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Re: K973561
Trade Name: Medcomp Tri-Flow™ Triple Lumen Catheter
11.5F x 12cm
Regulatory Class: II
Product Code: FOZ
Dated: February 6, 1998
Received: February 17, 1998

Dear Ms. Cush:

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) notification of intent to market the device referenced above and we have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to devices marketed in interstate commerce prior to May 28, 1976, the enactment date of the Medical Device Amendments, or to devices that have been reclassified in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (Act). You may, therefore, market the device, subject to the general controls provisions of the Act. The general controls provisions of the Act include requirements for annual registration, listing of devices, good manufacturing practice, labeling, and prohibitions against misbranding and adulteration.

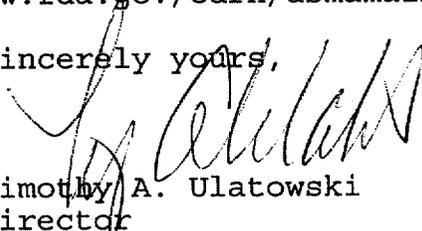
If your device is classified (see above) into either class II (Special Controls) or class III (Pre-market Approval), it may be subject to such additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 895. A substantially equivalent determination assumes compliance with the Good Manufacturing Practice for Medical Devices: General (GMP) regulation (21 CFR Part 820) and that, through periodic GMP inspections, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) will verify such assumptions. Failure to comply with the GMP regulation may result in regulatory action. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register. Please note: this response to your pre-market notification submission does not affect any obligation you might have under sections 531 through 542 of

the Act for devices under the Electronic Product Radiation Control provisions, or other Federal laws or regulations.

This letter will allow you to begin marketing your device as described in your 510(k) premarket notification. The FDA finding of substantial equivalence of your device to a legally marketed predicate device results in a classification for your device and thus, permits your device to proceed to the market.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801 and additionally 809.10 for in vitro diagnostic devices), please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4692. Additionally, for questions on the promotion and advertising of your device, please contact the Office of Compliance at (301) 594-4639. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21 CFR 807.97). Other general information on your responsibilities under the Act may be obtained from the Division of Small Manufacturers Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 443-6597 or at its internet address "<http://www.fda.gov/cdrh/dsmamain.html>".

Sincerely yours,



Timothy A. Ulatowski
Director
Division of Dental, Infection Control,
and General Hospital Devices
Office of Device Evaluation
Center for Devices and
Radiological Health

Enclosure

510(K) Number (if known): K973561

Device Name: Medcomp Tri-Flow™ Soft Tip Triple Lumen Catheters

Indications for Use:

The Medcomp Tri-Flow™ Triple Lumen Catheter is designed for acute central vein catheterization, TPN, fluid administration, drug infusion, and continuous therapies. It may be inserted percutaneously and is ideally placed in the internal jugular vein. Although this catheter may be inserted into the subclavian or femoral vein, the internal jugular is the preferred site.

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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

Patricia Cucerite
(Division Sign-Off)

Division of Dental, Infection Control,
and General Hospital Devices

510(k) Number K97351

Prescription Use X
(Per 21 CFR 801.109)

OR

Over-The-Counter _____

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