What is **Bronchial Thermoplasty?**

Bronchial Thermoplasty is a new, long lasting, non-drug treatment for adult asthma patients, over the age of 18, whose asthma is not well controlled despite conventional therapy.

Bronchial Thermoplasty is a bronchoscopy based procedure that uses radiofrequency (RF) energy to reduce the amount of excess airway smooth muscle (ASM) present in the airways and limit its ability to contract and narrow the airways.

Airway cross-section









Asthma attack



BT treatment



Treatment Effect

Local Methacholine Challenge (Canine Airway).



Airway on the left above is treated with BT, airway on the right is not treated with BT.



methacholine after the bronchial thermoplasty treatment. BT treated airway on the left remains open.

Reduces Airway Smooth Muscle

Reduces bronchoconstriction

Improves asthma quality of life

Benefits of BT

32% reduction

in asthma attacks 1

84% reduction

in emergency room visits from respiratory symptoms

73% reduction

in hospitalizations for respiratory symptoms 1

66% reduction

in days lost from work, school and other daily activities due to asthma Persistent effects observed up to

Stable safety profile observed up to

5 years 3,



Ordering Information

Alair Catheter ATS 2-5						
Order Number	Model	Description	Active Electrode Length (mm)	Tip Diameter (mm)	Minimum Working Channel (mm)	
M005ATS25020	ATS 2-5	Alair BT Catheter – Global	5.0	~1.5	2.0	
M005ATS25010	ATS 2-5	Alair BT Catheter – North America	5.0	~1.5	2.0	
Alair RF Controll	er ATS 200					
Order Number	Model	Description				
M005ATS20000	ATS 200	Alair RF Controller – monopolar (return electrode not included)				
Alair Controller	Accessory Kits AT	S 201*				
Order Number	Model	Description				
M005ATS20130	ATS 201	EU Hybrid Type E/F Plug				
M005ATS20110	ATS 201	North American Plug				
M005ATS20120	ATS 201	British Type G Plug				
M005ATS20140	ATS 201	Australian Type I Plug				
M005ATS20150	ATS 201	Danish Type K Plug				
M005ATS20160	ATS 201	Brazil IEC 60906-1 Plug				
M005ATS20170	ATS 201	Chinese CPCS-CCC (Chinese 10 A/250 V) Plug				
M005ATS20180	ATS 201	Swiss Type J Plug				

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Severe Asthma

The Unmet Need

32 million in Europe

have asthma

6 million⁵ of these have severe asthma

of adults with severe asthma have uncontrolled asthma and respond poorly to treatment.

1,2 million⁶



of patients with severe asthma cause increased burden on healthcare budgets and hospitalizations



of asthma deaths occur in patients with poorly controlled severe disease



of direct and indirect asthma costs are attributable

Bronchial Thermoplasty (BT): Targeting the Unmet Need

Patients with severe asthma experience a poor quality of life and account for a substantial portion of the overall economic burden of asthma given frequent physician/ER visits, hospitalizations and lost time from work.

Alternatives are needed to better control asthma symptoms

since 20% of patients with severe asthma cannot gain control despite high intensity treatment with existing options

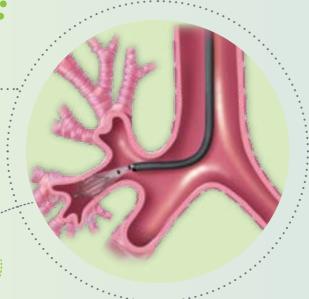
	Existing Drug Therapies	Severity of Asthm			
res T	Oral Corticosteroids+/- Anti IgE treatment	Severe			
Alternativ	Medium or high-dose ICS + LABA +/- Leukotriene modifier +/- sustained release theophylline	Severe			
	3 Low-dose ICS + Long-acting Beta2-agonists(LABA) or Medium- dose ICS or Low dose ICS + Leukotriene modifier				
	2 Low-dose Inhaled Corticosteroids (ICS) Leukotriene modifier				
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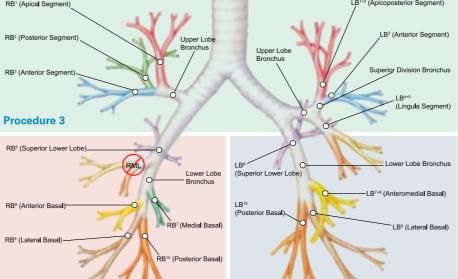
Bronchial Thermoplasty: The Procedure

Treatment is performed by a trained physician over three procedures, each scheduled approximately three weeks apart and treating a different section of the lung.

Each procedure takes approximately 45-60 minutes and patients should be monitored post procedure in the same way as they would be following other bronchoscopy procedures.



BT Procedure Process



Bronchial Thermoplasty complements current drug therapy

Bronchial Thermoplasty complements asthma maintenance medications by providing long lasting asthma control and improving asthma-related quality of life of patients with severe asthma.

It will not replace daily asthma medications and patients will continue to be monitored on their daily asthma medications by their asthma care physicians.

Treating the Airways

A single activation of the Alair catheter delivers RF energy over a distance of 5mm to airways ≥3mm in diamete and distal to the main stem bronchi







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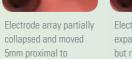




but not overlapping







expanded and adjacent but not overlapping

Bronchial Thermoplasty delivered by the Alair™ System

Bronchial Thermoplasty (BT) delivered by the Alair™ System is a non-drug procedure for long lasting control of severe asthma in adults over the age of 18. The Alair System is a means to deliver thermal energy to the airway via a bronchoscope to reduce airway smooth muscle.

It is comprised of two primary components:

Alair Catheter

A single-use device designed to be delivered through the working channel of a standard bronchoscope:

- Expandable electrode array with four 5mm electrodes that deliver RF energy
- Requires a minimum 2.0mm working channel diameter bronchoscope, and maximum 5.0mm outer diameter

Alair Radiofrequency (RF) Controller

Designed with proprietary control parameters and algorithms to deliver the correct intensity and duration of thermal energy sufficient to reduce excess ASM, while limiting long-term impact to surrounding tissues.





