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Synthes Sterile 3.5 mm and 4.0 mm Cannulated Screws are compared to Synthes 2.7 mm Cortex Screws.

Synthes 3.5 mm and 4.0 mm Cannulated Screws are intended for fracture fixation of small bones and small bone fragments. Synthes 3.5 mm and 4.0 mm Cannulated Screws are available in multiple thread length configurations (partially or fully threaded). The 3.5 mm Cannulated Screws feature reverse cutting flutes and cortical threads. The 4.0 mm Cannulated Screws feature self-drilling/self-tapping tips, reverse cutting flutes and cancellous threads. Both screws are used in conjunction with a guide wire for precise placement in bone.

Additionally, the Richards 4.0 mm Cannulated Screw and the Alphatec Titanium Cannulated Mini Lag Screw System are commercially available devices that are also similar to Synthes 3.5 and 4.0 mm Cannulated Screws.

Synthes 3.5 mm and 4.0 mm Cannulated Screws will be provided sterile; gamma radiation will be used to sterilize the device.

Based on mechanical testing, Synthes 3.5 mm and 4.0 mm Cannulated Screws are at least equivalent to Synthes 2.7 mm Cortex Screws.