Time-critical shipments with fixed dates directly to operating theatres

The drug manufacturer co.don provides innovative biopharmaceutical therapies for cartilage damage. GO! is responsible for the secure transportation of these ultra-sensitive drugs. The urgently needed therapy products are rapidly delivered to the operating theatres of medical practices and hospitals via direct or overnight delivery, based on the just-in-time workflow.

To ensure that patients can enjoy a healthy life, doctors are increasingly turning towards regenerative therapies which can completely prevent the need for joint replacement or delay the use of a prosthesis. co.don is one of the world’s leading specialists in the area of cell cultivation. The company develops, produces and distributes endogenous cell therapies for the minimally invasive repair of cartilage damage to joints following traumatic or degenerative defects.
Cell cultivation of joint-preserving treatment

From operating orthopaedists, surgeons and trauma surgeons in hospitals to clinic associations, co.don drugs have been in use at over 120 hospitals for more than ten years. Over 9,000 patients have already seen the benefits of co.don drugs. co.don offers an innovative procedure known as tissue engineering, which allows the relevant tissue to be reconstructed from endogenous (autologous) cells. The various cell therapy products for the minimally invasive treatment of cartilage damage using exclusively endogenous cells involve co.don chondrosphere®, specifically designed for joint damage, or co.don chondrotransplant® DISC, used for damaged intervertebral discs. Each transplant is individually manufactured based on the integrated isolator technology. Only a small piece of tissue is required, which is not treated with either antibiotics or fungistatics (antifungal agents). Furthermore, the genetic structure of the tissue is not affected during the procedure.

Nationwide transport of living cells

codon AG, based in Teltow near Berlin, guarantees its customers smooth transportation of the required drugs. To achieve this, the company has been using GO! Express & Logistics as its exclusive express service provider since 2009. GO! transports the endogenous substances throughout Germany every day to doctors who use this form of therapy. To ensure high cell quality, each delivery is completed within a few hours in strict compliance with all regulations, including consistent GDP, and ISO, conformity. co.don also uses specially developed packaging during transportation to ensure the safety of the ultra-sensitive implants.
Efficient cooperation through close coordination

Due to the limited lifetime of tissue, just-in-time provision directly to the operating theatre is necessary as well as smooth transportation based on the highest quality and safety standards. “GO!’s extremely reliable and flexible service and its cost-effectiveness are just two of the reasons for our long and successful partnership. Another important benefit for us is the online tool provided by GO! which allows us to place orders directly,” says Matthias Meißner, Head of Corporate Communications/IR/PR at co.don AG. “We are delighted to have co.don as one of our long-term customers. In our ongoing communication with the relevant contacts, it is our common goal to continue ensuring the rapid, reliable and precise provision of drugs in the future, for the benefit of patients,” says Constance Höhne, station manager at GO! Potsdam GmbH.

About co.don AG

co.don AG is one of the world’s leading specialists in cell cultivation for the joint-preserving treatment of articular cartilage and intervertebral defects. Through the use of the company’s patented drugs, the need for joint and intervertebral prostheses can often be avoided or delayed. Orthopaedists, trauma surgeons and neurosurgeons are increasingly turning towards these regenerative therapy procedures.

About GO! EXPRESS & LOGISTICS

GO! Express & Logistics is Germany’s largest unaffiliated provider of express and courier services. The worldwide partner network was established in 1984 and currently includes over 100 GO! stations in Germany and Europe. Highly qualified employees and couriers transport some five million shipments per year.

True to the corporate philosophy IT’S ALL ABOUT TIME, GO! offers regional courier transport and worldwide express delivery of goods, documents and particularly time-critical shipments round the clock 365 days a year. Customised supply chain solutions, tailor-made industry solutions and special services in response to complex customer requirements complete the portfolio.