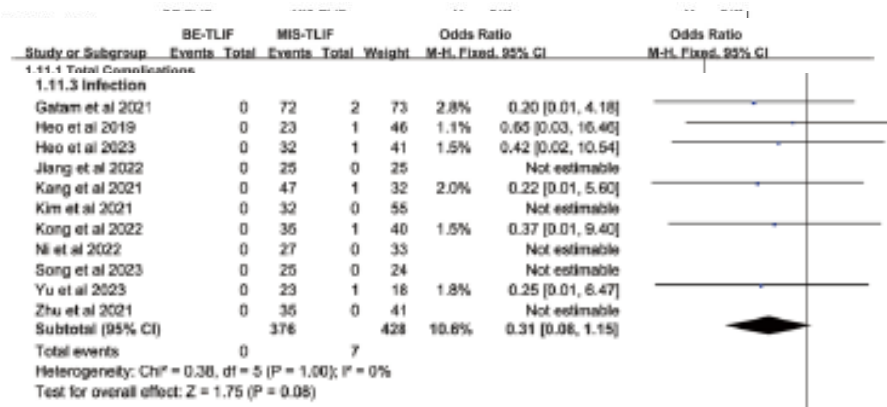
# Comparing the efficacy of unilateral biportal endoscopic transforaminal lumbar interbody fusion and minimally invasive transforaminal lumbar interbody fusion in lumbar degenerative diseases: a systematic review and meta-analysis

Haopeng Luan<sup>1†</sup>, Cong Peng<sup>1†</sup>, Kai Liu<sup>2</sup> and Xinghua Song<sup>1\*</sup>

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- 14 studies, 1007 patients
  - 472 biportal TLIF, 535 MIS TLIF
- Biportal TLIF with lower intraoperative blood loss, postop drainage
- MIS TLIF with less surgical time
- VAS Back, Leg, ODI favored biportal
- Total complications, infections favored biportal
- No difference in fusion rate, radiographic parameters

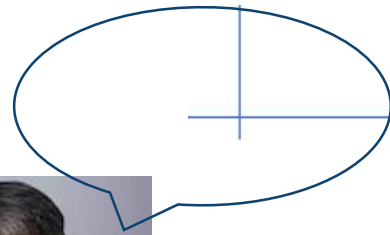


# dualLIF: dualPortal + dualX

- dualLIF is a complete endoscopic TLIF that does not compromise decompression or cage footprint.



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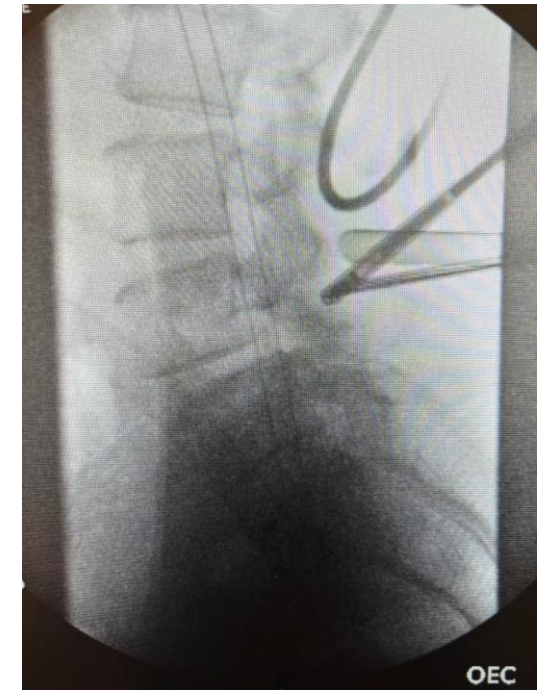


## What future Awaits..

Innovation Merged for  
Endoscopic Fusion

Expandable cages

Uni/Bi Endoscopy

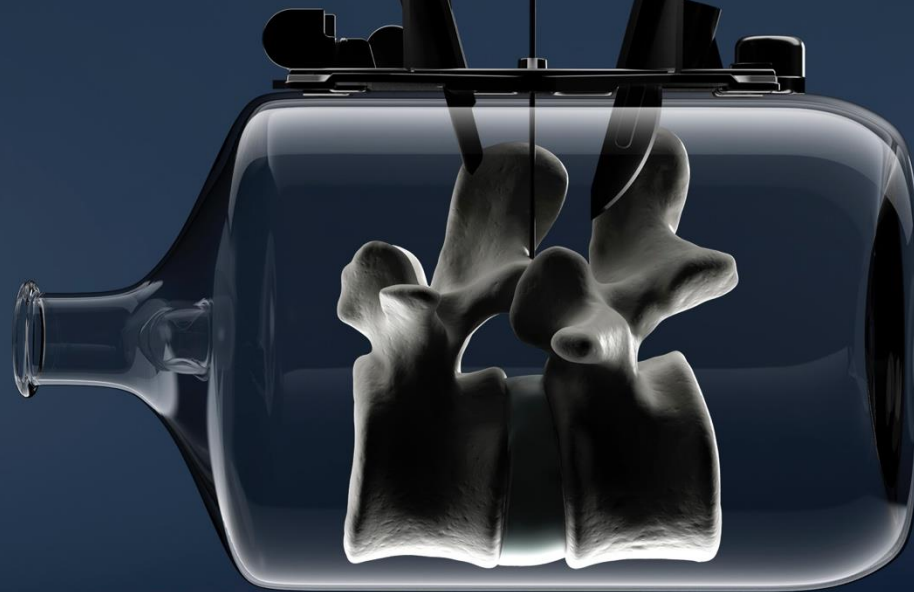




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ENDOSCOPIC SYSTEM

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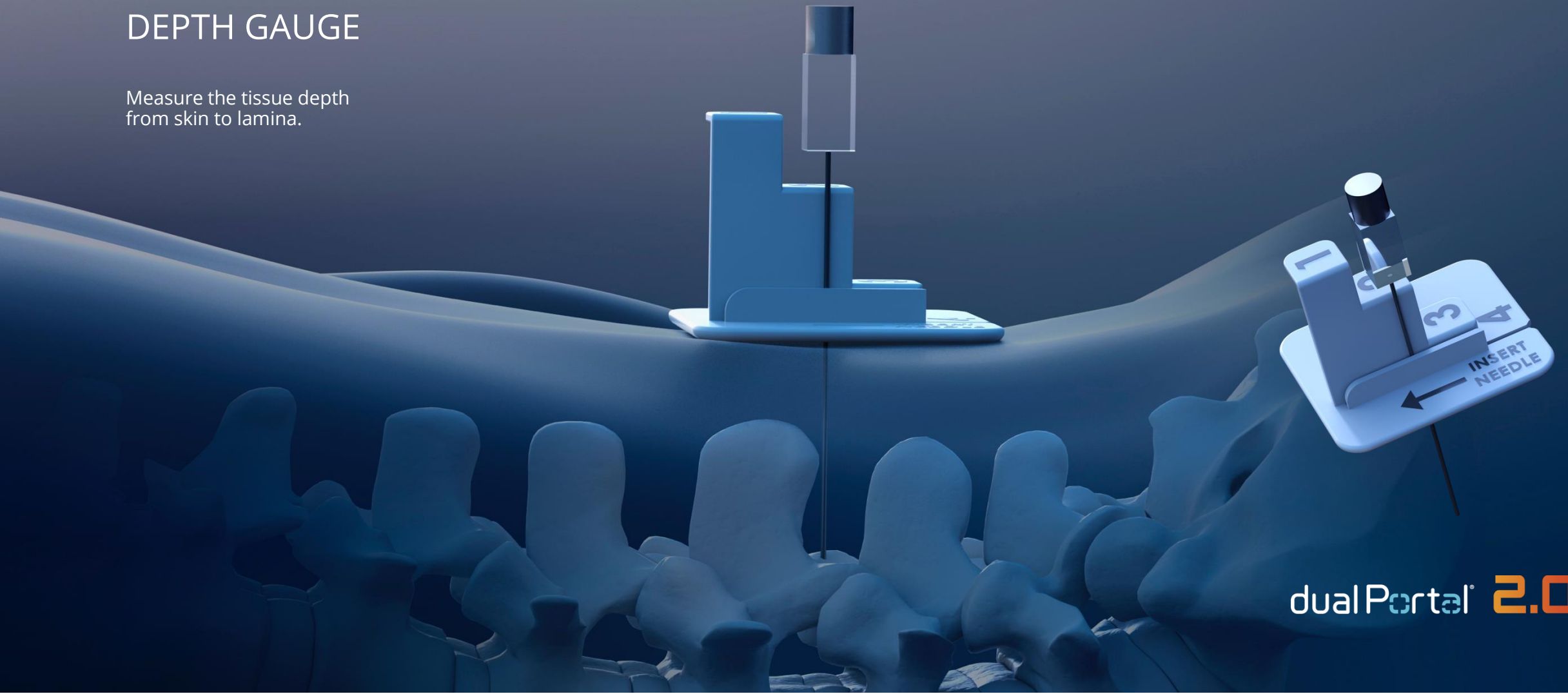
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## DEPTH GAUGE

Measure the tissue depth  
from skin to lamina.



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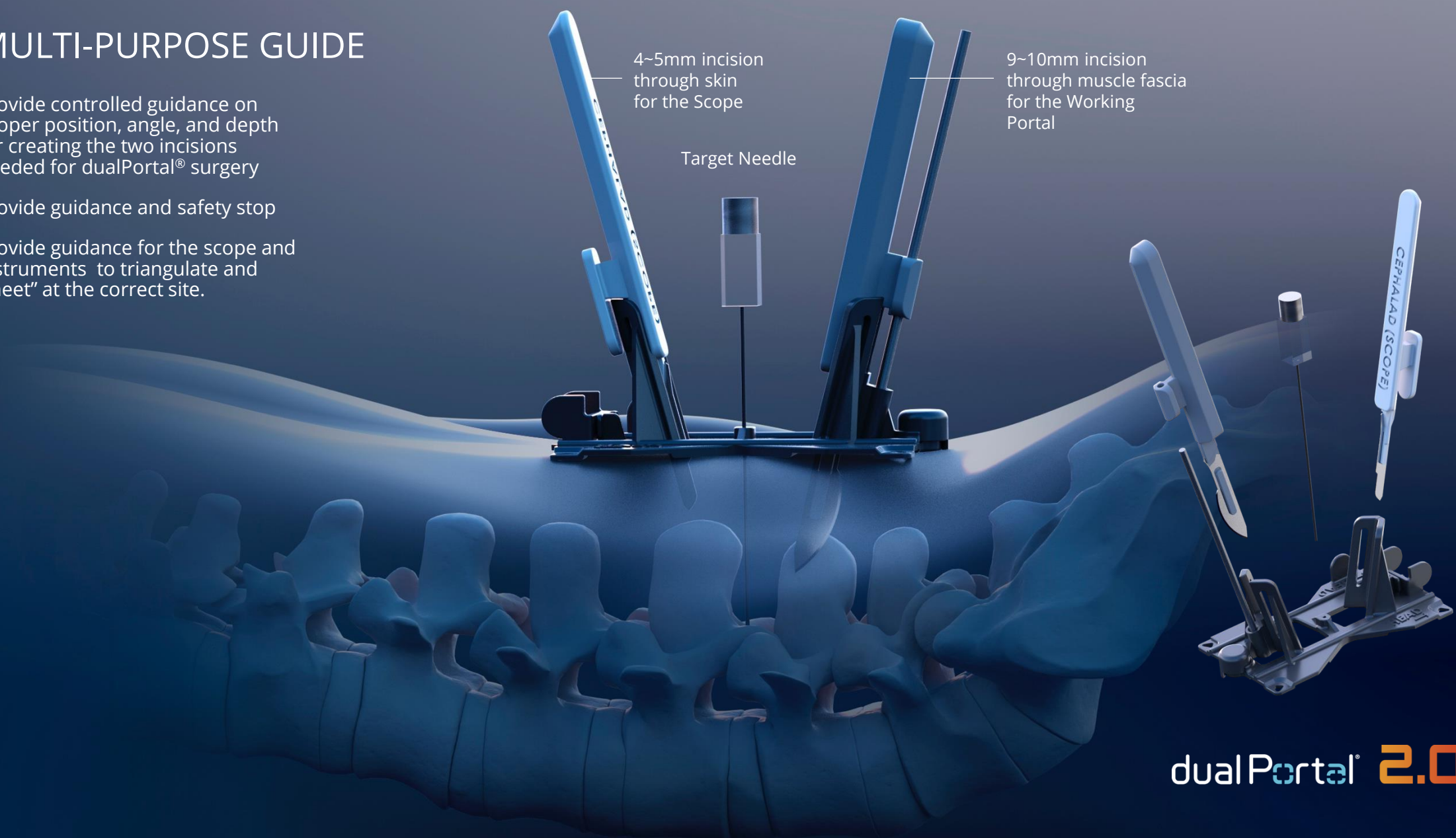
4~5mm incision  
through skin  
for the Scope

9~10mm incision  
through muscle fascia  
for the Working  
Portal

Target Needle

CEPHALAD (SCOPE)

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## ANGLE GUIDE

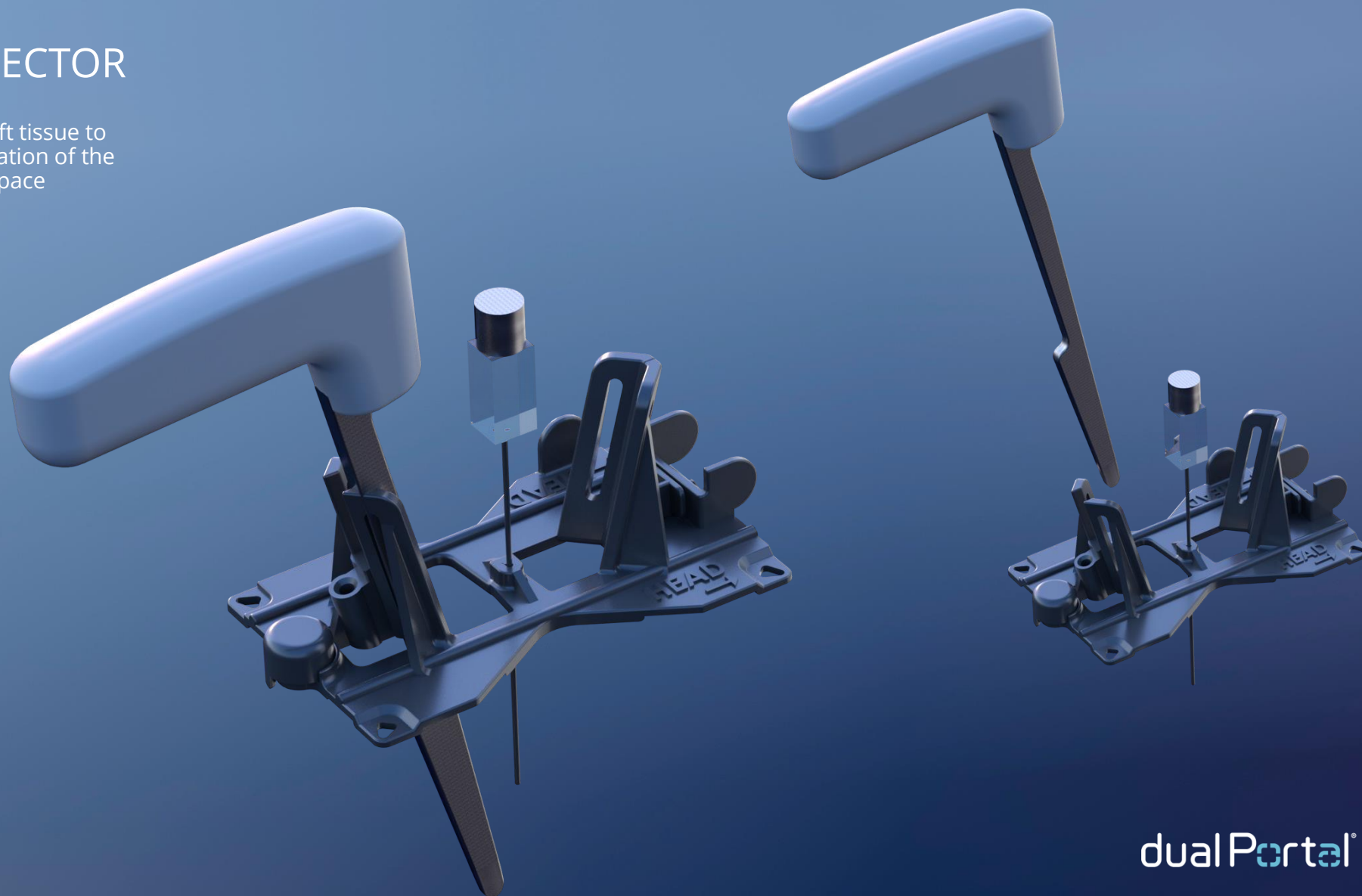
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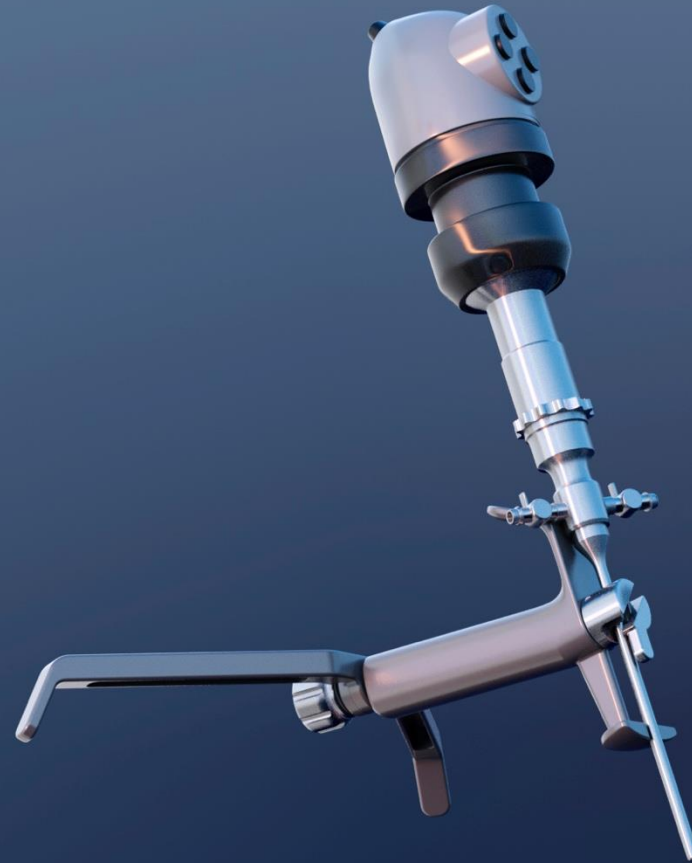
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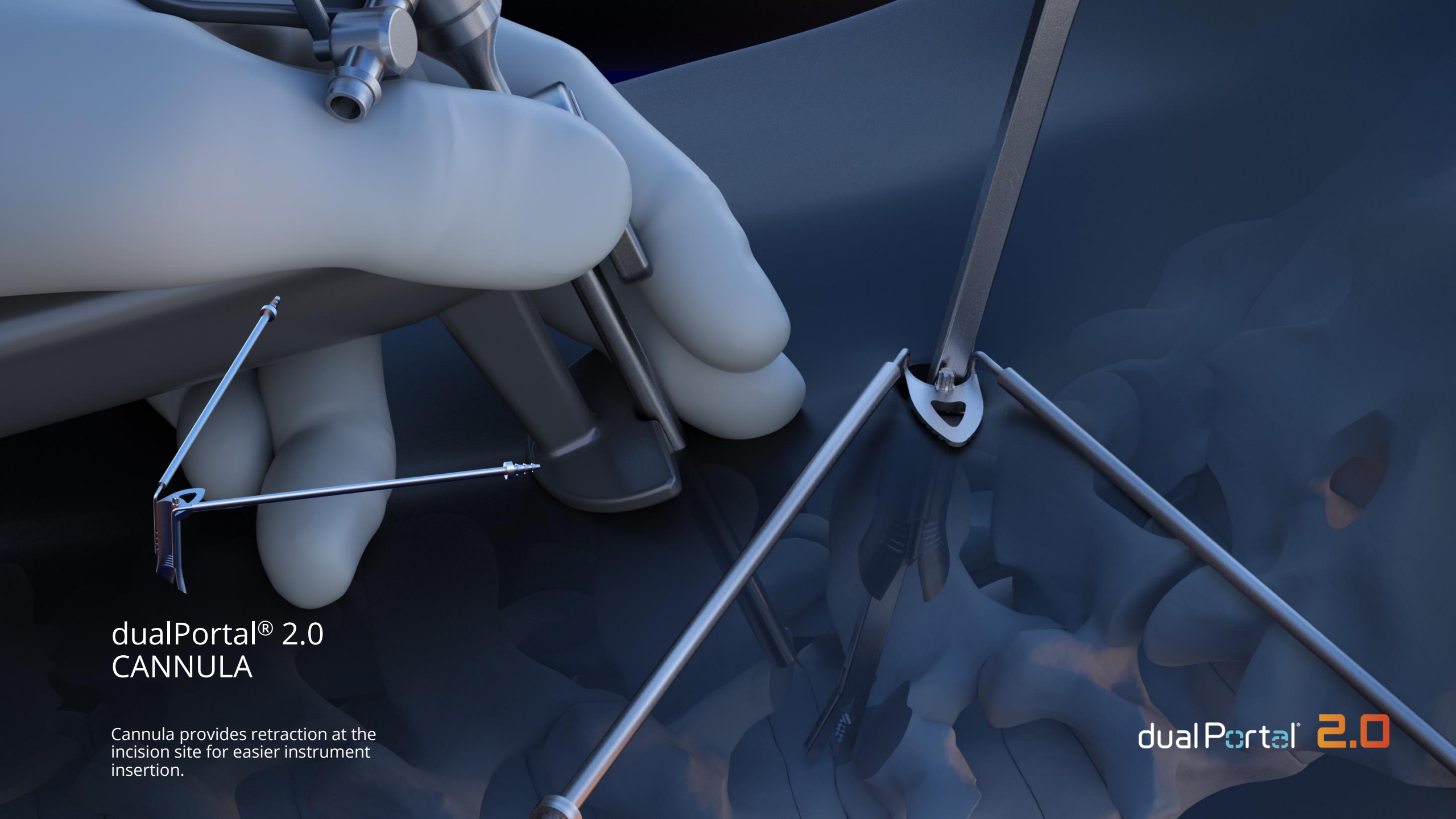


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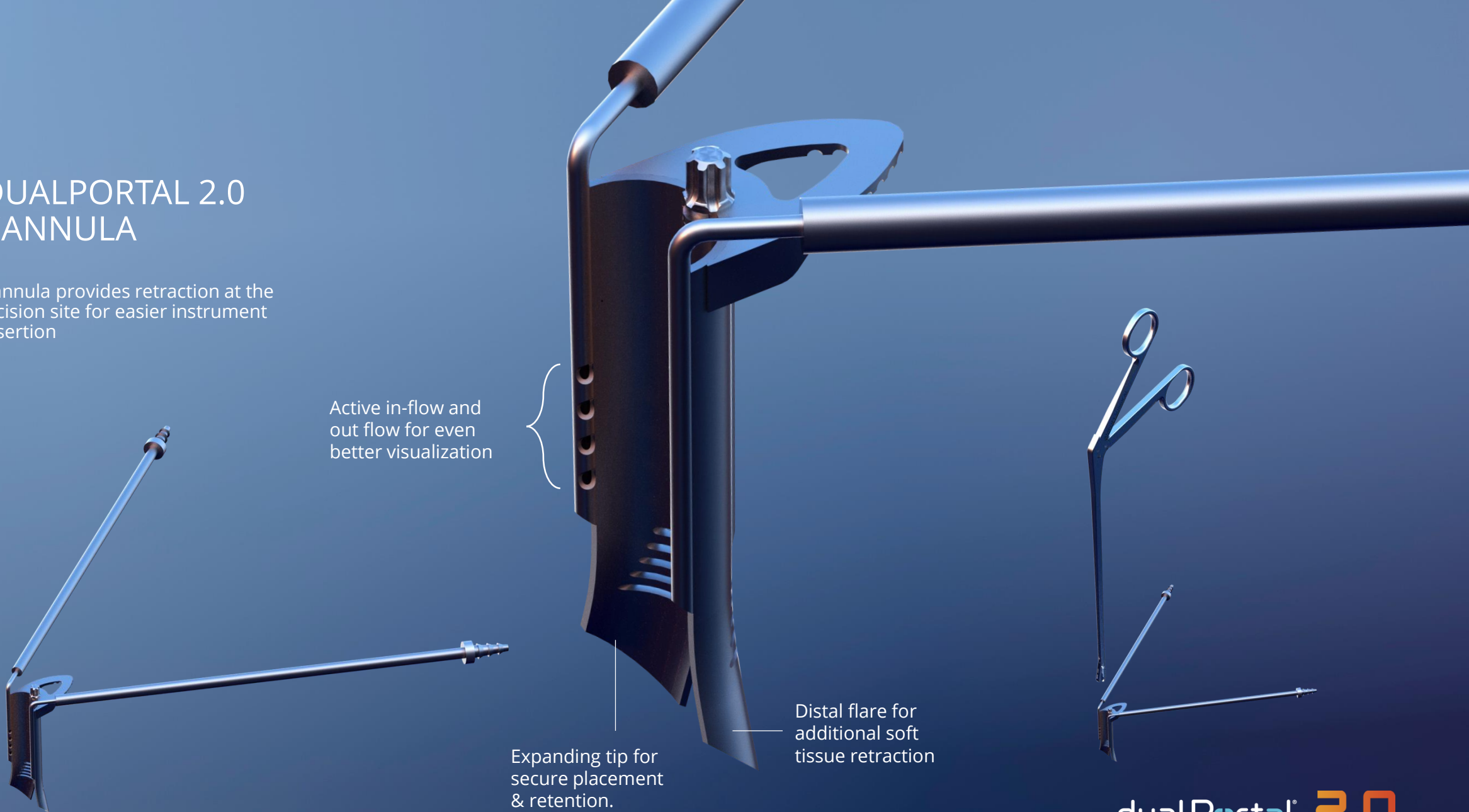
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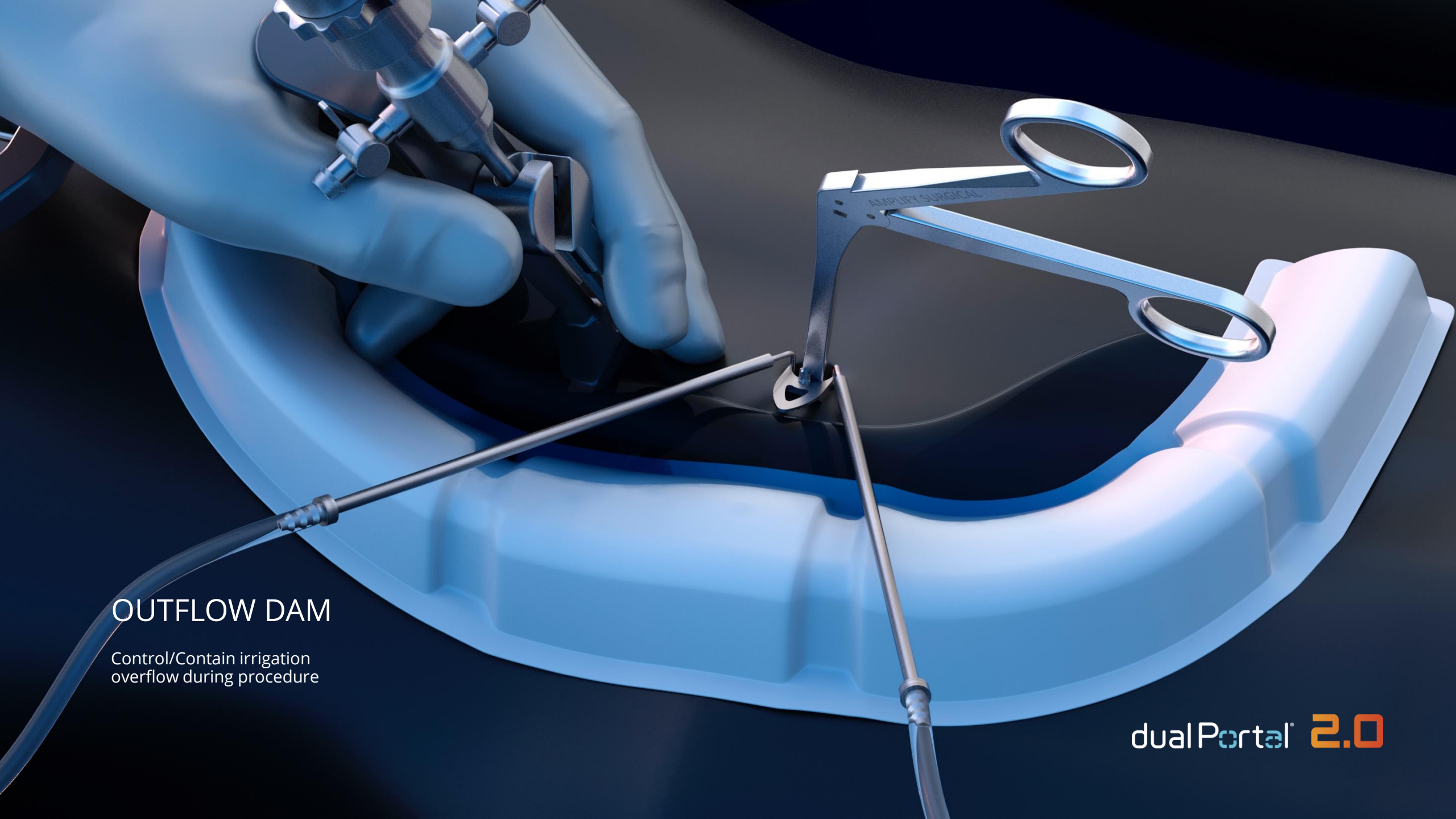
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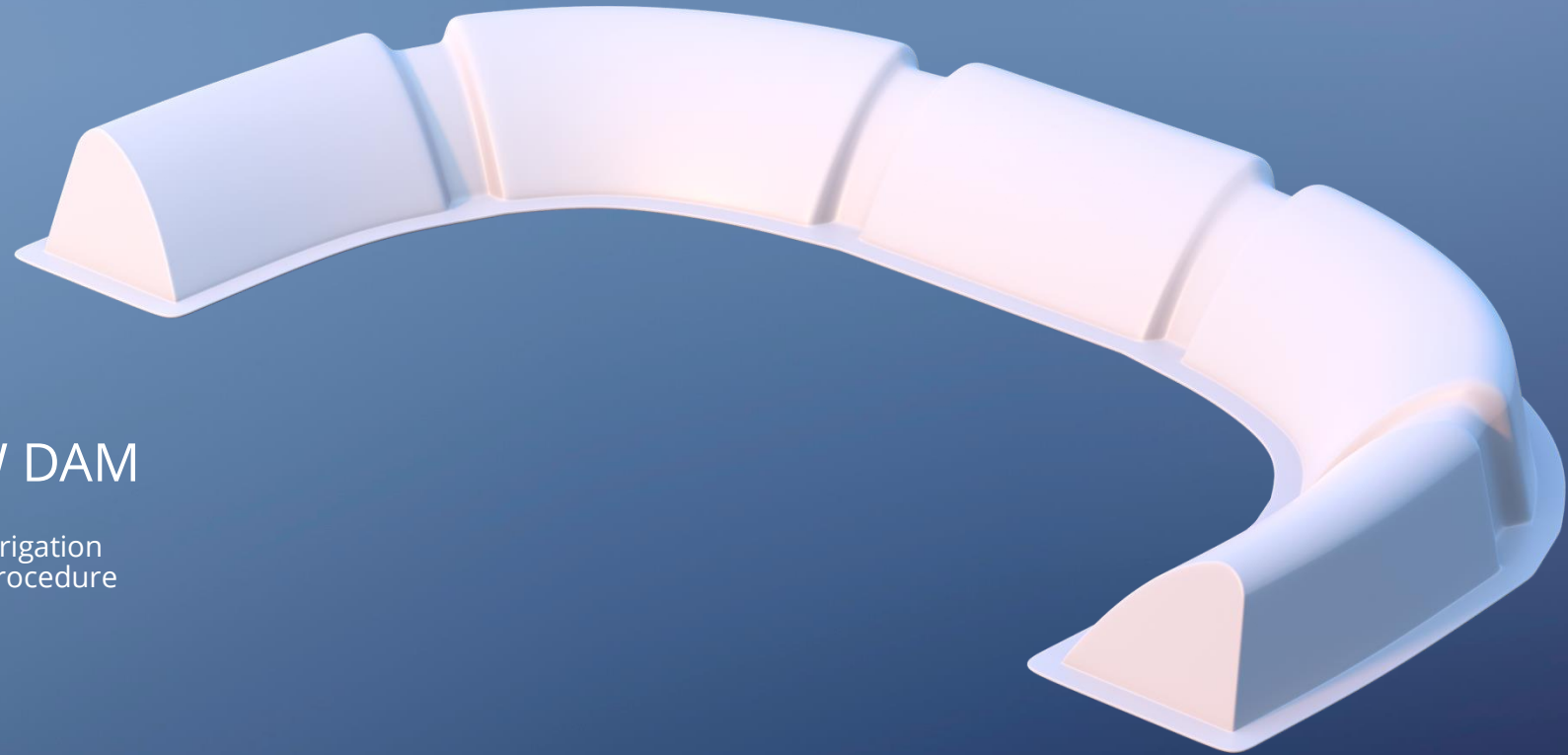
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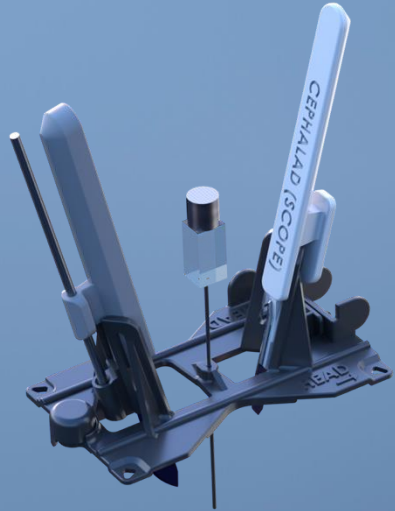
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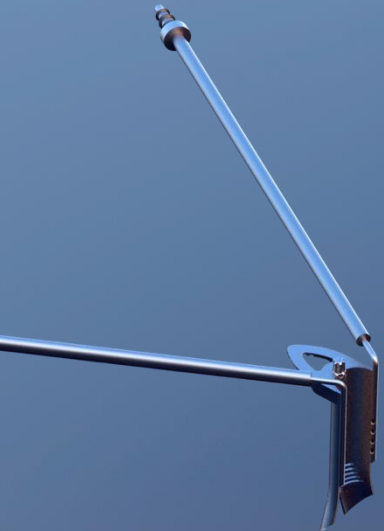


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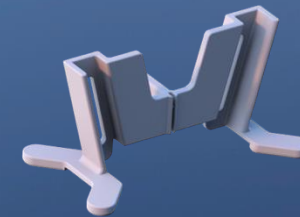
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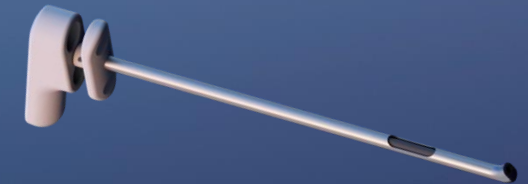
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