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Fiducial Marker

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A medical device placed on or inserted in an anatomic site for accurate visualization of a particular area, prior to radiation treatment or surgery. Examples include markers inserted in the prostate gland for visualization of the site affected by cancer, prior to radiation therapy; markers taped to the scalp prior to imaging in frameless stereotactic brain surgery; and femoral and tibial pins used for spatial orientation in total knee replacement.