

Information on opening sterile Smith & Nephew Orthopaedics AG implants in triple peel pouch packaging (plastic and paper foil)

All sterile S&N Orthopaedics AG implant packaging is made of high quality materials providing optimum protection for the implants and practical handling.

Before opening the packaging a sterile goods check is carried out (expiry date) and the cardboard box is checked to ensure that it is intact. If the expiry date has passed or if there is visible damage to the packaging it should not be opened and should be returned to S&N.



- 1 The assistant removes the shrink film covering the perforation line in the nonsterile area.



- 2 The assistant removes the cardboard sleeve and opens the cardboard box in the nonsterile area.



- 3 The assistant opens the outer peel pouch (protective packaging) in the nonsterile area.



- 4 The assistant extracts the second peel pouch and the patient labels in the nonsterile area.



- 5** Opening the 2nd peel bag in the nonsterile area and handing the 3rd peel pouch to the instrument nurse in the sterile area. The 3rd peel pouch may not be touched by the assistant.



- 6** The 2nd peel pouch is checked by the assistant in the nonsterile area. This is done by completely tearing open the 2nd peel pouch after the 3rd peel pouch as been handed over and visually inspecting the open seams. These must be continuous and matt. Verbal authorisation for the instruments nurse.



- 7** The instruments nurse in the sterile area opens the 3rd peel pouch and hands the implant to the surgeon.