



# The Power of Paclitaxel

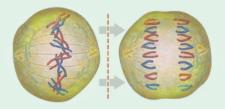
Localized delivery of a proven antiproliferative drug

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### What is paclitaxel?

Paclitaxel is a proven antiproliferative drug that has been used in chemotherapy since the early 1990s. As a mitotic inhibitor, paclitaxel's mechanism of action (MoA) works by stabilizing microtubules to prevent the metaphase/anaphase transition, preventing cell division and migration, inhibiting new tissue growth and the fibrotic scarring that leads to stricture recurrence.

Optilume® is a drug coated balloon that dilates the urethral lumen and delivers paclitaxel directly to the site of an anterior urethral stricture to reduce recurrence.<sup>1</sup>



#### How is it delivered?

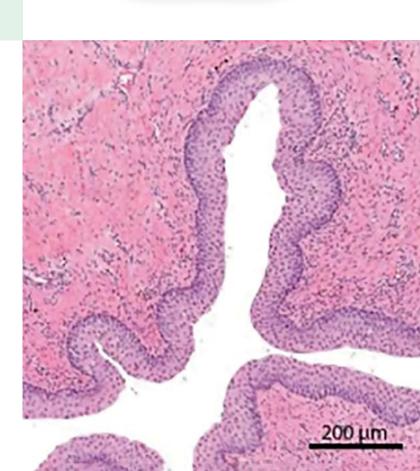
- Paclitaxel is suspended in a coating with an excipient that is uniformly applied to the Optilume<sup>®</sup> urethral drug coated balloon
- The balloon is inflated in the urethra, simultaneously dilating the stricture and creating microfissures that enhance the uptake of paclitaxel
- The excipient molecularly binds the paclitaxel to the balloon, until the inflated balloon comes in contact with the tissue for rapid drug release



## Why it works.2

Along with paclitaxel's proven MoA, this molecule is particularly well-suited for localized delivery in targeted tissues due to its unique properties:

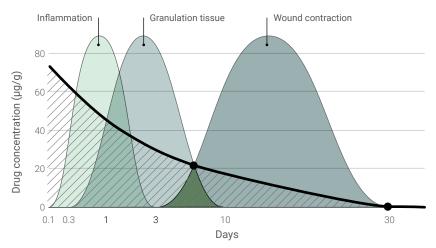
- Lipophilic and hydrophobic structure enables more rapid and complete uptake by urothelial cells and prevents paclitaxel from being washed out to promote more sustained residency<sup>3</sup>
- Localized delivery and absorption does not require prolonged exposure or sophisticated drug carriers<sup>2</sup>
- Cytostatic effect with low-dose administration, between 2 and 6 milligrams, maintains safety and integrity of surrounding tissue<sup>4</sup>



#### Sustained localized effects<sup>2</sup>

- Approximately 11 days half-life in the urothelium provides continued suppression through post-procedure inflammatory response
- Demonstrated tissue residency through 28 days inhibits hyperplastic tissue response and sustains efficacy, providing long-term symptomatic relief

#### Stages of healing



Safe, therapeutic drug levels in tissue to 28 days<sup>2</sup>

### Paclitaxel used as a coating for device in millions of patients

In addition to being the best-selling cancer therapeutic ever manufactured,<sup>5</sup> local, circumferentially delivered paclitaxel has been used to prevent neointimal growth in endovascular applications for over 15 years<sup>7</sup>

#### **OVER** 10 MILLION

paclitaxel-eluting stents used in interventional coronary and peripheral vascular procedures7

## **THOUSANDS**

drug coated balloon procedures since in 20146

### TENS OF **THOUSANDS**

of patients studied7

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