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#### Introduction

Thread-embedding acupuncture therapy is an innovative treatment method within the scope of traditional Chinese medicine. This method of treatment is also known as "long-term" acupuncture. Following the same principles of acupuncture and channel meridians, thread-embedding therapy is the method for preventing and treating disease by the continuous stimulating effect of the thread in the acupoints.

In recent years, the sustainability and effectiveness of acupuncture have been demonstrated by the publication of numerous clinical research studies. Alternative acupuncture treatment methods, such as thread-embedding acupuncture, have seen an increase in popularity and demand.

The purpose of this document is to ensure the safety of the thread-embedding acupuncture needle through standardization of this device. It is also intended to promote the international trade of thread-embedding acupuncture needle devices.

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