



Classification Overview

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Learning Objectives

- Understand the history and terminology associated with device classification
- Identify and describe the three classes of devices
- Describe general controls and special controls
- Search the product classification database

Classification History

May 28, 1976 – Medical Device Amendments

- Section 201(h) of Federal Food, Drug & Cosmetic Act (FD&C Act)
 - Provides definition of a **medical device**
- FDA classification panels conducted initial classification of preamendments medical devices, i.e., Class I, II, III
- Initial classification completed in mid-1980s

A medical device is...

Section 201(h) of the FDCA defines a **medical device** as any product that does not achieve its purposes by chemical action or metabolization.

- **As simple as a tongue depressor**
- **As complex as robotic surgery devices**



What is a Preamendments Device?

- In commercial distribution before May 28, 1976
- Preamendments Class III devices require premarket approval (PMA) after FDA publishes regulation in the *Federal Register* (FR)
- Preamendments Class III devices may require premarket notification [510(k)], i.e., until FDA publishes a regulation

What is a Postamendments Device?

- First distributed commercially on or after May 28, 1976
- Automatically classified as Class III PMA, until FDA publishes a regulation
- Equivalent requirements to preamendments Class III devices, e.g., PMA or 510(k)

What is a Transitional Device?

- Regulated as new drug before May 28, 1976, e.g., intraocular lenses
- Any Class III transitional device now regulated as a PMA
- FDA application number begins with letter “N”
- Some have been downclassified to Class II

Is my Product a Device?

- If unable to determine if product meets the definition of a medical device, may seek FDA advice.
- Contact CDRH Office of Compliance by email at: DeviceDetermination@fda.hhs.gov
- Provide product description, draft labeling, and intended use

Device Advice Reference:

<http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/Overview/ClassifyYourDevice/ucm051521.htm>

Classification “Terms”

- **Classified**
 - Formally classified by FDA classification panel or FDA,
 - Example: 21 CFR 880.2910 - Clinical electronic thermometer
 - Class II 510(k)

- **Un-classified**
 - Preamendments device pending formal classification with regulation, i.e., Class III 510(k)

- **Not Classified**
 - Postamendments device under application review

Device Classification

- Classification determines extent of regulatory control (risk-based)
- Regulatory Control increases from Class I to III
- Medical Specialty, e.g., cardiovascular
- Product Codes

Device Classification

- 1700 generic groups of devices
- Classified within 16 medical specialties

– 21 CFR 862-892

862 = Chemistry/Toxicology

864 = Hematology/Pathology

866 = Immunology/Microbiology

868 = Anesthesiology

870 = Cardiovascular

872 = Dental

874 = Ear, Nose and Throat

876 = Gastro/Urology

878 = General Plastic Surgery

880 = General Hospital

882 = Neurological

884 = Obstetrical/Gynecological

886 = Ophthalmic

888 = Orthopedic

890 = Physical Medicine

892 = Radiology

Classification System

Risk Categorization

- Class I ~780 Low Risk
 - *General Controls*
- Class II ~800 Moderate Risk
 - *General Controls and*
 - *Special Controls*
- Class III ~120 High Risk
 - *General Controls and*
 - *Premarket Approval*

General Controls

- Adulteration/Misbranding
- Electronic Establishment Registration
- Electronic Device Listing
- Premarket Notification [510(k)]
- Quality Systems
- Labeling
- Medical Device Reporting (MDR)

Special Controls

- Guidelines (e.g., Glove Manual)
- Mandatory Performance Standard
- Recommendations or Other Actions
- Special Labeling

example: 21 CFR 882.5970, Cranial Orthosis

Class I – General Controls

- Level of Device Risk may be sufficiently managed by least amount of regulatory control
- Device Examples
 - adhesive bandage
 - I.V. stand
 - sunglasses

Class I – General Controls

Examples of General Controls

- Establishment Registration and Listing
- Quality System Regulations
- Labeling
- Premarket Notification [510(k)], unless exempt

Class II – Special Controls

- General controls alone are insufficient to assure safety and effectiveness
- Device Examples:
 - syringe, surgical mask, powered wheelchair
- Special Controls
 - special labeling
 - mandatory performance standard
 - guidelines

Class III – Premarket Approval (PMA)

- Insufficient information exist to assure S&E solely through general or special controls
- Device Examples
 - heart valves, implantable neuromuscular stimulator
- Class III is the most stringent category
- Support or sustain human life

Classification of New Devices

- “New” means that the device has not previously been classified
- By default, these devices are classified into Class III and require PMA approval, regardless of risk
- Regulatory burden may exceed what is necessary
- Potential Option: *de novo*

Classification of New Devices: *de novo*

***de novo* is a classification process:**

- using a risk-based strategy
- for new, novel devices whose type has not previously been classified
- would be classified into Class III
- to classify into Class I or II

After *de novo* is granted

- **New Device is Legally Marketed**
 - Subject to post-market requirements applicable to that device and class (including general controls, special controls as applicable)
- **New Device Establishes New Classification**
 - The subject device is eligible to serve as a predicate for new medical devices, where appropriate [510(k) process]
 - New “device type” along with classification, regulation, class (either Class I or II), necessary controls and product code
- **FDA publishes order announcing new classification, controls**

Why is Classification Important to You?

- How to classify your device?
 - regulation number
 - classification database or device panel
 - product code
 - <http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfpd/classification.cfm>



Product Classification Database

<http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/cdrh/cfdocs/cfPCD/PCDSimpleSearch.cfm>

The screenshot shows the FDA Product Classification Database search interface. At the top, it features the U.S. Department of Health & Human Services logo and the FDA logo with the text "U.S. Food and Drug Administration Protecting and Promoting Your Health". Below this is a navigation menu with buttons for "Home", "Food", "Drugs", "Medical Devices", "Radiation-Emitting Products", and "Vaccines, Blood & Biologics". The main heading is "Product Classification", with a breadcrumb trail: "FDA Home > Medical Devices > Databases". A text box states: "This database includes: a list of all medical devices with their associated classifications, product codes, FDA premarket review organizations, and other regulatory information." Below this is a link for "Learn More...". At the bottom of the search area, there is a search input field with the placeholder text "Search Product Classification", a "Search" button, and a link for "Advanced Search".

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Device <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	Product Code <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
Review Panel <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	Regulation Number <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
SubmissionType <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	Third Party Eligible <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>
Implanted Device <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/> Life-Sustain/Support Device <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>	Device Class <input style="width: 100%;" type="text"/>

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Syringe, Piston

- Device Name
- Medical Specialty
- Product Code
- Premarket Review Office
- Submission Type

New Search		Back To Search Results
Device	Syringe, Piston	
Regulation Description	Piston syringe.	
Regulation Medical Specialty	General Hospital	
Review Panel	General Hospital	
Product Code	FMF	
Premarket Review	Office of Device Evaluation (ODE) Division of Anesthesiology, General Hospital, Infection Control, and Dental Devices (DAGRID) General Hospital Devices Branch (GHDB)	
Submission Type	510(k)	
Regulation Number	880.5860	
Device Class	2	
Total Product Life Cycle (TPLC)	TPLC Product Code Report	
GMP Exempt?	No	
Recognized Consensus Standards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ISO 26825 First edition 2008-08-15 Anaesthetic and respiratory equipment - User-applied labels for syringes containing drugs used during anaesthesia - Colours, design and performance • ISO 7886-1 First edition 1993-10-01 Sterile hypodermic syringes for single use - Part 1: Syringes for manual use [Including: Technical Corrigendum 1 (1995)] • ISO 23908 First edition 2011-06-11 Sharps injury protection - Requirements and test methods - Sharps protection features for single-use hypodermic needles, introducers for catheters and needles used for blood sampling 	
Guidance Document	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Guidance on the Content of Premarket Notification [510(K)] Submissions for Piston Syringes 	
Implanted Device?	No	
Life-Sustain/Support Device?	No	
Third Party Review	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eligible for Accredited Persons Program 	
Accredited Persons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bsi Healthcare • Center For Measurement Standards Of Industrial • Dekra Certification B.v • Regulatory Technology Services, Llc • Third Party Review Group, Llc • Tuv Sud America Inc. 	

- Regulation Number
- Device Class
- Recognized Consensus Standards
- Guidance Document

21 CFR Parts 800 - 1299

a) Identification:

- intended use
- technological characteristics

b) Classification:

- intended use/indications for use
- technological characteristics

Regulations and Product Codes

Regulation Number: 880.5780

a)(1) Medical support stocking to ***prevent the pooling of blood in the legs.***

2) Class II and requires 510(k).

•Product code DWL

b)(1) Medical support stocking for ***general medical purposes.***

2) Class I and is exempt from 510(k).

•Product code FLL

How is My Device Classified?

- CDRH provides **non-binding**, informal advice on device classification and regulatory requirements.
- Section 513(g) submission to CDRH
- 60 day review cycle
- FY16 User Fee:
 - standard: \$3529; small business: \$1,765
- 513(g) guidance document:
<http://www.fda.gov/medicaldevices/deviceregulationandguidance/guidancedocuments/ucm209841.htm>

Summary

- Terminology of device classification will assist in proper classification
- Correct classification of your device will outline the regulatory requirements
- Complying with general and special controls will assure timely review decisions and compliance
- Proper search of the product classification database will achieve successful results

Industry Education Resources

Three Resources

1. CDRH Learn – Multi-Media Industry Education

- over 80 modules
- videos, audio recordings, power point presentations, software-based “how to” modules
- mobile-friendly: access CDRH Learn on your portable devices

<http://www.fda.gov/Training/CDRHLearn>

2. Device Advice – Text-Based Education

- comprehensive regulatory information on premarket and postmarket topics

<http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance>

3. Division of Industry and Consumer Education (DICE)

- Contact DICE if you have a question
- Email: DICE@fda.hhs.gov
- Phone: 1(800) 638-2014 or (301) 796-7100 (Hours: 9 am-12:30 pm; 1 pm-4:30pm EST)
- Web: <http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/DeviceRegulationandGuidance/ContactUs--DivisionofIndustryandConsumerEducation/default.htm>

Questions?

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[surveymonkey.com/r/DEV-D1S2](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/DEV-D1S2)