

Contraindications described by the [FDA](#) have included: isolated axial [neck pain](#), [ankylosing spondylitis](#) or [pregnancy](#), [rheumatoid arthritis](#), [autoimmune disease](#), [diffuse idiopathic skeletal hyperostosis](#), severe [spondylosis](#) with bridging [osteophytes](#) or [ossification of the posterior longitudinal ligament](#), [disc height](#) loss > 50%, [spinal infection](#), [metal allergy](#) to components of the [prosthesis](#), severe [osteoporosis/osteopenia](#), active malignancy, metabolic bone disease, trauma, segmental instability, 3 or more levels requiring treatment, insulin-dependent [diabetes](#) mellitus, human immunodeficiency virus, [hepatitis](#) B/C, morbid [obesity](#), absence of motion (<2 degrees), and posterior facet arthrosis.

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