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## SECTION 7

**SUMMARY OF SAFETY AND EFFECTIVENESS****510(k) Summary of  
Safety and Effectiveness**

Information supporting claims of substantial equivalence, as defined under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act, respecting safety and effectiveness is summarized below. For the convenience of the Reviewer, this summary is formatted in accordance with the Agency's final rule "...510(k) Summaries and 510(k) Statements..." (21 CFR 807) and can be used to provide a substantial equivalence summary to anyone requesting it from the Agency.

**Modified** GYNECARE Tension Free Vaginal Tape (TVT)  
**Device Name:** System with Accessories  
 TVT Reusable Introducer  
 TVT Reusable Rigid Catheter Guide  
 TVT-AA Abdominal Guides and Couplers

**Predicate** GYNECARE Tension Free Vaginal Tape (TVT)  
**Device Name:** System with Accessories  
 TVT Reusable Introducer  
 TVT Reusable Rigid Catheter Guide  
 Cook OB/GYN Stamey Needle

**510(K) SUMMARY****Device Description**

The Tension Free Vaginal Tape (TVT) System is comprised of three components; the device (TVT device) and its accessories (TVT Introducer and TVT Rigid Catheter Guide and TVT Abdominal Guides and Couplers). Each is available separately for use at the surgical site. The TVT device is composed of unpigmented or blue pigmented PROLENE polypropylene mesh (tape). The mesh is covered with a polyethylene sheath with a slit in the middle. Both the mesh and sheath are attached to two (2) stainless steel needles. The TVT Introducer (accessory) is made of stainless steel. It is composed of three (3) parts; handle, threaded shaft and rubber O-ring. The introducer functions to facilitate passage of the TVT device from the vagina to the abdominal skin. The TVT Rigid Catheter Guide is made of stainless steel and used to add rigidity to the Foley Catheter during the surgical procedure. The TVT AA (Accessory) Abdominal Guide is made of stainless steel and the couplers are made from polypropylene.

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**SUMMARY OF SAFETY AND EFFECTIVENESS, Continued**

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**Intended Use**

The TVT device is intended to be used as a pubourethral sling for treatment of stress urinary incontinence (SUI).

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**Indications Statement**

The TVT device is intended to be used as a pubourethral sling indicated for treatment of stress urinary incontinence (SUI) for female urinary incontinence resulting from urethral hypermobility and/or intrinsic sphincter deficiency. The TVT Introducer, Rigid Catheter Guide and TVT abdominal Guides and Couplers accessories are intended to facilitate placement of the TVT device.

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**Technological Characteristics**

Technologically both the modified TVT Blue device and the currently marketed predicate device are the same. The TVT-AA Abdominal Guides and Couplers is an accessory that may be used with the modified device or the modified device to facilitate an abdominal approach for the placement of the TVT mesh.

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**Performance Data**

Results of bench testing and preclinical evaluations were used to show that the TVT System functioned as clinically intended and have the same product properties.

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**Conclusions**

Based on the 510(k) summaries and 510(k) statements (21 CFR 807) and the information provided herein, we conclude that the modified device is substantially equivalent to the existing legally marketed device under the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act.

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Re: K012628  
Trade/Device Name: GYNECARE Tension-Free Vaginal Tape (TVT) Blue System  
Regulation Number: 21 CFR 878.3300  
Regulation Name: Surgical mesh  
Regulatory Class: II  
Product Code: OTN  
Dated: August 9, 2001  
Received: August 13, 2001

Dear Mr. Jones:

This letter corrects our substantially equivalent letter of October 26, 2001.

We have reviewed your Section 510(k) premarket notification of intent to market the device referenced above and have determined the device is substantially equivalent (for the indications for use stated in the enclosure) to legally marketed predicate 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) that do not require approval of a premarket approval (PMA). 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 (PMA), it may be subject to additional controls. Existing major regulations affecting your device can be found in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 21, Parts 800 to 898. In addition, FDA may publish further announcements concerning your device in the Federal Register.

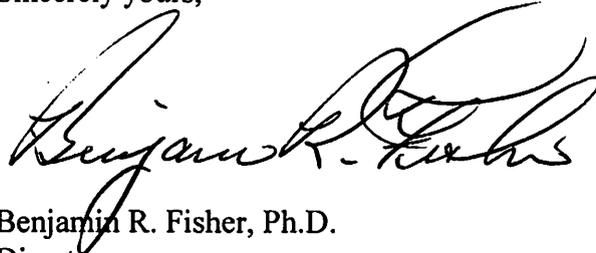
Please be advised that FDA's issuance of a substantial equivalence determination does not mean that FDA has made a determination that your device complies with other requirements of the Act or any Federal statutes and regulations administered by other Federal agencies. You must

comply with all the Act's requirements, including, but not limited to: registration and listing (21 CFR Part 807); labeling (21 CFR Part 801); medical device reporting (reporting of medical device-related adverse events) (21 CFR 803); good manufacturing practice requirements as set forth in the quality systems (QS) regulation (21 CFR Part 820); and if applicable, the electronic product radiation control provisions (Sections 531-542 of the Act); 21 CFR 1000-1050.

If you desire specific advice for your device on our labeling regulation (21 CFR Part 801), please go to <http://www.fda.gov/AboutFDA/CentersOffices/CDRH/CDRHOffices/ucm115809.htm> for the Center for Devices and Radiological Health's (CDRH's) Office of Compliance. Also, please note the regulation entitled, "Misbranding by reference to premarket notification" (21 CFR Part 807.97). For questions regarding the reporting of adverse events under the MDR regulation (21 CFR Part 803), please go to <http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/Safety/ReportaProblem/default.htm> for the CDRH's Office of Surveillance and Biometrics/Division of Postmarket Surveillance.

You may obtain other general information on your responsibilities under the Act from the Division of Small Manufacturers, International and Consumer Assistance at its toll-free number (800) 638-2041 or (301) 796-7100 or at its Internet address <http://www.fda.gov/MedicalDevices/ResourcesforYou/Industry/default.htm>.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Benjamin R. Fisher". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "B" and "F".

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Enclosure

INDICATION FOR USE

510(k) Number (if known):

K012628

Device Name:

Tension Free Vaginal Tape (TVT) Blue System

Indications for Use:

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Concurrence of CDRH, Office of Device Evaluation (ODE)

Prescription Use  
(Per 21 CFR 801.109)



OR

Over-The Counter Use



(Division Sign-Off)

(Optional Format 1-2-9G)

Division of General, Restorative  
and Neurological Devices

Modified TVT Blue and TVT-AA 510(k) Number

K012628