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Rockville MD 20850

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Re: P930016/S5  
VISX Excimer Laser System Models "B" and "C" for Photorefractive Keratectomy  
(PRK) for High Myopia with and without Astigmatism  
Filed: July 23, 1997  
Amended: August 4 and 29, September 10 and December 12, 1997

Dear Ms Chiu:

The Center for Devices and Radiological Health (CDRH) of the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has completed its review of your premarket approval application (PMA) supplement for the VISX Excimer Laser System (Models B and C). This device is indicated for myopic and astigmatic PRK using an ablation zone with a 6.0 mm major axis. The PRK procedure is intended for use:

1. in patients with documented evidence of a change in manifest refraction of less than or equal to 0.5 D (in both cylinder and sphere components) per year for at least one year prior to the date of the pre-operative examination; and
2. in patients 18-20 years of age in PRK treatments for the reduction or elimination of myopia (nearsightedness) of less than or equal to -6.0 D spherical equivalent at the corneal plane with less than or equal to -1.0 D of astigmatism; or
3. in patients 21 years of age or older in PRK treatments for the reduction or elimination of myopia (nearsightedness) of between 0 and -12.0 D spherical myopia at the spectacle plane and up to -4.0 D of astigmatism.

We are pleased to inform you that the PMA supplement is approved subject to the conditions described below and in the "Conditions of Approval" (enclosed). You may begin commercial distribution of the device as modified upon receipt of this letter.

The sale, distribution, and use of this device are restricted to prescription use in accordance with 21 CFR 801.109 within the meaning of section 520(e) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the act) under the authority of section 515(d)(1)(B)(ii) of the act. FDA has also determined that to ensure the safe and effective use of the device that the device is further restricted within the meaning of section 520(e) under the authority of section 515(d)(1)(B)(ii), (1) insofar as the labeling specify the requirements that apply to the training of practitioners who may use the device as approved in this order and (2) insofar as the sale, distribution, and use must not violate sections 502(q) and (r) of the act.

These restrictions on the use, labeling, promotion, and advertising of the device are applicable to VISX, Incorporated, as well as device purchasers and users. VISX must notify the purchasers and users of these restrictions and include them in your training programs.

1. Only practitioners who are experienced in the medical management and surgical treatment of the cornea, who have been trained in laser refractive surgery (for myopia and astigmatism) including laser system calibration and operation, may use the device as approved in this order.
2. Prospective patients, as soon as they express an interest in myopic or astigmatic PRK and prior to undergoing surgery, must receive from the treatment provider the Patient Information Booklet (as described in your final submission to this PMA supplement).
3. Prior to undergoing surgery, prospective patients must be informed of the alternatives for correcting their astigmatism including eyeglasses, contact lenses and other refractive surgeries such as automated lamellar keratectomy.
4. Comparison of the safety and effectiveness of this laser with any other method of refractive correction is prohibited. This prohibition is based on the fact that the data submitted for PMA supplemental approval of the VISX Excimer Laser System do not compare the clinical outcome of this device with any other method of refractive correction. Such comparisons of safety and effectiveness are misleading and would misbrand your laser in accordance with section 502(a) of the act. All promotion and advertising for this device must include the following information on indications, risks and benefits:
  - a. Approval is for the VISX, Incorporated application for the VISX Excimer Laser System (Models B and C) to correct mild to high myopia between 0 and -12.0 D spherical myopia at the spectacle plane with up to -4.0 D of astigmatism in a procedure called photorefractive keratectomy (PRK) for nearsightedness with astigmatism using an excimer laser that emits at a wavelength of 193 nm.

- b. PRK is an elective procedure with the alternatives including but not limited to eyeglasses, contact lenses, radial keratotomy or automated lamellar keratoplasty.
- c. Approval of the application is based on clinical trials in Canada and England with 200 eyes treated, of which 156 of 171 eligible eyes were followed for 12 months.
- d. The studies found that of the 156 eyes with refractive data at 12 months of follow-up, 89.7% were corrected to 20/40 or better, 80.1 % were corrected to 20/30 or better, and 50.6 % were corrected to 20/20 or better without spectacles or contact lenses.
- e. The clinical trials showed the following adverse events occurred in at least 1% of the subjects (in order of increasing frequency) at 12 months post-treatment: corneal haze with loss of  $\geq 2$  lines of best spectacle corrected visual acuity (BSCVA) (1.3%); pre-treatment BSCVA 20/20 or better with a post-treatment BSCVA worse than 20/40 (1.3%); retreatments not for primary undercorrection (1.5%); pre-treatment BSCVA 20/20 or better with a post-treatment BSCVA worse than 20/25 (4.5%); loss of  $\geq 2$  lines BSCVA due to corneal cause (5.1%) and due to all causes (5.8%).
- f. Long term risks of PRK for high myopia with and without astigmatism beyond 12 months have not been studied.
- g. This laser is not indicated to correct high myopia (nearsightedness  $> -12$  D), high astigmatism ( $> -4$  D), or farsightedness. It is not to be used in procedures other than PRK as described in the approved Operator's Manual.
- h. Note that the complete name for this ophthalmic laser is "VISX Excimer Laser (Models B and C) for Photorefractive Keratectomy for the Correction of Nearsightedness with Astigmatism (0 to -12 D myopia with up to -4.0 D astigmatism)". An acceptable alternate version of this official name is "PRK laser correction of nearsightedness with astigmatism". The word excimer, ultraviolet, or UV may be used instead of PRK. Also, these names do not have to contain the qualifiers mild to high nearsightedness (0 to -12.0 D) or mild to moderate astigmatism (-0.75 to -4.0 D) if the adjacent text provides this information. Names other than those appearing above require approval in a PMA supplement.

In addition to the postapproval requirements in the enclosure, you must report to FDA CDRH's Office of Compliance at the address below of any instances of device tampering or usage outside of the approved indication, and any excimer systems that were exported under an 801(e) order and are now back in the U.S.

OC/Division of Enforcement (HFZ-331)  
Center for Devices and Radiological Health  
Food and Drug Administration  
2098 Oakgrove Drive  
Rockville, MD 20850

CDRH will publish a notice of its decision to approve your PMA supplement in the FEDERAL REGISTER. The notice will state that a summary of the safety and effectiveness data upon which the approval is based is available to the public upon request. Within 30 days of publication of the notice of approval in the FEDERAL REGISTER, any interested person may seek review of this decision by requesting an opportunity for administrative review, either through a hearing or review by an independent advisory committee, under section 515(g) of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (the act).

Failure to comply with the conditions of approval invalidates this approval order. Commercial distribution of a device that is not in compliance with these conditions is a violation of the act.

You are reminded that, as soon as possible and before commercial distribution of your device, you must submit an amendment to this PMA submission with copies of all approved labeling affected by this supplement in final printed form.

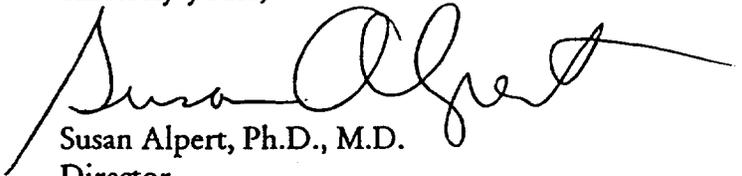
All required documents should be submitted in triplicate, unless otherwise specified, to the address below and should reference the above PMA number to facilitate processing.

PMA Document Mail Center (HFZ-401)  
Center for Devices and Radiological Health  
Food and Drug Administration  
9200 Corporate Blvd.  
Rockville, Maryland 20850

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If you have any questions concerning this approval order, please contact Ms. Jan C. Callaway at (301) 594-2018.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Susan Alpert", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Susan Alpert, Ph.D., M.D.  
Director  
Office of Device Evaluation  
Center for Devices and  
Radiological Health

Enclosure  
"Conditions of Approval"

CONDITIONS OF APPROVAL

APPROVED LABELING. As soon as possible, and before commercial distribution of your device, submit three copies of an amendment to this PMA submission with copies of all approved labeling in final printed form to the PMA Document Mail Center (HFZ-401), Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration (FDA), 9200 Corporate Blvd., Rockville, Maryland 20850.

ADVERTISEMENT. No advertisement or other descriptive printed material issued by the applicant or private label distributor with respect to this device shall recommend or imply that the device may be used for any use that is not included in the FDA approved labeling for the device. If the FDA approval order has restricted the sale, distribution and use of the device to prescription use in accordance with 21 CFR 801.109 and specified that this restriction is being imposed in accordance with the provisions of section 520(e) of the act under the authority of section 515(d)(1)(B)(ii) of the act, all advertisements and other descriptive printed material issued by the applicant or distributor with respect to the device shall include a brief statement of the intended uses of the device and relevant warnings, precautions, side effects and contraindications.

PREMARKET APPROVAL APPLICATION (PMA) SUPPLEMENT. Before making any change affecting the safety or effectiveness of the device, submit a PMA supplement for review and approval by FDA unless the change is of a type for which a "Special PMA Supplement-Changes Being Effected" is permitted under 21 CFR 814.39(d) or an alternate submission is permitted in accordance with 21 CFR 814.39(e). A PMA supplement or alternate submission shall comply with applicable requirements under 21 CFR 814.39 of the final rule for Premarket Approval of Medical Devices.

All situations which require a PMA supplement cannot be briefly summarized, please consult the PMA regulation for further guidance. The guidance provided below is only for several key instances.

A PMA supplement must be submitted when unanticipated adverse effects, increases in the incidence of anticipated adverse effects, or device failures necessitate a labeling, manufacturing, or device modification.

A PMA supplement must be submitted if the device is to be modified and the modified device should be subjected to animal or laboratory or clinical testing designed to determine if the modified device remains safe and effective.

A "Special PMA Supplement - Changes Being Effected" is limited to the labeling, quality control and manufacturing process changes specified under 21 CFR 814.39(d)(2). It allows for the addition of, but not the replacement of previously approved, quality control specifications and test methods. These changes may be implemented before FDA approval upon acknowledgment by FDA that the submission is being processed as a "Special PMA Supplement - Changes Being Effected." This acknowledgment is in addition to that issued by the PMA Document Mail Center for all PMA supplements submitted. This procedure is not applicable to changes in device design, composition, specifications, circuitry, software or energy source.

Alternate submissions permitted under 21 CFR 814.39(e) apply to changes that otherwise require approval of a PMA supplement before implementation of the change and include the use of a 30-day PMA supplement or annual postapproval report. FDA must have previously indicated in an advisory opinion to the affected industry or in correspondence with the applicant that the alternate submission is permitted for the change. Before such can occur, FDA and the PMA applicant(s) involved must agree upon any needed testing protocol, test results, reporting format, information to be reported, and the alternate submission to be used.

POSTAPPROVAL REPORTS. Continued approval of this PMA is contingent upon the submission of postapproval reports required under 21 CFR 814.84 at intervals of 1 year from the date of approval of the original PMA. Postapproval reports for supplements approved under the original PMA, if applicable, are to be included in the next and subsequent annual reports for the original PMA unless specified otherwise in the approval order for the PMA supplement. Two copies identified as "Annual Report" and bearing the applicable PMA reference number are to be submitted to the PMA Document Mail Center (HFZ-401), Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 9200 Corporate Blvd., Rockville, Maryland 20850. The postapproval report shall indicate the beginning and ending date of the period covered by the report and shall include the following information required by 21 CFR 814.84:

- (1) Identification of changes described in 21 CFR 814.39(a) and changes required to be reported to FDA under 21 CFR 814.39(b).
- (2) Bibliography and summary of the following information not previously submitted as part of the PMA and that is known to or reasonably should be known to the applicant:
  - (a) unpublished reports of data from any clinical investigations or nonclinical laboratory studies involving the device or related devices ("related" devices include devices which are the same or substantially similar to the applicant's device); and
  - (b) reports in the scientific literature concerning the device.

If, after reviewing the bibliography and summary, FDA concludes that agency review of one or more of the above reports is required, the applicant shall submit two copies of each identified report when so notified by FDA.

ADVERSE REACTION AND DEVICE DEFECT REPORTING. As provided by 21 CFR 814.82(a)(9), FDA has determined that in order to provide continued reasonable assurance of the safety and effectiveness of the device, the applicant shall submit 3 copies of a written report identified, as applicable, as an "Adverse Reaction Report" or "Device Defect Report" to the PMA Document Mail Center (HFZ-401), Center for Devices and Radiological Health, Food and Drug Administration, 9200 Corporate Blvd., Rockville, Maryland 20850 within 10 days after the applicant receives or has knowledge of information concerning:

- (1) A mix-up of the device or its labeling with another article.
- (2) Any adverse reaction, side effect, injury, toxicity, or sensitivity reaction that is attributable to the device and
  - (a) has not been addressed by the device's labeling or

(b) has been addressed by the device's labeling, but is occurring with unexpected severity or frequency.

(3) Any significant chemical, physical or other change or deterioration in the device or any failure of the device to meet the specifications established in the approved PMA that could not cause or contribute to death or serious injury but are not correctable by adjustments or other maintenance procedures described in the approved labeling. The report shall include a discussion of the applicant's assessment of the change, deterioration or failure and any proposed or implemented corrective action by the applicant. When such events are correctable by adjustments or other maintenance procedures described in the approved labeling, all such events known to the applicant shall be included in the Annual Report described under "Postapproval Reports" above unless specified otherwise in the conditions of approval to this PMA. This postapproval report shall appropriately categorize these events and include the number of reported and otherwise known instances of each category during the reporting period. Additional information regarding the events discussed above shall be submitted by the applicant when determined by FDA to be necessary to provide continued reasonable assurance of the safety and effectiveness of the device for its intended use.

REPORTING UNDER THE MEDICAL DEVICE REPORTING (MDR) REGULATION. The Medical Device Reporting (MDR) Regulation became effective on December 13, 1984. This regulation was replaced by the reporting requirements of the Safe Medical Devices Act of 1990 which became effective July 31, 1996 and requires that all manufacturers and importers of medical devices, including in vitro diagnostic devices, report to the FDA whenever they receive or otherwise become aware of information, from any source, that reasonably suggests that a device marketed by the manufacturer or importer:

(1) May have caused or contributed to a death or serious injury; or

(2) Has malfunctioned and such device or similar device marketed by the manufacturer or importer would be likely to cause or contribute to a death or serious injury if the malfunction were to recur.

The same events subject to reporting under the MDR Regulation may also be subject to the above "Adverse Reaction and Device Defect Reporting" requirements in the "Conditions of Approval" for this PMA. FDA has determined that such duplicative reporting is unnecessary. Whenever an event involving a device is subject to reporting under both the MDR Regulation and the "Conditions of Approval" for a PMA, the manufacturer shall submit the appropriate reports required by the MDR Regulation within the time frames as identified in 21 CFR 803.10(c) using FDA Form 3500A, i.e., 30 days after becoming aware of a reportable death, serious injury, or malfunction as described in 21 CFR 803.50 and 21 CFR 803.52 and 5 days after becoming aware that a reportable MDR event requires remedial action to prevent an unreasonable risk of substantial harm to the public health. The manufacturer is responsible for submitting a baseline report on FDA Form 3417 for a device when the device model is first reported under 21 CFR 803.50. This baseline report is to include the PMA reference number. Any written report and its envelope is to be specifically identified, e.g., "Manufacturer Report," "5-Day Report," "Baseline Report," etc.

Any written report is to be submitted to:

Food and Drug Administration  
Center for Devices and Radiological Health  
Medical Device Reporting  
PO Box 3002  
Rockville, Maryland 20847-3002

Copies of the MDR Regulation (FOD # 336&1336) and FDA publications entitled "An Overview of the Medical Device Reporting Regulation" (FOD # 509) and "Medical Device Reporting for Manufacturers" (FOD #987) are available on the CDRH WWW Home Page. They are also available through CDRH's Fact-On-Demand (F-O-D) at 800-899-0381. Written requests for information can be made by sending a facsimile to CDRH's Division of Small Manufacturers Assistance (DSMA) at 301-443-8818.